



## C & W's Rustic Hollow Shelter, Inc

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### *JUNE Sanctuary NEWS BRIEF*



### **COMING SOON...**

Our Rustic Hollow online auction starts on Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup> at 8am CST and ends on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 10pm CST. So Mark Your Calendars NOW. Don't miss this auction. LOTS of variety. Help the cats by registering on the 6<sup>th</sup>, and bidding and sharing with friends and family. We need lots of \$\$\$ to feed and care for the feline residents at Rustic Hollow.

### **JULY 6<sup>th</sup> AUCTION LINK:**

[www.biddingforgood.com/rustichollowshelter](http://www.biddingforgood.com/rustichollowshelter)

You can go to the link above (and below) right now and click on 'view all items' to see everything we have on the auction so far. You just can't bid until July 6<sup>th</sup>. So... Check it out and Share far and wide. We missed our spring auction so have lots of \$\$\$ to make up for.

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Dear R. Hollow Supporters,

There is always a lot going on at the sanctuary in the spring months. Always repairs that need tended to, new shingles needed on one of our buildings, and general upkeep. Translates to a LOT of \$\$\$ so we appreciate all of your donations. Our July 6<sup>th</sup> online auction helps us raise quite a lot of money. Since we missed having a spring auction this year due to our selling the Scratching Post thrift shop building and having to get it all emptied, sold, donated and moved out by by May 1st.... We did not have any time to do an auction. The sale of the building in Nashua is part of our 'transition' years. In the future, the extra expense of the building and its upkeep and repairs and monthly utilities will not have to be determined by the board of directors and our caregivers at that time. One less thing they have to worry about. The last year or two we had mainly used the building to photograph auction items and mail them out. Sales from the shop have dropped off in the last few years as well, another good reason to save some \$\$\$ and close and sell the building. We were able to find a buyer quickly and actually were moved out and the sale closed on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Our summer auction will be up and running at our BiddingforGood.com site on Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup>!! So volunteers are helping me get ready for that as we need to get photos and descriptions of a lot of items. Over 245 at the moment. Check it out on the link above.

We have a lot of expenses this summer with building projects, a roofing project and now we need electrical work. A lot of it. Our building fund monies are currently designated to projects underway this summer. We were told by our electrician that Apollo's House wiring is NOT safe and is a fire hazard. We need to completely rewire the building and that is going to take \$3-4,000 approximately. Apollo's House origin was in 1985 and while we have done a lot of improvements on it, the wiring is now something we direly need. And as soon as possible. If you want to contribute to "Apollo's Electrical Fund" just designate your check or donation towards that project. We may be able to use some of the auction funds for it too, but a lot of our auction dollars are already designated too.

We truly thank everyone who donates monthly and/or sponsors a kitty at Rustic Hollow.

Mark your calendar for **Our annual Open House which will be the second Sunday in August this year, August 11<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 4pm.** We look forward to everyone meeting our caregivers as they are the ones who truly make our sanctuary what it is today. Their care and cleaning skills are appreciated and I can't say enough about how proud I am of all of them. That was one of Wanda and my main issues for many years....making sure that the sanctuary team work together towards our mission...with an emphasis on 'together.' Right now, we have just the right 'recipe' for a great staff and management team!! Way to go team. More about our open house next newsletter.

## A Salute to 'Big Babe'...



Big Babe became a resident of Rustic Hollow in 2003 when he was found behind our thrift shop/newspaper office in Nashua. Wanda and I had taken a few cats to Cedar Falls to the veterinarian in the morning so did not get to the office until around 11:30am. It was raining and we stepped out back and there was Babe, sitting wet and mad in a cat carrier with a small bag of soggy cat food next to the carrier. He was NOT a happy camper. He has proved to not be a very people friendly cat though he tolerates people well enough unless you have to groom him. He was a full grown adult approximately 5 years old we found him. And I know his days are numbered. I moved him into a kennel today because he has such difficulty getting to his



feed now. Arthritis and age have taken their hold. He had a very large kidney stone when he came and he had two surgeries for stones. We found a special food diet that helped him and he has never had any issues over the many years since his first bouts with stones. Because Wanda and I found him, he is and always will be special to us. In spite of the fact he simply sleeps, eats and uses his litter box now and he is totally deaf.... I still give him as much attention as he will allow. He puts up with me now and doesn't grumble and complain loudly like he did for years. In fact, he rather 'roared' his displeasure if his caregivers did not please him. We are going to miss Big Babe when he leaves us and I know his time is nearing. But for now, he is happy not to have to walk across my office to get to his food and litter. Everything is near him in his kennel. These pics are before and taken not long ago. He has always required shaving due to his extremely thick fur, but he is still handsome to me. We will miss you Babe. He was fortunate to be with us all these years because he is simply his 'own cat' and really would never have been a good candidate for adoption. Most likely why he was dumped on us so many years ago. One of our very senior kitties going on 21 years old.

## A tribute to 'Bob'-Senior kitty at age 20.

Another of our senior kitties at Rustic Hollow...Bob... He arrived in 2016 due to circumstances beside his control, and is one of the cats that his purrsonality just shines through his face and body.



Bob is now blind and aging way faster than we would like, but he gets a LOT of extra special attention and gets around our home easily. I know his time is limited with us now, so I wanted to feature him before he leaves us to go over the Rainbow Bridge.

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### **From the Desk of our Manager Keisha Stough and Supervisor Liz Wegner:**

*"On behalf of all of our caregiver team we want to thank Jennifer B., Patti J., Kim B., Connie P., and everyone else who donated snacks, candy, treats, bottled water and more to our staff. It is a great morale booster so from all of us to all of you.... A HUGE Thank you."*

Also, Keisha and Liz came up with a 'Wish List' of needed items but items that are not on our most often purchased items for the shelter. Items we would love to have on hand but the basics always have to come first.

### **Here is their list:**

Light colored Mulch (to put around the plantings and help beautify the grounds at Rustic Hollow)  
ODO-Ban disinfectant (Sam's Club, Menard's, online)  
Lint Rollers  
Magic Erasers  
Arm & Hammer Litter Deodorizer  
and Carmen requests STAMPS. Postage stamps for mailings and writing letters, etc.



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## **In Memory/In Honor Of**

In Memory of **Jake, Jasper & Milo-Debra Underwood**

In Memory of a cat named **Puck** (long ago resident of R. H. who had been encased inside a hockey rink wall during renovation. Rescued and came to C & W many years ago. Still think of you Puck.

In Memory of my daughter, **Cathy Johnson**, also known as "Cat Lady of San Antonio, Texas)-**Marian Johnson**

In Memory of **Peaches & Smokey-Corwin & Maggie Dunlap**

In Memory of my sweet **Billy**, the best cat ever to walk the face of the earth-**Karen M. Baron**

In Honor of **Alice & Woody-Judith Snider**

In Honor of **Brian David Ribblet** who received the Sacrament of Holy Orders when he was ordained Deacon by the Archbishop of Baltimore on May 26,

2019-**The Levine Family** (Phyllis, Laura & the Kids)

In Memory of **Carole Kimball-Kirsten Linnez**

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