The <u>Humane Society of Elmore County</u> is very blessed by how generous so many individuals and businesses are in supporting our work. On May 4th a most fantastic group of people came together at <u>The Elms of Coosada</u> for the 10th annual Kentucky Derby "Run for the Roses" Party and ended up raising \$5000 for our <u>Shelter</u>! That was absolutely fantastic, especially considering the terrible storm that took place during the event.

We owe so many thanks to Brenda & Louie Fryer as they set up the Derby party every year, Janet & Peter Waldo for hosting it on the beautiful grounds of <u>The Elms</u>, all the other hosts who donated food, drink, decorations, time and so much more. And final thanks to everyone who attended and so generously donated – your support to this event and the <u>Humane Society of Elmore County</u> is most humbling.

While the Derby party was ongoing, our awesome Volunteers were manning a Supply Drive at the Wetumpka Walmart. And besides bringing in two, beyond-full loads of food and supplies, donors also gave us \$661 in financial donations – simply fantastic!

After three weeks of <u>Bluewater Broadcasting's</u> "Paw it Forward" the three area shelters received a huge load of supplies and food last Tuesday thanks to generous donors and the businesses (<u>Lewis Lawn Equipment Inc, Montgomery Subaru, Montgomery Eye</u> <u>Physicians, Best Friends Pet Resort, Holley's Home Furnishings, Acceptance Insurance</u>). who stepped up to receive these donations. We all put those donations to fast use to be sure!

And starting last week both the Wetumpka & Millbrook Winn Dixie Grocery Stores have huge donation boxes in the front of their stores to receive donated pet food and supplies for our <u>Shelter</u>. These boxes will stay in the stores during the month of May and they also have BOGO (buy one, get one free) sales on many items that we can use in our <u>Shelter</u>. So even if money is a bit tight you could potentially purchase pet food for your own pet and donate the free bag – isn't that great! Please thank the folks at both stores as well for thinking of us like this!

All of these events on our behalf truly make a very positive difference to our <u>Shelter</u> and the animals we care for. Every food and supply item donated means we can use our donated dollars for direct animal care expenses like medications, vaccinations & veterinary bills. That translates into lives saved so we truly mean it when we say that EVERY donation makes a difference! Thank you ever so much to everyone who not only supports our <u>Shelter</u> but any shelter that you may support as we all face the same challenge of a never ending flow of incoming pets in need of our help.