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Woman with “passion” for pets leaves legacy for HSSA

The Humane Society of Southern Arizona today received a \$400,000 gift from the estate of a woman with a generous heart and a love of animals.

Representatives from the Cheryl Owens Charitable Remainder Trust presented the HSSA with the donation, explaining that Ms. Owens was devoted to her own pets, and the welfare of others. A native of Long Island, NY, Ms. Owens moved to Tucson in the early 1980s. Ms. Owens passed away over the summer. She was 66.

Kathleen Brooks, a cousin, said Ms. Owens’ best friend was her poodle, Beau. She said Ms. Owens’ family always had rescue dogs when she was younger.

“Her passion was animals,” Brooks says. “No pet was a stranger to her.”

Brooks said Ms. Owens wanted to donate to the HSSA because she dearly loved animals and believed in responsible pet care. She believes all pets should be vaccinated, spayed and neutered, and was always upset when homeless animals suffered for lack of space or lack of medical care.

“The Humane Society of Southern Arizona truly appreciates this generous gift from Ms. Owens, and will live up to her legacy as we work to ensure that all pets in our community are cared for and loved,” says HSSA CEO Maureen O’Neill.

Bequests such as this from the Cheryl Owens Charitable Trust are a wonderful way to continue supporting a cause you believe in. The HSSA has a wide variety of options for legacy gifts, including stock transfers, charitable gift annuities and life insurance gifts. Please contact the HSSA for more information or visit hssaz.org/planned.



HSSA CEO Maureen O’Neill (left) and Board Member Larry Lang gratefully accept the gift from the Cheryl Owens Charitable Remainder Trust. Ms. Owens was represented by her cousin, Kathleen Brooks (in blue) and Shannon Bennett, trustee.