



# PAWSTER NASHVILLE

2023  
IMPACT  
REPORT



**KEEPING PETS AND PEOPLE  
TOGETHER**

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Miriam's Promise

*"My dogs are my family. My son grew up with them and they were there for me providing emotional support throughout my pregnancy and domestic violence situation."*

*"My cat means everything to me. Since my husband passed away, my cat has been my best friend. She talks to me when I walk in the door and when I wake up. She cuddles up next to me on my bed. I can't imagine my life without her."*

*"My dog is my everything. I love him so much and he has given me love, hope, and strength throughout everything I have been through. We have never been apart, even through my worst times. He is my world."*



Pawster is about **people** and **pets**.

When we launched Pawster in 2020, Pawster's board wanted to help animals. Crisis Foster Care is a way to keep pets out of shelters, so fewer animals will die due to overcrowding. Pawster is a proud network partner of Best Friends Animal Society, working to achieve the goal of "No Kill 2025."

**But at the time, we didn't fully realize the impact Crisis Foster Care has on people.**

Last year, I spoke with a man who came into the emergency room and desperately needed medical treatment. He had left his dog at a motel unattended, and the motel staff was going to surrender the dog to the shelter. "I can't live without my dog," he said. If we didn't find someone to care for his dog, he was going to leave the hospital and forego the vital health care he needed.

By caring for his dog, a volunteer Pawster Foster not only saved the dog's life — they also allowed this man to access the resources he needed to come home to his dog healthy.

In 2023, we cared for 100 animals while their families recovered from crisis — more than ever before. But we received 334 requests for foster care. With your help, we will continue building capacity to reach our goal of caring for at least 65% of foster requests for by 2025.

**Thank you for generously helping people and pets in crisis,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gabe J. Horton".

Gabe Horton  
Executive Director

# BY THE NUMBERS



**108**

ACTIVE  
FOSTERS

**90%**

PETS  
REUNITED

**100**

PETS FOSTERED  
IN 2023

**392**

DONORS  
IN 2023

**13**

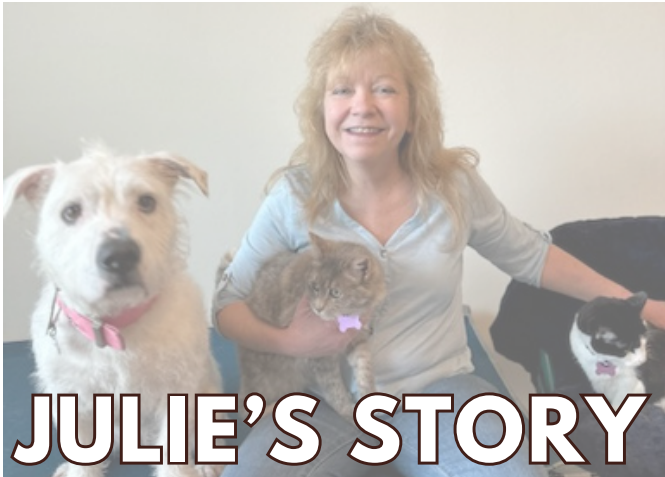
COUNTIES  
SERVED

Julie found herself in between housing, with nowhere to stay where she could keep her dog, Baby Girl, and two cats, Sophie and Truffles.

