

Ways to Give

Feral Fixers was founded in 2007 with the goal of humanely managing the feral cat population in DuPage County. Our accomplishments to date are amazing, having TNR'd over 13,000 cats and found homes for over 2,600 friendly cats we have come across during our efforts (as of the date of this document). The impact is evident in many towns as fewer and fewer feral cats are roaming the neighborhoods. Many towns in DuPage County have acknowledged our impact and readily refer folks to us. DuPage County Animal Services (DCAS) strongly advocates and supports our mission as the number of feral cats they have had to annually euthanize has dropped from a high of 486 to 0, largely due to our efforts.

While much has been accomplished, much still remains to be done. We continue to receive calls about stray and feral cats & kittens in the neighborhoods we have already served. There are areas of DuPage County we have not yet reached. There are surrounding towns begging for help where resources are not as prevalent.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we have recently been able to purchase a dedicated building and our operations are slowly being migrated there (from their current locations of our President's and volunteers' homes). With this purchase comes an increased financial burden and the need for an ongoing donation stream. To accomplish this, we are expanding the ways in which you can support Feral Fixers for the future:

One-time monetary donation

Donating to Feral Fixers allows us to continue our mission of Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) and finding homes for the friendly cats we rescue while doing our TNR work.

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- You can make a one-time donation online via PayPal or by using your Credit Card
- You can send a check or Money order to Feral Fixers, PO Box 1416, Lombard, IL 60148

Monthly monetary donation

Our monthly donation program provides a steady, dependable flow of revenue which enables us to help the cats year-round. Monthly donations will also be critical to cover the operational expenses of our new building.

- You can set up a monthly donation online by clicking on the PayPal Donate button and then clicking on the Make this a Monthly donation box. You can cancel your Monthly donation at any time.
- Many workplaces allow you to make one-time or monthly donations through their charitable arm. Talk to your employer's Personnel department to see if they have such an offering.

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Legacy Planning

Planned Giving is a simple way to support Feral Fixers for the future and ensure that you will have a long-term, positive impact on cats in DuPage county. Your gift may also entitle your estate to a federal tax charitable deduction.

Types of planned Gifts:

- **Bequests** - Remembering Feral Fixers in your will or trust is an easy and powerful way to support our mission to protect and improve cats' lives. Simply designate a specific dollar amount, or percentage of your estate assets or other property. You'll extend your legacy of compassion without diminishing your present assets, and you may also benefit from tax savings*.

There are several ways that you can make a gift through your will or trust:

- **Specific gift:** You describe exactly what kind of gift you want to leave to a specific individual or organization and the designated source. If you want to leave a specific dollar amount from a specific source or a particular item (such as a piece of property or a collector's item), this is the type of bequest you would use.
 - *Example — Sarah states in her will: "I leave my coin collection to my nephew, George. I leave my vacation home to my daughter, Catherine. I leave my securities to Feral Fixers, NFP (EIN 13-4364615)." or John states in his will: "I leave \$25,000 to my granddaughter, Linda. I leave \$20,000 to Feral Fixers, NFP (EIN 13-4364615)."*
- **Residuary gift:** This type of bequest is honored after all other bequests have been made, and all debts, expenses and taxes have been paid.
 - *Example — Michelle states in her will: "I give all the rest, residue and remainder of my real and personal estate to Feral Fixers, NFP (EIN 13-4364615)."*
- **Contingent gift:** This type of bequest is fulfilled if certain conditions are met. For instance, if your primary beneficiary does not survive you, you can indicate your next choice through a contingent bequest.
 - *Example — Stephen states in his will: "I give all the rest, residue and remainder of my real and personal estate to my wife, Amanda, if she survives me; if not, then 50 percent in equal shares to my children who survive me and 50 percent to Feral Fixers, NFP (EIN 13-4364615)."*
- **Retirement Plans** - Name Feral Fixers as the partial or sole beneficiary of your IRA, 401(k), 403(b), or other retirement plans. This may also generate a lower tax burden for your estate.
- **Life Insurance Policies** - Another easy and impactful way to support cats is including Feral Fixers as a beneficiary in your life insurance policy.

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Workplace giving and matching gifts

Donating through your employer's workplace giving campaign is a simple way to contribute. Many companies will even match your donation, doubling or tripling the impact of your gift! Feral Fixers participates in several workplace giving campaigns including Benevity, YourCause and Fidelity Workplace Giving.

- Many workplaces coordinate charitable giving campaigns for their employees. These campaigns allow employees to donate to charities of their choice through one-time gifts and regular payroll deductions. Ask your employer how you can participate in a giving campaign.
- Many employers will even match donations—doubling or even tripling your gift for cats—made by their employees to support an organization of the employee's choice! Please check with the human resources director of your company to see if your donations can be matched. If you find Feral Fixers does not participate in the Giving program at your workplace, let us know – we'll sign up for the program so you can participate!
- Email all matching gift forms to donations@feralfixers.org or mail to Feral Fixers, PO Box 1416, Lombard, IL 60148.

Stock donation

- Giving stock is a great way for you to make sure Feral Fixers has continuous revenue to help cats for the long term. Donate stock today to protect cats far into the future.
- Donating long-term appreciated securities, including stock, bonds, and mutual funds, directly to a charity may enable you to make an even bigger impact. By transferring the stock directly to Feral Fixers, you may avoid capital gains tax on the appreciated amount, thereby lowering your taxes and benefitting Feral Fixers*.
- The same benefits apply to bonds or mutual funds. When you donate stock, bonds or mutual funds to a charity, you'll generally take a tax deduction for the full fair market value*.

Donation information for our account at Charles Schwab:

- Feral Fixers account number at Charles Schwab (5846-3538)
- Feral Fixers, NFP is the account registration
- Feral Fixers contact: info@feralfixers.org
- Receiving institution is Charles Schwab & Co.
- Charles Schwab's DTC number: #0164

(Everyone's tax situation is different. Please consult your accountant and/or your tax advisor to find out how your tax situation may benefit. For more information about donating securities, please download [this document](#) prepared by our account holder, Charles Schwab.)*