



# **FIXING TO HELP**

**CNY SPAY/NEUTER  
INCENTIVE PROGRAM, INC.**



## **ANNUAL REPORT**

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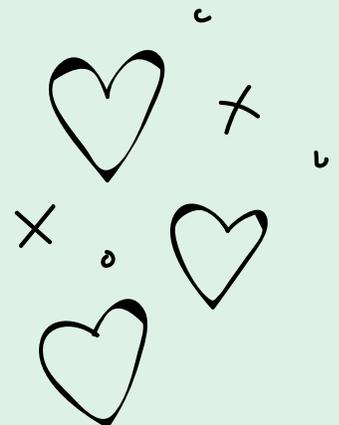
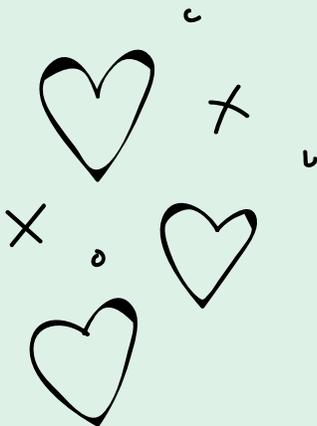
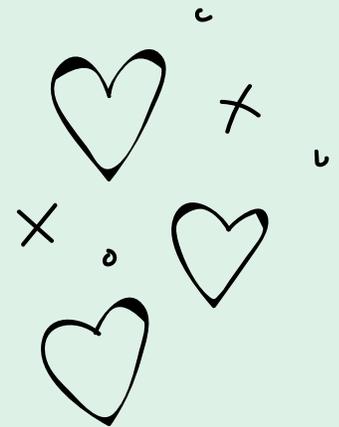
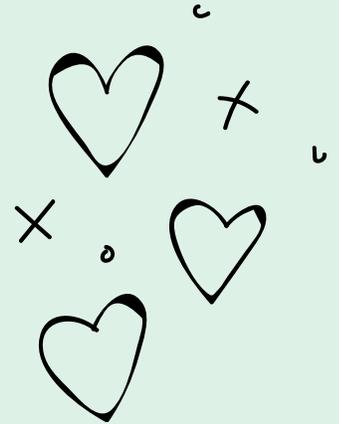
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## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Fixing to Help, a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is to promote and increase access to services in Central New York that foster pet wellness for underserved pets by:

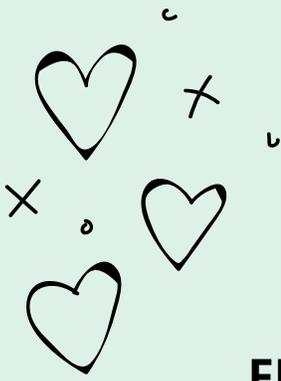
1. advocating for wellness services for pets, with special emphasis on pets of low-income individuals.
2. facilitating access to those pet wellness services.
3. educating the public about how to keep pets healthy, with special emphasis on the importance of spaying and neutering pets.



**No one wants to part with a family member.**

But unless Deuce was neutered, he would be forced to say goodbye to his home and his best friend in the world - his little boy. Unable to afford the surgery, Deuce's owners faced the unthinkable, surrendering their wonderful dog. A call to Fixing to Help brought Deuce both the neutering he needed and a forever future with his most beloved little boy. They love one another to the moon and back.

**Our donors made the difference!**



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## FINANCIAL REPORT

Fixing to Help chose not to solicit public donations until we received IRS certification as a 501(c)(3) public charity. It was granted on November 24, 2020. Up until that point, Fixing to Help had no income source.

How, then, have hundreds of surgeries been paid for?

All surgeries to date have been sponsored in full by anonymous local donors committed to kickstarting a program to make spay/neuter surgeries accessible to low-income pet owners. The donations have exceeded \$60,000; they were made directly to the surgery provider, also a 501(c)(3) public charity.

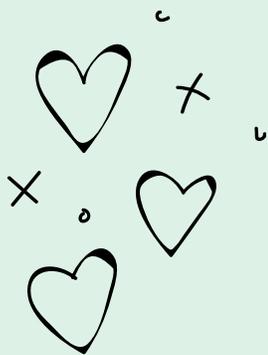
We must now begin to rely on the generosity of new donors to support this urgent, humane work. Fellow animal lovers, local businesses, grantors - all are essential to this mission. We have established a relationship with a local bank to open an account as a legal nonprofit ready - and grateful - to accept donations.

Fixing to Help focuses on pets and their families, but the benefits of spay/neuter spill over into the greater community. Supporting basic pet wellness is an investment in a better quality of life, health, and safety for everyone, animals and humans alike.



**Meet Sasha, our very first Fixing to Help pet.** Why did her dad want her spayed? He recalled a dog he'd had long ago. The cost of a spay was beyond his means. She'd had four puppies, but not all lived. Sadness crossed his face as he sighed, "I don't want more puppies to die." A few months after Sasha's spay, he signed up another dog and a cat whose owners no longer wanted them. We soon learned that countless Fixing families open their doors and hearts to homeless pets.