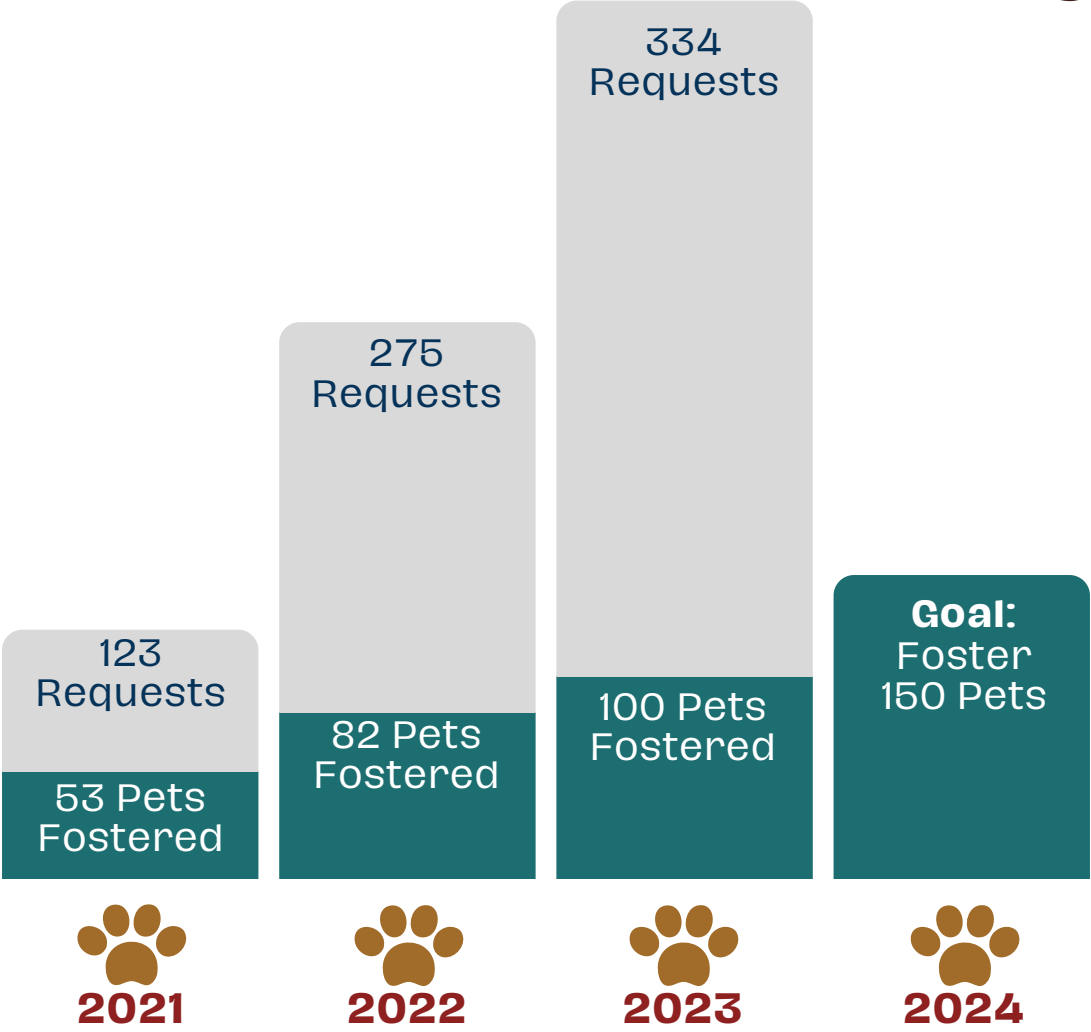
According to Julie, "My pets are not only important to me, but I'm on disability and they are my [emotional] assistance animals." While she found a friend to watch her dog, there was nowhere for her two cats.

Thankfully, a pair of Pawster Fosters were more than happy to take care of Sophie and Truffles until they could go home to their family. College students Aneesa and Amira couldn't wait to meet these two! Sophie and Truffles settled into their new foster home right away, and they had a great time with their fosters.

But after just a month and a half, Julie found housing! She was ready to bring her cats home. Last spring, the whole family came back together again in their new apartment.



# Growing to Meet the Need



# OUR PARTNERS

**Thank you to everyone who gave to keep pets and their people together in 2023!** Listed below is every individual, family, church or foundation who gave \$500 or more:

## **\$10,000 and above**

Ellen and Steve Adams  
Joe C. Davis Foundation  
Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee  
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Stapleton, Outlaw State of Kind Fund of CFMT

## **\$5,000 to \$9,999**

Barbara and Herbert Fritch, The Fritch Family Giving Fund  
Bonnaroo Works Fund of CFMT  
United Way of Greater Nashville

## **\$2,500 to \$4,999**

Nathan Yates  
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## **\$1,000 to \$2,499**

