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Mission Possible

Cats' Cradle receives numerous calls every day asking for help with single cats or litters of kittens for all kinds of reasons, such as "owner died" or "owner went into nursing home" or "I'm moving to a place that doesn't allow pets" or "I live in a place that doesn't allow pets, but we're feeding these outside stray cats," etc., etc., etc. Then there are calls from people who have 20 or 30 cats, such as a call from "Natalie" whose mother has at least 30 cats who are sick and need medical care, and none of them are fixed because she can't afford it.

It often becomes overwhelming and seems hopeless to know so many cats need help and we have barely enough money to provide for the cats already in our care, and no place to shelter any more cats. But then someone, or a few people, step forward to make the impossible possible. This is what happened with over 100 cats who had been trapped at area restaurants, business, and malls and were in danger in their new location. The majority of them were pregnant or mother cats with kittens or orphaned kittens when trapped, so most have to be spayed & neutered. How in the world could we help so many and where could they go?

Then came the answer: Inma Williams, Suzie Zarcone, and Rosie Romo found a warm, safe barn to move all these cats & kittens to. More than ever, we need your financial support this **Holiday Season** to help with these cats, and for the 200+ cats we already have in our care. Thank you!



GIVE THE GIFT OF LOVE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON:

Sponsor a Cat!

Can't adopt another cat into your home? You can still help by sponsoring one of the many **Cats' Cradle** cats who have had to have extensive and expensive medical treatment in the last few months.

Bashful had a severe eye infection which required visits to Carolina Veterinary Specialists to save her eyesight. True to her name, she is shy, but very sweet.

Charcoal (right) also had an eye infection, as a kitten, which ruptured. That resulted in him losing that eye. Despite a rough start, he is sweet-natured. With his remaining good eye, he's still looking for his forever home.

Patty showed up as a stray with a leg injury. Her leg was fractured in three places and it had to be amputated. This sweet young cat is now ready for adoption.

Snow is a lovely white cat who nearly died from a flea treatment overdose by the person who found her behind a



store. She stayed for a week at a local veterinary hospital where she was hooked up to fluids and antibiotics. And if that were not bad enough, she had to have the tips of her ears removed because of cancer, which often happens to white cats or cats who have white ears and/or nose.

Popeye is a kitten who was found in the middle of a busy road with an eye injury and brought to a vet clinic to be euthanized, but lucky for him the clinic called us. Now recovered from his eye surgery, he is a feisty, playful little guy who entertains us with his antics.

Clarice was found at an abandoned house along with another feral kitten we've named **Clarence**. Clarice is more scared than feral, but she has had to have surgery three times to sew up a prolapsed rectum she had when we took her in.

Won't you help us care for these cats and many others just like them? Thank you for your support and God Bless You!

Seasons Greetings from
Cats' Cradle



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Donation Form

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!!

Yes! I want to help *Cats' Cradle* care for cats!

Please add me to your MEMBERSHIP (tax-deductible)!

Individual \$25 Yearly Membership

Patron \$500 - \$1,000 Yearly Membership

Family \$50 Yearly Membership

Benefactor \$1,000 - \$5,000 Yearly Membership

Sponsor \$100 - \$250 Yearly Membership

Lifesaver \$5,000 - \$10,000 Yearly Membership

Sustainer \$250 - \$500 Yearly Membership

Lifeline \$10,000+ Yearly Membership

I have already paid my lifeline for the year.

I ONLY want to donate

I am enclosing an EXTRA tax-deductible donation of:

(tax-deductible) to support the cats!

\$10

\$100

\$10

\$100

\$25

\$500

\$25

\$500

\$50

Other _____

\$50

Other _____

I am making a montly tax-deductible PLEDGE to support the cats!

\$10 a month (commitment of \$120 a year)

\$100 a month (commitment of \$1,200 a year)

\$25 a month (commitment of \$300 a year)

\$500 a month (commitment of \$6,000 a year)

\$50 a month (commitment of \$600 a year)

Other _____

I want to contribute to "JERRY'S FUND" in the amount of:

I want to contribute to the BUILDING FUND in the amount of:

\$25

\$500

\$25

\$500

\$50

\$1,000

\$50

\$1,000

\$100

Other _____

\$100

Other _____

I want to learn more about what I can do to help *Cats' Cradle* as a VOLUNTEER!

I want to learn more about what I can do to help *Cats' Cradle* as a FOSTER CAREGIVER!

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

*Thank You
For Your
Support!*

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE & MAIL TO: *Cats' Cradle*

Attn: Linda Collins, Treasurer
P.O. Box 4058, Hickory, NC 28603

Donations

Donations in Kind:

All our foster people donate funds to cover the cost of food & litter for the cats they foster plus they and others cover costs for feral cats. Many of them also donate funds to cover vet bills and enlist donations from their friends.

