

**HUMANE SOCIETY FOR HAMILTON COUNTY**  
18102 Cumberland Road  
Noblesville, IN 46060  
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**A Lasting Donation**  
*Tree of Life honors gifts to Humane Society for Hamilton County*

Donations – both monetary and in-kind – are essential to continuing the financial health of the Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC).

Recognizing this fact, the HSHC recently established a “Tree of Life” mural in the shelter’s lobby that honors those who donate \$150 or more. For each donation, a leaf will be painted onto the mural with the donor’s name. Leaves range from gold to platinum depending on the donation amount and may also be dedicated in memory of a loved one or pet.

According to the National Council on Pet Population & Policy, the average adoption rate for animal shelters across the U.S. is 25 percent. The HSHC is able to boast an 85 percent year-to-date placement rate for dogs and a 40% placement rate for cats thanks largely in part to donations that allow them to provide for the nearly 200 animals currently in their care.

The mission of the Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) is to provide a compassionate and healthy environment for the homeless animals in our care until they can be placed into permanent, loving homes. The HSHC strives to promote responsible pet ownership and reduce the suffering caused by pet overpopulation and animal cruelty by offering low cost spay/neuter solutions and education.

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