



# VOLUNTEER NEWS

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City of Plano Animal Services In Shelter, Foster, and Event Volunteers



## A SPECIAL TIME TO HONOR VOLUNTEERS

### National Volunteer Week

By Kathi Cavanagh

Volunteer Coordinator

One day an elephant saw a hummingbird lying on its back with its tiny feet up in the air. "What are you doing?" asked the elephant. The hummingbird replied, "I heard that the sky might fall today, and so I am ready to help hold it up, should it fall." The elephant laughed cruelly. "Do you really think," he said, "that those tiny feet could help hold up the sky?" The hummingbird kept his feet up in the air, intent on his purpose, as he replied, "Not alone. But each must do what he can. And this is what I can do."

--Chinese Parable

Doing what you can. It may sound simple but it is so impactful, and you as volunteers make an impact every day. Volunteers are very important to their communities and to recognize that every year since 1974 one week each April has been designated to honor volunteers.

Countries, states, cities, and organizations celebrate this event on or around the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in April. This year the theme is "Celebrating People in Action" and we do celebrate each and

every one of you. Your willingness to do what you can and your gift of time is greatly appreciated. A very special thank you goes out to all our wonderful volunteers:

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| Juan Carlos Alarcon | Shian-Wei Aur         | Lori Baehler       |
| Bryan Baldwin       | Alex Baptista         | Melanie Bilicki    |
| Shweta Biliya       | Dana Bjornstad        | Mary Bjornstad     |
| Beth Bodden         | Jeff Brown            | Karla Castillo     |
| Joseph Catanese     | Nancy Cate            | Thomas Chen        |
| Janet Cohen         | Stephanie Cole        | Tracy Cullens      |
| Amy Darrow          | Linda Davolt          | Amy Dawkins        |
| Paula Delzell       | Denise Diorio         | Robert Eck         |
| Megan Fournier      | Lorrie Green          | Pamela Hamel       |
| Heather Harrison    | Sarah Heinemann       | Laura Hernandez    |
| Judy Irick          | Ramona Johnson        | Heather Johnston   |
| Linda Kelly         | Judy Kandler          | Murad Kirdar       |
| Pam Klein           | Christi Langley       | Bobbi Laughlin     |
| Heather Lingo       | Jennifer Malinak      | Tonya McMillion    |
| Jennifer Meers      | Sabrina Mendoza       | Amy Perdreauxville |
| Nikki Pilkington    | Renate Raff           | David Reed         |
| Alysia Rudis        | Sheri Saunders        | Melissa Sherman    |
| Judy Staser         | Gail Stetler          | Melissa Stephens   |
| Diana Stuart        | Karen Suiter          | Debbie Tafelski    |
| Denise Thurner      | Pilar Trujillo        | John Tyers         |
| Christine Vasily    | Ashanti Williams      | Fred Wilmot        |
| Shelley Wilmot      | Julia & Michael Woods | Lauren Young       |

### WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS!

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| Mary Bjornstad   | Cat Room Attendant/Counselor                             |
| Karla Castillo   | Kennel Attendant   |
| Stephanie Cole   | Shelter Customer Greeter                                 |
| Amy Darrow       | Dog Exerciser, Pups in the Park and Photographer         |
| Christi Langley  | Dog Exerciser & Pups in the Park                         |
| Heather Lingo    | Cat Room Attendant/Counselor & Shelter Support Assistant |
| Melissa Stephens | Cat Room Attendant/Counselor                             |

# 2011 Volunteer of the Year

## Nancy Cate



Congratulations to Nancy for being named volunteer of the year!

Nancy has been an In Shelter volunteer for 6 years donating over 2,725 hours as a volunteer and foster parent for cats and kittens, giving them loving care and attention.

Her dedication to the people and animals at the shelter has made her truly deserving of 2011 Animal Shelter Volunteer of the Year.

During a volunteer appreciation luncheon March 26<sup>th</sup> Nancy was awarded a written copy of a proclamation signed Mayor Phil Dyers. Honoring her service and naming April National Volunteer Month in Plano.

## “Celebrating People in Action” Luncheon

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On March 26, 2011 the Volunteer Resources and Animal Services departments hosted an appreciation lunch for volunteers who exceeded their volunteer commitment in 2010 and to name the volunteer of the year.

In attendance was hosts Volunteer Resources Supervisor Robin Popik, Volunteer Resources coordinator Corina Sadler, Animal Services Manager Jamey Cantrell, supervisor Florrie Lott and senior officer Therese Hoofnagle.

Special guests Director of Health Brian Collins, Mayor Pro Tem Lee Dunlap and Council Member Lissa Smith.

In addition to receiving thanks volunteers received an appreciation gift and won door prizes. Prizes were donated by sponsors Three Dog Bakery, Mi Cocina, Home Depot, and Chuy’s Restaurant.

Sponsor La Madeleine’s provided delicious desserts to accompany a meal provided by the hosts and that came from Corner Bakery.



Brian Collins and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Dunlap visit and pose for pictures with honored volunteers.



Volunteers enjoy their meal and each other’s company.



After announcing volunteer of the year mayor Pro Tem Lee Dunlap read from the mayor’s proclamation as Council Member Lissa Smith and Jamey Cantrell looked on.



Honored volunteers, hosts, and special guest gather for a group photograph at the end of the luncheon.

## Things to Remember



The second Wednesday of every month the shelter closes to the public and volunteers from about 11:30am to 1pm (day may vary on rare occasion).



Officer Nelson’s name is Carey! It was misspelled last edition in the staff spotlight section.

# 'SPOT' LIGHT



## Julia & Mike Woods

### Foster Volunteers

Husband and wife volunteer team, Mike and Julia Woods, have been animal services volunteers since October 2007. In 2009 they both were recipients of the Volunteer of the Year award.

They met while serving in the Air Force and found they shared a love of animals. They also both had the desire to help which led them to volunteering at several animal organizations.

When they started volunteering at the shelter it was just as the program was being reorganized. They both played pivotal roles in making this program a success.

They started out as dog walkers and quickly added adoption counseling to their in shelter duties. They also began fostering taking in many scared and traumatized dogs as well as litters of puppies. Their goal is to save as many dogs as they can, one at a time.



## Amber Weible

### Senior Animal Control Officer

Amber has been with the City of Plano for three and half years and has recently been promoted to senior officer.

Prior to working at the shelter, Amber was a veterinary assistant and technician for three years.

She and her husband are expecting their first child, a girl, in late summer. Their new baby girl will be welcomed by the Weible's 2 Beagles and 2 German Sheppards.

**Amber's message to you:** "Thank you all for donating your time to the shelter. You make a big difference to the animals and to the staff. I am very grateful to all our volunteers and all the jobs that they do. I am especially grateful for those that take in foster animals. In shelter situations basic illnesses can be life threatening and getting young or recovering animals in a loving home saves lives "