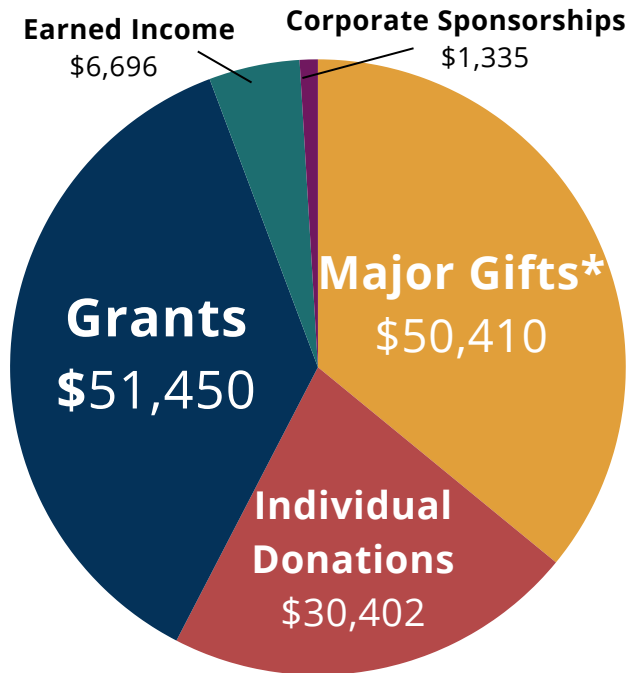
Bill and Theresa Hook	Anona Johnson and Dr. C. Wright Pinson
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## **\$500 to \$999**

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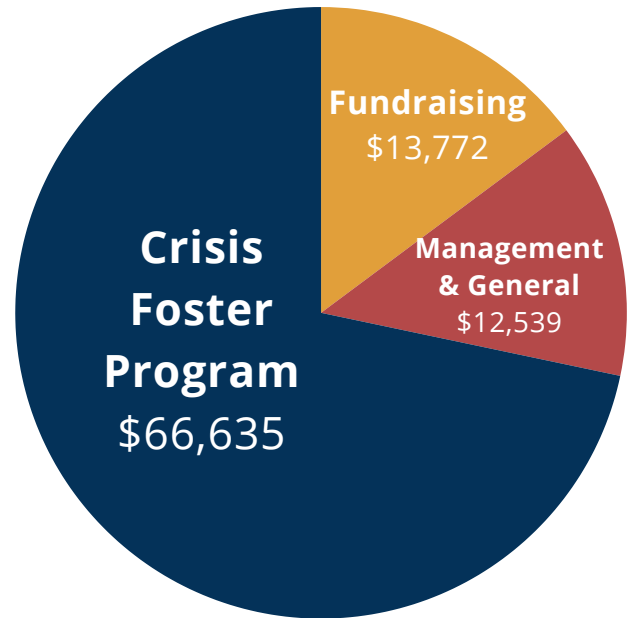
# FINANCIALS

## 2023 Revenue



Total: **\$140,293**

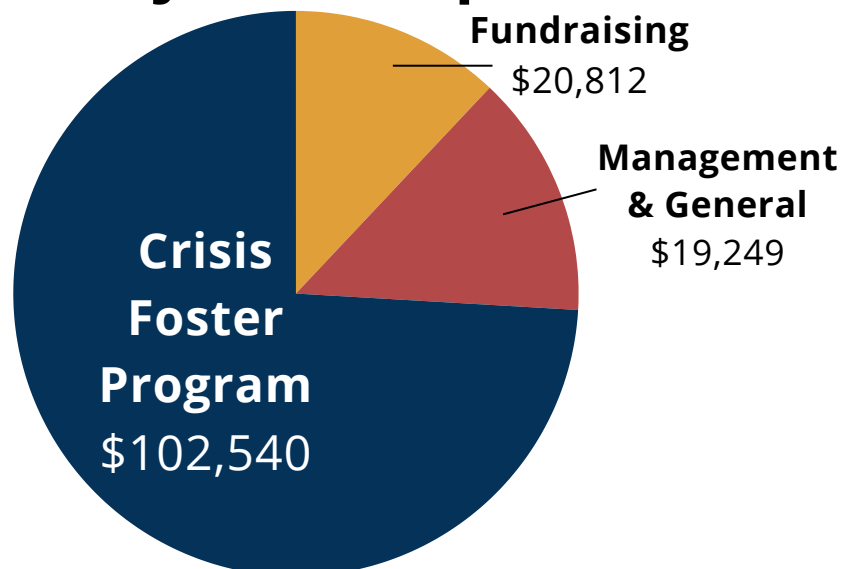
## 2023 Expenses



Total: **\$92,946**

\*Gifts totalling \$1,000+ per household annually

## 2024 Projected Expenses:



Total: **\$142,601 to foster 150 pets**

