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Shelter and ARRF Update

Our big news is that construction has started on the NEW SHELTER!!! It has been a longtime coming, but finally it is happening. The concrete foundation has been poured and the building is going up (see pictures on page 2).

The expanded ARRF Board has been instrumental in this progress. We are lucky to have such a dedicated group working on behalf of the homeless dogs in Leland and Washington County Mississippi. It is very encouraging to see members of our community step up to help.

We now have commitments or deposits of just over **\$165,000** for the New Shelter. We estimate that we need about another **\$25,000** to be operational and about **\$85,000** to fully complete the shelter.

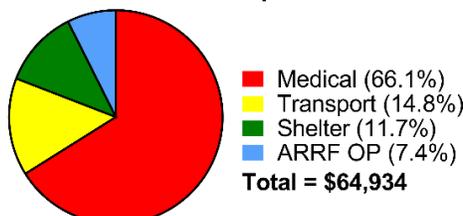
We are also hoping to raise more funds to support a “dog-walk” next to the New Shelter. The **Lazy-Boy** factory next to the site of the New Shelter is willing to lease an acre of their land for **\$1 per year** if we can fully fence it in. That’s a lot of fence! However, it would be a great addition to the New Shelter and provide a much-needed exercise area for the dogs.

To help with fund raising for the New Shelter we have partnered with the **Community Foundation of Washington County** (CFWC), a local 501(c)3 charitable, non-profit organization that helps to raise funds for worthy local causes. You can donate to help with completing the New Shelter by donating directly to ARRF (Put “Building Fund” on the memo line of your check) or through the Community Foundation (**see flyer on page 5** of this Newsletter).

Please **KEEP IN MIND**, we still need your financial support to for our normal operation of providing medical care and finding forever homes.

“I care not for a man's religion whose dog and cat are not the better for it.” — Abraham Lincoln

ARRF FY2016 Expenditures



Shelter Update

Adopted in 2016	313
To Date in 2017	193
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Progress on the New Shelter!!

In our last Newsletter, we described the fantastic efforts of the **Animal Welfare League** (AWL) in raising funds for the new shelter, ARRF's expanded board, and our agreement with the **City of Leland** to operate the shelter (as well as the City donating land for the shelter). Since then, ARRF's board sought three quotes for construction of the new shelter and ultimately settled on **Timbo Construction** from Cleveland, MS. **Washington County** also expended a great deal of effort and expense in preparing the site for the new shelter. We are excited that construction is under way (see pictures on this page).



We are very excited by recent donations to the ARRF Building fund. The **Mary Lee & James Jeffcoat** family sponsored 10 runs at \$5,000 per run. The family of **Ms. Sally Banks** also sponsored a run in her memory. A group of employees at a local agricultural research facility sponsored a run for \$5,000 (**ARS Friends of ARRF**). We have eight runs still looking for sponsors!!! We are hoping that **ARRF Members** can donate another \$5,000 to sponsor a run. See the 2017 membership form in this Newsletter—we have a special section for Members to make a special donation to the building fund. Of course, if you have the wherewithal to personally sponsor a run, that would be great!



Aside from runs, we would love to see sponsors for the "Medical Room", "Laundry Room", "Grooming Station" and even the new bathroom. (**The current shelter has no facilities and our volunteers that work at the shelter are very much looking forward to having "facilities".**)

We very much appreciate the support of local companies. **MMC Materials, Inc.** gave ARRF a nice discount on the concrete used for the foundation of the shelter and Mill Supply of Greenville, MS will provide anything they sell at cost to ARRF. **These efforts really provide ARRF with greater bang for the buck!!!!**



We would like to thank the **Lazy Boy** factory in Leland for their willingness to lease to ARRF an acre of land for \$1 per year if we will fence the land. The City of Leland donated about an acre to ARRF, so with this combined land, the new shelter will encompass nearly two acres. Our intent is to fence this entire area, including a fence around the new shelter (for security reasons). We would like to subdivide the Lazy boy acreage **to create multiple secure outdoor dog walks**. If we raise any funds over and above the building costs, we will apply them to the fencing project.

