



*Best wishes for the holiday season and  
New Year from all of our cats and  
volunteers!*

**December 2021**

### **What is Hope for Cats?**

Hope for Cats is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, wholly volunteer organization. We have NO paid employees and all donations go directly to the care of our residents and foster cats. Hope for Cats operates Jake's Place - a cage free, no-kill shelter and adoption center. There is no limit to the length of time a cat can stay at Jake's Place. Admissions are limited only to control overcrowding. Hope for Cats receives no federal or state funding and is wholly dependent upon fundraising activities, foundation grants, and private donations to support its work. All of our cats are special, and we strive to provide excellent veterinary care and a home-like environment for each of them.

**Pierre:** Pierre was surrendered because, after his family had a new baby, he had trouble using the litterbox. The family tried a variety of solutions to ease his stress, but none worked long term. At Jake's Place, he used the



litterbox fine, and he was adopted by someone who knew his history but was willing to give him a chance. He has used the litterbox in his new home and his new person says that he is "the best cat ever". Pierre enjoys life

and lots of love. His person not only had a new "catio" built for him, but also, in honor of his name, she has taken up French classes, resuming a high school interest!

### **Continuation of Universal Charitable Deduction:**

Individuals who elect to take the standard deduction can claim a deduction of up to \$300 for cash contributions made to certain qualifying charities during 2021, including Hope for Cats, Inc. The maximum deduction is increased to \$600 for married individuals filing joint returns.

For more details, go to:

<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/expanded-tax-benefits-help-individuals-and-businesses-give-to-charity-during-2021-deductions-up-to-600-available-for-cash-donations-by-non-itemizers>.

**\*\*Note:** Hope for Cats has no intent to provide tax advice and provides this for information only.

**Give 716:** The Buffalo Bills and Sabres organized and sponsored a day-long event to benefit WNY charities. Various businesses, including Dave & Adam's, KeyBank, M&T Bank, Highmark Blue Cross & Blue Shield, and the Bills & Sabres Foundations were sponsors and offered matching grants during certain hours, along with awarding hourly grants. This was a great opportunity for local charities to raise funds. It was very well organized and supported. We hope that this becomes an annual event.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** We can always use volunteers to help at our small shelter. We ask only that you commit to volunteering once per week between 9:00 am and 9:00 pm on the day you choose. You can sign up to feed, clean, scoop litter, or do health checks and give medications to any cats who are on meds. Even one hour per week will be a great help. There is a volunteer form which you can submit online ([www.hopeforcatsinc.org](http://www.hopeforcatsinc.org)), or you can leave a message on our phone 716.997.8106.

*Please join us and help us  
continue to help the  
homeless cats!!*

Your donation will help us continue to provide shelter and care for cats in need. All of our cats are spayed/neutered, vaccinated and treated for internal and external parasites. Ongoing veterinary care is provided, including specialized diagnostics and treatments for cats requiring it.

*Please donate online through PayPal by going to our website ([www.hopeforcatsinc.org](http://www.hopeforcatsinc.org)) and clicking on the "DONATE" button, or mail your donation to Hope for Cats, Inc., P.O. Box 243, North Boston, NY 14110.*

### **Other ways to help:**

**United Way:** Please specify Hope for Cats in your United Way donation and 95% of your donation will go to Hope for Cats. United Way Book #: 5176.

**\*Note:** the local United Way appears to have removed animal welfare charities from its "Donor Choice" List, which they state is "discretionary and subject to change". However, rest assured that we recertify every year and are able to receive your donations.

**CFC and SEFA:** Federal and NY State employees can designate Hope for Cats to receive campaign donations.

**Amazon Smile & iGive:** When you shop online and designate Hope for Cats, Inc. as your charity, we receive a percentage of your purchase.

