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Humane Society for Hamilton County's Survivor program to be sponsored by Bright House Networks through 2010

INDIANAPOLIS (Monday, April 13, 2009) – A program that provides life-saving medical treatment to severely injured or ill dogs and cats in Hamilton County is now backed by a new sponsor.

The Humane Society for Hamilton County's Survivor program is now sponsored by Bright House Networks, one of central Indiana's leading providers of digital video, voice and high-speed Internet services.

Bright House Networks has agreed to financially support the Survivor program through 2010 and help the agency through some joint advertising ventures to raise awareness about the program and its needs.

The Humane Society for Hamilton County's Survivor program treats dogs and cats of all ages and sizes that have been hurt, abused, neglected and abandoned and wind up at the facility in need of emergency care. The agency provides needed treatment, starts them down the path of recuperation and works to then get them adopted into loving and caring homes.

"We are thrilled to have Bright House Networks financially support our efforts to provide critical medical care for animals that would otherwise not survive their unfortunate circumstances," said Humane Society for Hamilton County Executive Director Rebecca Stevens. "Each animal poses the same difficult question to us. Do we use our limited funds to save their life? It's a difficult decision we face each and every time."

Last year, the Humane Society for Hamilton County, backed by more than \$45,000 from corporate sponsorships and individual financial donations, provided life-saving emergency medical care to more than 250 dogs and cats through the Survivor program, including treatment of an aggressive form of canine bacterial pneumonia that swept through the shelter known as Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease Complex. Already this year, the shelter has treated more than 30 animals in need of urgent care at a cost of nearly \$10,000, including Henley, a Shi-Tzu that arrived at the shelter with a broken back after being hit by a car, and Helen, a beagle that arrived at the shelter with two broken hips after being struck by a car.

"Unfortunately, the number of abused, stray and unwanted pets in Hamilton County is growing much faster than the Humane Society for Hamilton County can keep up with and that's been a problem," said Buz Nesbit, president of Bright House Networks Indiana. "When we learned about this opportunity, we knew immediately that we wanted to be part of a solution. Bright House Networks' support of the Survivor program will help the Humane Society for Hamilton County give many animals that come to them this year a second chance at life."

The Humane Society for Hamilton County is located at 1721 Pleasant St., Suite B, in Noblesville and is open from noon-5 p.m. Mondays, noon to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and from noon-5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. The facility is closed on Wednesdays.

For more, call the Humane Society for Hamilton County at (317) 773-4974 or visit the organization's Web site at www.hamiltonhumane.com.

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