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THE RHODE ISLAND SPCA ANNOUNCES A #SPRINGFORWARD FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE WITH A GOAL OF RAISING \$10,000 TO SUPPORT CRITICAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

[Riverside, Rhode Island, April 2, 2020] — The Rhode Island SPCA announces that it is committed to providing critical programs and services for the community during these unprecedented times and has initiated an online fundraiser with a goal of raising \$10,000 throughout the month of April. Through a video message released by the Rhode Island SPCA President, Joe Warzycha shared operational changes and how it has adapted to urgent community needs.

“While our doors are physically closed to the general public, we have continued to provide a number of critical programs and services for the pets and people in Rhode Island.” said Rhode Island SPCA President, Joe Warzycha.

“Our veterinary clinic continues to provide low-cost, emergency medical care to underserved pet owners through The Marvin Fund. Our Law Enforcement Division is still operating in the field responding daily to complaints of animal cruelty and neglect. And in response to the growing needs of the community, we have launched an emergency pet food assistance program which is offering curbside pickup or no-contact delivery to pet owners lacking either the physical or financial means to access food for their pets.”

It is now, more than ever, that we need the support of our community to continue to offer these vital programs and services. To view the video and to donate we ask you to visit the Rhode Island SPCA facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/RISPCA>) or their website at www.rispca.com and give as generously as you can. Any donation, large or small, will make a lifesaving impact for the pets and people in our community during this difficult time.

For more information, contact Connie Kile, Director of Development and Community Relations at 401-438-8150 x8 or ckile@rispca.com.

About the Rhode Island SPCA: Founded in 1870, the Rhode Island SPCA is not only the oldest humane organization in the state of Rhode Island but the third oldest in the United States. As a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, we do not receive any local, state or federal funding nor are we affiliated with any national humane organization. We rely solely on donations from individuals, businesses and foundations.

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