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The Community Foundation Awards Grant to Misty Eyes Animal Center

The Hendricks County Community Foundation (HCCF) is pleased to announce a $2,000 grant awarded to Misty Eyes Animal Center. This funding, made possible by an anonymous donor advised fund at HCCF, will support the transformation of existing space within Misty Eyes' Administration Building into a dedicated dog training room.

This renovation comes at an opportune time for Misty Eyes, following the recent opening of Kitty City, their new cat-exclusive shelter. With Kitty City providing 19 spacious suites and the capacity to house up to 50 cats, the space previously used for temporary cat housing in the Administration Building is now available for repurposing.

The grant will specifically aid in the construction of an interior wall and gate, crucial for ensuring the safety and security of dogs during training sessions. Additional renovations will also be completed to optimize the space for its new function.

Luann Keyton, Misty Eyes' Head Trainer, expressed her excitement about the project: “We are so excited to receive this grant. I have been holding our training classes in the Administration Building lobby for years, setting up and tearing down each time, with the constant worry of a dog running out the front door and into Dan Jones Road. With this new dedicated training space, everything will be more efficient and, most importantly, safer for the dogs in our care. We are incredibly grateful to the Hendricks County Community Foundation for their generous support.”

The new training facility will significantly enhance Misty Eyes' ability to provide vital services. These professional training programs are instrumental in increasing the adoptability of rescue dogs and equipping pet owners with the skills to address behavioral challenges, ultimately helping families keep their beloved pets.

“We're proud to partner with Misty Eyes Animal Center on this important initiative,” said William Rhodehamel, HCCF President & CEO. “Their commitment to animal welfare and supporting the community mirrors our own mission of creating a lasting, positive impact in Hendricks County. This grant will undoubtedly enhance their ability to serve both animals and residents.”

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