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Dutchess County SPCA Announces Bequest at Gala

HYDE PARK, NY – The Dutchess County SPCA announced at its May 1 gala that it received a substantial bequest from the estate of Lorraine Lingad. Executive Director, Joyce Garrity told attendees of the Hope for the Animals Gala that over 1 million dollars had been received. Funds will be used to support operations and the construction of a new Adoption and Education Center.

“Lorraine Lingad leaves a remarkable legacy for this entire community. She was a secretary at her church who loved all animals. Through her generosity she will help the DCSPCA prevent cruelty to animals and to help homeless and abused animals be adopted into caring, responsible homes,” stated Joyce Garrity. She added, “What touches me most about this gift is that Lorraine Lingad was like a lot of people – she worked at her job, saved her money, and cared a lot about animals. I only wish she could know what an impact she will have on this community.”

A portion of the bequest will support the capital campaign to build a new Adoption and Education Center bringing the total raised to 87% of the \$3 million goal. Eric S. Ewing, President of the Board at the DCSPCA stated, “We are grateful to Lorraine Lingad and her attorney, Gary Levine. This gift means we will be able to begin construction without incurring any debt. The remainder of her gift will be used to support the operations so that we can continue to be a financially sound organization.”

The Dutchess County SPCA, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, is the lead agency for animal rescue and adoption in Dutchess County. The DCSPCA is a no-kill shelter with a 139-year history of concern, caring and providing shelter for unwanted, abused, abandoned and neglected animals. Central to the mission of the DCSPCA is the securing of caring, responsible, permanent homes for the adoptable animals in its care.

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