Foster Care and Help with Adoptions:

Jean Bailey (teacher) & Beta students from St. Stephens High School	Carol Hanes
Megan Blackburn	Eunice Maier
Jeannie Bowman	Stephanie & Alvin Moore
Linda Collins	Daniel Morelock
Joshua Chapman	Michelle Elliott Noriega
Lisa & Lynda Garibaldi	Jean & Michael Thorne
Holly Gulembo	Christina Wilk
	Inma Williams
	Suzie Zarcone

Other In Kind Donations:

Margaret Causby & First United Methodist Church for copying
David Cortner for website administration and calendar design & layout
Leila M. McMichael for newsletter design & layout
Pam Nims for Newcomers Ad
John Payne Photography for professional photography for cat calendars
Joni Stone for cat adoption flyer and poster creation; and coordinator of the TNR study (Trap/Neuter/Release)
Jean Thorne for photography and biography submissions to *Cats' Cradle* website and media

Monetary Donations:

For those who give generously throughout the year, you keep us up and running to save homeless cats. We appreciate every single donation, but we especially want to recognize those who donate regularly and generously:

David & Evelyn Alderson	Danny Power
Norma & Richard Blackburn	Jerry & Lois Clark, Linda Clark, and Mary Lou Price
Jeannie Bowman	Nancy Puckett
Carolyn Burgess	Rose & Ed Romo
Carlton & Karen Clark-Caruso and family	Madge & Ernest Roseman
Linda Collins	Charlotte & J. M. Simasek
Steve & Holly Farlow	Jean & Michael Thorne
Jeff & Maria Helton	Mavis Tuclluck
Sarah & George Johnson	Keith & Lynn Whisenat
Brenda Kincaid	Inma Williams
George & Alice Kopacki	Sue & Jim Zarcone
Charlotte McMillan	
Tom Pearse	

Other Donations in 2010

Bobby Baker	Shelby & Ben Cornwell
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Peggy Baum	Roger & Marcella Deal
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Susan, Sarah & A.P. Brown	Toni Dills
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Daniel Morelock
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Jane Rawson
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Joni Stone
Carolyn Tawney
Charles & Avery Vannoy
Ken & Candy Webb
Wm & Cynthia Whisenant
Jaye Whitmire
Barbara Williams
Jerry & Karla Wise

Many Thanks:

To Jean Thorne, Jonie Stone, and Eunice Maier for managing our booth at June's Hickory Expo, and to Jean for the beautiful framed photos and note cards featuring our cats.

To Jeannie Bowman for organizing and managing our yard sale on October 23, and all those who baked goods, donated items, and helped at the yard sale.

To Petfinder and Petco for their grant of Hide, Perch, & Go boxes for our cats, valued at over \$6,000. See article on Snowflake for pictures.

In Honor of People

In honor of Karen Clark Caruso's birthday by Cindy Thorne
In honor of Lynda Garibaldi's birthday by George & Alice Kokacki

In Memory of People

David Greene, Sr., by Linda Collins
Mildred Banghardt by Linda Collins

In Honor of Pets

In honor of Kate (adopted from *Cats' Cradle* in 2007)
by Karen & Kevin Isenhour

RESCUED!

Employees of Lowe's Hardware in Hickory found a young tortoiseshell kitten in their parking lot in August. The pavement was so hot it had burned the bottom of the kitten's feet and she was thin, thirsty and hungry. Lucky for her, the employees took her inside and cared for her. They named her **Lola**. She is shown here with Janie Patton, store manager, who called *Cats' Cradle* member Inma Williams. So many abandoned cats & kittens show up at businesses, restaurants, and malls. We wonder where they came from and how they got there.



Adopted!

Teddy is one of our senior cats recently adopted by Jackie Anderson (right). We know he's in good hands because Jackie works in the emergency clinic at Unifour Veterinary Referrals.



Amy Wilson Prather writes:
We LOVE **George**!!! He is the best snuggle buddy ever!!! He seems to love his new home very much and we are so happy to have him here!



Hi there! Here is a picture of Snowflake and Magik at the Hide, Perch and Go box by Petco. Magik took right to it. He was like, "Hey, a new box!" LOL Snowflake (formerly Asher of **Cats' Cradle**) was kinda leery, but likes it. [I think it is a wonderful idea to turn a carrier into a toy. I recycle and don't litter; it helps the earth so much.] I love Snowflake already and my husband thinks he is gorgeous. My home is always welcome to cats My mom said I was the crazy cat lady and when I am elderly I will have tons, and she is so right! Feel free to call and email me to check on him. Again, thank you so much!

Bridget

Feral Cat Study

Cats' Cradle participated in a Feral Cat Study sponsored by the ASPCA and Humane Alliance. This resulted in spay / neuter of 48 cats! Many thanks to our volunteers who provided transportation

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