Please don't forget that ARRF still has operational costs in addition to raising funds for the new building!

We are applying for grants to complete the shelter! However, if you would like to donate directly to the building fund, please mail your donation to ARRF, P.O. Box 66, Leland, MS 38756 and specify "For New Shelter"!

Kathy Smith

We say a sad farewell to our dear friend, fellow animal lover and ARRF Board Member, Kathryn Frankel Smith. Kathy passed away in February of this year, leaving behind a wonderful family and many, many friends who will all cherish her memory. She was a valuable, creative member of our Board and was the artist behind our ARRF logo. Our precious little Gidget who was totally deaf, was lovingly accepted into the Smith family without hesitation. So, to husband, Tommy; daughters, Amelia, Carter, and Georgia; and mom, Teeny, we want you to know that Kathy is missed terribly and will live on forever in our hearts.

Help a dog find his human!

WAG MORE BARK LESS

Hercules had a hard start in life. We found him as a feral puppy living in a corn field. We worked with him for months to win his trust and build his confidence. We partnered with Sweet Souls Animal Rescue and he was adopted by a family in Pennsylvania. We are proud of the transformation he made from a wild little puppy to the happy confident dog he has become.



ZuZu came to our shelter a broken soul and suffered from a severe case of heart worms. She went into foster care for several months while she received medical treatment. Eventually she blossomed into the most precious, beautiful little Beagle. ZuZu was accepted by the Mississippi Homeward Bound Project and went to in New York. She even appeared on the television show New York Live for an adoption event and had her picture taken with actress Mayim Bialik! ZuZu went on to be adopted by a great couple and got her fairy tale ending!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CONTACT: Ann Fratesi
at 662-347-5573

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ARRF - Animal Relief & Rescue Fellowship

ABOVE AND BEYOND – THE SUMMES OF WESTON, MA

The Summe family of Weston, MA, has long been a supporter of ARRF. This special relationship began when they adopted one of our precious doggies, Cinderella, in 2010, and what a Cinderella Story it has been for our beautiful four-legged baby. As you can see from this lucky girl's seat in "Dad's" lap, she is a very important member of the family. Over the years, the Summe's have been extraordinarily generous to ARRF, including a very large donation in 2014. It is through the faithful support, no matter how large or small, of wonderful friends like these that ARRF has been successful in changing the lives of the lost, abandoned, and abused dogs of Leland and unincorporated Washington County, MS.



Look for the "ABOVE AND BEYOND" section of our newsletter in each issue. When you donate to ARRF, every penny of your contribution goes directly to the care of the dogs since we are an organization of all volunteers. **YOU are the reason that well over 2,000 dogs and puppies have been placed in loving homes over the years. THIS SUCCESS BELONGS TO ALL OF US!!**

Additional Ways to Donate

1. AmazonSmile

What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support ARRF every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same prices, selection and shopping experience as Amazon.com but with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to ARRF.

How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?

Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages.

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select ARRF to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Amazon will remember your selection, and **then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation to ARRF at no cost to you!**

NOTE: This link should take you directly to ARRF's AmazonSmile registration:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/64-0926255>

ARRF's AmazonSmile information is: **Animal Relief And Rescue Fellowship, EIN: 64-0926255**

2. Kroger Community Rewards

The Kroger Community Rewards program is an ideal way to support ARRF. The program allocates funds based on the purchases that registered members, family, and friends have made at Kroger using their KrogerPlus card. Each individual should enroll their Kroger Plus Cards online at the Kroger secure website <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow> and then choose ARRF as the organization you wish to support: "Animal Relief & Rescue Fellowship ARRF" and organization number "74922".