*Hope for Cats, Inc. is a non-profit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Your donation may be tax deductible for federal and state income tax purposes. NYS Rescue Registry #RR272.*

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## **Annual Report 2020**

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| <b>Expenses:</b>                       | <b>Total:</b> | <b>\$61,529</b> |
| Veterinary Expense & Supplies          | \$36,194      | 58.8%           |
| Supplies: food, litter, cleaning, etc. | \$15,538      | 25.3%           |
| Shelter rent, utilities, facilities    | \$7,064       | 11.5%           |
| Telephone, postage, printing           | \$1,325       | 2.1%            |
| Other*                                 | \$1,408       | 2.3%            |
| <b>Sources of Support:</b>             | <b>Total:</b> | <b>\$64,715</b> |
| Contributions, gifts, grants           | \$61,757      | 95.4%           |
| Miscellaneous: net income**            | \$493         | 0.8%            |
| Adoption fees                          | \$2,465       | 3.8%            |

\*Other - office supplies, filing fees, cat beds, toys, misc

\*\*Miscellaneous: net income - fundraising

### **Shelter and Volunteer Statistics:**

Cats Surrendered: 71

Cats Adopted: 82

(includes Returned to Owner, Transferred, Adopted)

Average number of Volunteers: 30

Annual Volunteer hours: 4,000

As an all-volunteer organization, our administrative costs are very low, allowing 98% to 99% of our revenue each year to be expended in direct support of our cats. We value our ongoing relationship with the Tabby Town adoption center in the McKinley Mall, as well as the contributions of time, treasure, and expertise provided by our volunteers, individual and business supporters, and veterinary clinics.

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**Our Supporters:** In addition to our many individual volunteers and supporters, we wish to thank the veterinarians and businesses that help us. Please check our website for a complete list, and thanks to **Buffalo Web Services, LLC** for designing and hosting our website. **Nestlé-Purina:** Special thanks for dry food donations and helpful warehouse staff!

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**Sisu & her Kittens:** Sisu and her 7 kittens were taken in by someone who lives on Genesee St. in Buffalo. Once again, a foster home for 10<sup>th</sup> Chance took in this family and fostered them until they were old enough to be spayed/neutered, vaccinated etc. All have now been adopted. Thank you to Justina & Chris from 10<sup>th</sup> Chance!! Pictured are Sisu and her kittens.



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**Rabies Vaccines:** Remember to keep your pets' rabies vaccines up to date. Even if your pets are always indoors, there can be risk of exposure, so it is best to be proactive.

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**Bindu & Sonny:** Bindu was found abandoned at a farm in Springville. It turned out that he is blind in both eyes, although there was no sign of an injury or illness. Bindu was adopted by a fantastic person who also adopted Sonny,



another blind cat. The two cats receive lots of love and attention from their human dad; and they chase toys, hop up on their furniture and

generally love life. Bindu is the white and tabby cat and Sonny is the orange guy.

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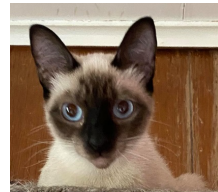
### **Special thanks to the following organizations:**

- The Helen Dent Lenahan Foundation
- The Baird Foundation
- The Takats Foundation
- BISSELL Pet Foundation
- William Mattar Law Offices
- Harris Beach PLLC

Thanks to the **NY Institute of Massage** for sponsoring events to benefit Hope for Cats, and to the staff for volunteering time and efforts.

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**The Irving Cats:** A family in Irving contacted us because they realized that they had too many cats. With the best intentions they had taken in a couple of



cats to get them out of harm's way, but since they were not sterilized, their number grew to 14. Hope for Cats transported the 14 cats a few at a time; they were all spayed/neutered, vaccinated, etc.

Three were returned to their owners, and Hope for Cats took in 11, six of whom have been adopted and 5 of whom are ready for adoption.

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**Animal Welfare Calendar:** Hope for Cats was invited to join 11 other local animal welfare organizations to create a 2022 calendar. If you would like to receive a calendar, you can go to our website [www.hopeforcatsinc.org](http://www.hopeforcatsinc.org) and click the "PayPal Donate" button. For any donation of at least \$10 (an additional \$2 will cover postage), to receive a calendar: in the box "Add Special Instructions" ask to have a calendar sent and be sure to check the "Share Mailing Address" box so we know where to send it. If you mail a donation, you can also request a calendar.

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