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Bedford Humane Society purchases land for Adoption Center

June 12, 2009 - The Bedford Humane Society's search for a suitable site on which to build their limited admission, no kill animal adoption center came to a close last Friday with the purchase of 3.3 acre parcel of land on Ole Turnpike Drive. The property is the site of the former Bedford County Girl's Home. A preliminary site plan for a 6000 square foot animal shelter building was approved by the City of Bedford prior to acquisition of the parcel.

"This has been the Society's dream since our formation in 1993. " said Doreen Ehasz, Executive Director. "Our adoption center will serve to relieve some capacity problems at the overburdened, tax-funded County animal shelter through the sheltering of homeless animals. However, it will also serve as a community resource for current and future programs, such as low cost spay/neuter, humane education, TNR and AniMeals. These proactive programs both assist area pet owners and address the root causes of our area's pet overpopulation problem."

The property purchase was made possible by a bequest from the late Vernon D Lybolt Jr. In his memory, the future adoption center will bear his name. Bedford Humane Society member, Karin Baldwin, REALTOR with RE/MAX 1st Olympic, Lynchburg, assisted the Society in finding and closing on the property and donated her entire commission of \$7,590 to its' purchase. Attorney David Whitehurst, a long time supporter of the Humane Society, donated his services at a substantially reduced rate. Interest earned on the Lybolt estate funds since their receipt in 2007 also helped fund the purchase.

"The size and quality of the facility that is ultimately constructed will depend on support from our community." Mrs. Ehasz said. "We are confident that the residents of Bedford are a humane and caring community who will work together with us to improve conditions for area pets. Donations of services, materials and equipment, as well as funding, will be needed to make the Adoption Center a reality. This is truly a community project that will serve both people and animals alike."

More information, including updates, services and materials needed will be posted regularly to the Society's website at www.bedfordhumanesociety.petfinder.com. Interested individuals may also contact the Bedford Humane Society at 540-586-6100 or TheBedfordHumaneSociety@msn.com

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