Purchases result in an automatic donation to ARRF at NO COST to you!

- a. Log into your account at krogercommunityrewards.com.
- b. Click on Edit **Kroger** Community Rewards information and input your **Kroger** Plus card number.
- c. Enter ARRF's MVSO NPO number (74922) or ARRF's Name, select from list and click on confirm.

To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page. REMEMBER, purchases will not count for the MVSO until after you have registered your card and linked it to the MVSO. Also see instructions at: <http://www.mvso.org/support/krogerInstructions.pdf>

You can also donate on our website using PayPal:

www.rrf-rrf.org

ARRF Animal Shelter Project Fund

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The ARRF Animal Shelter Project Fund was created in 2017 to benefit the planning, development and construction of a brand new shelter to house the lost, abandoned and abused dogs of the City of Leland and the surrounding unincorporated county area, as well as to provide for the long-term maintenance and desired enhancements to accommodate the future needs of the Animal Shelter.

Animal Relief and Rescue Fellowship is an all-volunteer organization committed to providing responsible, humane care and treatment of animals that are housed at the shelter. Donations to this fund will help ARRF achieve one of its key goals of building a new and more humane shelter which will also serve as a model for other shelters to follow in handling lost, unwanted, neglected or abandoned animals. Since 2005, thousands of homeless dogs have found their loving forever homes in more than 38 states due to the tireless efforts of ARRF volunteers and supporters. What was once the shelter's 98% kill rate is now a 98% adoption rate; proof positive of the successful accomplishments of ARRF volunteers!

Donors can contribute to this fund and play a significant role in the realization of a dream, not only for the volunteers and supporters at ARRF but for all of the animals that will be loved, cared for, and played with at the new Animal Shelter while they wait to be adopted by their forever families. The investment of your philanthropic dollars will help save the lives of these precious animals that are helpless without your gift. It's the perfect place to donate and truly make a difference!

On behalf of...

CFWC

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

GROWING OUR FUTURE...TOGETHER

About Community Foundation of Washington County

In 2012 civic leaders formed *The Community Foundation of Washington County (CFWC)*, as a 501(c)(3) charitable, non-profit organization. The CFWC is able to receive tax deductible gifts to support non-profit organizations or charitable causes in Washington County and elsewhere. Like other community foundations, CFWC serves as a savings account for the community. The CFWC is governed by a strong 15 person Board of Directors and is one of 750 community foundations in the United States today.

The Community Foundation of Washington County accepts a wide variety of gifts, including: cash, stocks, life insurance, property, and bequests – all providing donors great flexibility and maximum tax benefits.

If you would like to donate to this FUND, please detach the section below and mail it to the Community Foundation of Washington County, or donate on-line at www.cfwashco.org and click on the "DONATE TODAY" button.

Give to the ARRF Animal Shelter Project Fund

(Please detach this portion and return with your donation. Thank you!)

Donation amount: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Organization Address: _____

Please make check payable to: Community Foundation of Washington County with ARRF Animal Shelter Project Fund in the memo line.

Mail to: P.O. Box 5910, Greenville, MS 38704.

A.R.R.F.
Animal Relief and Rescue Fellowship
P.O. Box 66
Leland, MS 38756

2017 Membership:

- ___ \$ 25.00 **Member:** Dues are paid annually.
___ \$ 250.00 **Patron:** Dues are paid annually.
___ \$ 500.00 **Life-time Member:** One-time dues are paid.

Building Fund:

Apply this donation of \$ _____ to the
New Shelter Building Fund.

Note: Membership donations go to shelter/ARRF operations (medical, adoptions, etc.)
whereas building funds go towards getting the new shelter built and fully operational.

PLEASE PRINT

DATE: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

EMAIL: _____

Telephone: _____

Please mail this form and donation to:

A.R.R.F.
Post Office Box 66
Leland, Mississippi 38756

Contact Person: Jeff Ray (662) 379-7067

