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### **DACHS receives \$2,000 Gala Grant from Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico**

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) has awarded a \$2,000 grant, stemming from their 2018 Gala, to the Doña Ana County Humane Society (DACHS).

\$1,500 of the grant is earmarked for DACHS' Animal Relief Fund, and \$500 of the award goes into DACHS' existing endowment at the Community Foundation.

"This grant will help us reach more low-income pet owners who need veterinary aid for their four-legged family members," said DACHS Executive Director Kathy Lawitz.

The Animal Relief Fund (ARF) helps low-income families with emergency, quality-of-life and preventive care for their pets. The voucher-based system also provides free vaccination vouchers. ARF vouchers are accepted at all veterinary offices in Doña Ana County.

"Ours is the only program of its type in all of southern New Mexico," Lawitz said. "Without ARF, people would be forced to make unthinkable choices when their pets need care, such as having to do without life's necessities such as rent, utilities, or food, in order to provide for their pets. Or having to euthanize their pets, or surrender them to the overcrowded municipal shelter, because they can't afford their medical care.

"By helping them, we are helping make our community better for people and their pets."

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