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CAROL HOUSE QUICK FIX PET CLINIC RECEIVES \$175,000 GRANT FROM PETSMA CHARITIES® TO INCREASE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE VETERINARY CARE IN ST. LOUIS, MO

March 24, 2020— SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI – One of the most common reasons pets are surrendered to local shelters is the lack of affordable pet wellness, training and education programs. Due to cost and other barriers, pets in under-resourced communities often do not have access to basic veterinary care such as spay/neuter services, vaccinations, dental care and other medical and preventative care.

With a \$175,000 grant from [PetSmart Charities](#), Carol House Quick Fix Pet Clinic aims to support pets and pet parents in need of these services by providing spay/neuter and basic veterinary wellness care to local communities that lack the access to these critical services for their pets. This grant allows the organization to collaborate with the Animal Protective Association (APA), Belleville Area Humane Society (BAHS), and Gateway Pet Guardians (GPG) enabling the organizations to reach pet parents in several specific communities. Through the generous support of PetSmart Charities, Carol House Quick Fix Pet Clinic will be able to provide services to over 1,500 dogs and cats.

“This opportunity allows us to combine resources with our partner organizations and expand our current programs, deepening our relationships in the communities we serve. With access to veterinary care, assisting pet parents and improving the health and well-being of their pets, we see more pets staying in their loving homes, ultimately reducing the number of strays and unwanted litters in shelters,” said Wendy Heckman, Executive Director, Carol House Quick Fix Pet Clinic.

“This collaborative effort, spearheaded by Carol House Quick Fix Pet Clinic, will remove many of the barriers pet parents face when trying to provide their beloved pets with basic care,” said Lindsay Del Chiaro, director of community relations and programs at PetSmart Charities. “This initiative is a testament to the positive impact made when community-minded organizations work together. We’re proud to support work that will provide vital resources for the pets and people of Saint Louis.”

Since 1994, through its partnership with nearly 4,000 humane societies, SPCAs and pet rescues across North America, PetSmart Charities has helped more than 9 million pets to find loving homes via its in-store adoption program in over 1,660 PetSmart® stores. The leading funder of animal welfare has also donated more than \$400 million, to positively impact communities, to connect people and pets, to help preserve families and to improve access to veterinary care through initiatives like this with Carol House Quick Fix Pet Clinic.

Pet parents can contact Carol House Quick Fix Pet Clinic for more information about these services at 314-771-7387 (PETS) or visit www.CarolHousePetClinic.org.

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About Carol House Quick Fix Pet Clinic (CHQFPC)

CHQFPC provides high-volume, low-cost, high-quality spay/neuter and basic wellness services to pets in the greater St. Louis area and surrounding rural communities. CHQFPC provides free spay/neuter, wellness care, supplies, advocacy and information to pet owners in underserved communities in North St. Louis City, through strategic, positive community engagements. CHQFPC has performed over 78,000 low-cost or free spay/neuter procedures and nearly 50,000 wellness visits since opening June 2012. To learn more visit www.CarolHousePetClinic.org.

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About PetSmart Charities®

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