

Kalamazoo animal shelter launches \$740K campaign to expand, improve facility

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KALAMAZOO, Mich. — A no-kill, Kalamazoo animal shelter hosted an event Thursday evening to officially [kick off a fundraising campaign](#) designed to expand its facility.

Community members were invited to the Animal Rescue Project to celebrate the launch of their capital campaign, "Foundation of Care, Future of Love."

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The campaign aims to address challenges faced by having an aging facility, while meeting the growing need for a safe and healthy environment for the animals, organizers said.



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Attendees had the opportunity to hear a presentation given by organizers, take pre-renovation tours, and greet dogs and cats in the facility's care.

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"Animal Rescue Project has done – and will continue to do – a world of good for the people and homeless animals of Kalamazoo and the communities of Southwest Michigan," Animal Rescue Project Executive Director Jack Frost said. "We are confident that the kind-hearted people and community-spirited businesses of Kalamazoo will help us reach our goal and make this dream a reality."

Renovations of the new facility will double its size, which will allow the center to rescue more animals and expand its programs.

The new, 12,000 square foot facility will be named in honor of well-known Kalamazoo-area philanthropists Charles and Lynn Zhang.



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Launched in 2022, the campaign has raised \$1.4 million towards its \$2.1 million goal, according to officials.

"Our mission is what keeps us going and one animal at a time is what we do," Frost said. "With our dedication, and how we run our programs, and and what we put into the animal is kind of what makes us stick out."