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## SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM

Owners of pets sponsored by Fixing to Help must verify low-income eligibility. During our second year of existence, two factors that could have significantly reduced the number of sponsored surgeries did not in fact appear to deter program growth.

Neither the state-mandated cessation of non-emergent veterinary services for two months, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, nor Fixing to Help's implementation of an Onondaga County residency requirement slowed the program's reach.

Year 1 of sponsorships resulted in 212 surgeries. Despite fewer months in which to provide sponsorships, Year 2 essentially doubled the number of surgeries to 420, bringing the grand total for the first two years to 632. At the completion of this report, that number has increased to 703 spays and neuters since the program's inception.

An at-a-glance overview appears on the next page.



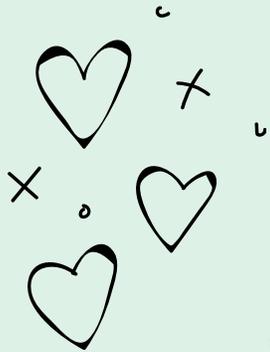
### Puppy?

Did you ever meet a free-thinking kitten named Puppy? We did!

Fixing to Help pets are special in every way. You can hear it in their parents' voices - their babies mean the world to them. **Our donors help keep the human/animal bond unbroken.**

"The family that plays together spays together!" is the motto of our darling mother-daughter duo. Baby also has a "thing" for her great big canine sibling, too. When she's not hanging out with mom, you'll know where to find her!





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## SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM

Year	1	2	3*	Total
Total cats	88	288	56	432
Total dogs	<u>124</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>271</u>
<b>Total pets</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>703</b>

To date, 61% of surgeries have been for cats, and 39% for dogs. \*Year 3 numbers represent six weeks of sponsorships.



**Blanche and Betty White** worked extremely hard to grow big enough to be spayed. They succeeded!



**Timber's** early morning ride wasn't quite where he expected to go, but he was right back in his own comfy bed by dinnertime.

We continue to enjoy a close collaborative partnership with Spay and Neuter Syracuse (SANS). We pay for a "surgery package" for each eligible pet registered with our program. It includes: pre-operative exam; spay or neuter; rabies vaccine; distemper vaccine; nail trim; ear cleaning; flea treatment; and additional take-home pain medication.

## PANTRY PARTNERS PROGRAM

We are eager to roll out our Pantry Partners program, which was placed on hold last winter due to the Covid-19 pandemic. When it becomes safe to do so, Fixing to Help volunteers will visit partnering local food pantries during distribution hours to meet with neighbors and offer assistance with the cost of spaying and neutering their much loved family pets.





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## WHAT'S THE IMPACT?

What's the impact of spay and neuter? It's very real and very personal! Our donors have touched lives, human and animal, in ways we never imagined when we first began Fixing to Help. Yet, in these brief 25 months, we've seen firsthand that spay or neuter surgery:

- removes the threat of eviction from tenants with pets that are unneutered or in endless heat or that spray.
- makes acrid cat spray that ruins beds, rugs, and clothing become a thing of the past.
- opens the door for our homeless neighbors and victims of domestic violence to enter life-saving programming while giving their pets safe, temporary harbor.
- allows countless families to model for their children compassionate care of animals and respect for others.
- stops male dogs' and cats' urge to mate, making them less likely to roam, fight, bite, or get lost.
- allows hundreds of good neighbors (our families!) to give loving homes to abandoned pets and strays.
- diminishes financial and quality of life stressors for pet owners, neighborhoods, and the community.
- prevents the unwanted birth and suffering of potentially thousands of cats and dogs destined to be homeless.
- spares local shelters and rescues a relentless tidal wave of unwanted or homeless puppies and kittens.
- helps the human-animal bond grow stronger and deeper.

As it should be.

Top to bottom: Storm, Angel, Ladybird Hill, and Bella, asleep with her beloved little boy.





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## WHAT'S AHEAD?

**Donors, volunteers, and community partnerships make our Year 3 goals attainable:**

### Financial Goals

- Initiate banking activities.
- Plan and implement a development program.
- Increase donor base.

### Program Goals

#### Spay/Neuter

- Increase completed surgeries from 600 to 1,200.
- Expand a surgical provider list.
- Extend program eligibility beyond Onondaga County.

#### Pantry Partners

- Launch food pantry outreach.

#### Pet Wellness

- Increase access to vaccinations and wellness care.

### Organizational Goals

- Satisfy state/federal nonprofit compliance requirements.
- Expand volunteer base and board membership

Our passionate donors brought 703 dogs and cats countless more healthy days with their devoted families who proudly shared the photos in this report.

**We dedicate our future to our pets,  
their loving families, our community, and of course  
to our incredible donors who make it all possible.**





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## WHERE TO FIND US

Need help? More information?

Have suggestions?

Want to get involved?

We want to hear from you!



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