



PAWS AND CLAWS HUMANE SOCIETY
BUILDING OUR FUTURE...PROVIDING COMPANIONS FOR LIFE

Capital Campaign Update

Hard work, a great cause and generous community support has resulted in Paws & Claws Humane Society recently surpassing the \$2,000,000 mark in the value of pledges raised to support construction of our new building. We are now nearly two thirds of the way toward meeting the \$3,100,000 campaign goal and can see that our long sought objective is clearly within reach.

The tremendous success of the capital campaign efforts to date can be attributed to a number of factors, including:

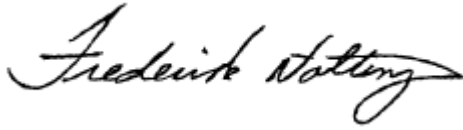
- Untold numbers of dedicated campaign volunteers that have expended countless hours educating prospective donors about Paws & Claws' mission and its rich history within the Rochester and surrounding community areas.
- Commitment, energy, guidance and encouragement that has been provided by the community leaders and business people making up the capital campaign steering committee.
- Lead financial support that's been provided by major campaign donors Ron & Michelle Hodge, Dr. Roger White, M.D. and Jack Remick.
- Broad community and individual donor support. Nearly 600 donors have pledged financial support to the cause

Another key to the success of our campaign's progress has been the donation of land where the new Paws & Claws shelter facility will be located. Situated just west of the Rochester Athletic Club on 19th Street NW, our new state-of-the-art building will be sited on nearly 1.8 acres of land that directly adjoins a new wetlands area and science center. Key benefits of this property site include:

- "Location, location, location." Easy access from anywhere in Rochester and especially from the high growth West River Road area.
- Access out our back door to the wetlands nature trail system for exercising our shelter animals.
- Greatly expanded parking for adopters and volunteers, along with easy access for public programs and educational events to be held in our building's new multi-purpose community room.

Although very proud of the fundraising success we've experienced so far, there is still work to be done if we're to attain our financial goal. Said another way... **"Our fundraising remains ongoing"**. We are steadfastly focused on successfully completing our campaign and we're striving to reach our goal by the end of the first quarter of 2009. Our current efforts are targeted on soliciting capital pledges from a variety of corporations, local and regional foundations, and of course, individuals.

Please know that we still need financial help in order to reach our campaign goal. If you know of someone you believe would like to support our new shelter campaign by providing a multi-year pledge, please feel free to contact either Rick Nolting [nolting@aol.com] or Dan Estes [estes.daniel@mayo.edu] with your suggestions.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rick Nolting".

Rick Nolting
Chairperson – Capital Campaign

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Estes".

Dan Estes
Chairperson – New Shelter Committee