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REMY FUND SURPASSES \$1,000,000, AWARDS 2021 GRANTS

Birmingham, AL (for immediate release) – The Remy Fund for Pets and Animal Services, at the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham, announced that the endowed fund now exceeds \$1,000,000. The Remy Fund was established by Birmingham area philanthropist, Ken Jackson, and is supported by numerous generous donors.

"Remy Fund grants provide much needed support to dedicated nonprofits, that are making a significant positive impact on the lives of animals, and the humans they touch, in our community." said Jackson.

Since 2011, the Remy Fund has provided over \$450,000 in grants to companion animal (dogs, cats and horses) nonprofit organizations, serving Jefferson, Shelby, St. Clair, Blount and Walker counties. This year, the fund is awarding \$55,000 in grants to 10 organizations.

Organizations receiving funds this year:

- **Alabama Spay Neuter, \$10,000**, to support affordable spay and neuter surgeries for dogs and cats through the Remy SNIP program
- **Shelby Humane Society, \$10,000**, to support the Shelby Spay Neuter Program for dogs and cats in Shelby County
- **Walker County Humane Society, \$10,000**, to provide low or no-cost spay and neuter services for dogs and cats in Walker County
- **Bama Bully Rescue, \$5,000**, to provide comprehensive care for pit bulls and other "bully" breeds that have been abandoned, abused or neglected
- **Hand in Paw, \$5,000**, to support the agency's Transition Training for volunteer teams providing animal-assisted therapy in a post-COVID environment, incorporating new safety procedures and protocols
- **Friends of Pell City Animal Control Center, \$4,000**, to support a no-cost spay and neuter initiative in a targeted high-surrender and stray animal area of St. Clair County
- **Special Equestrians, \$3,000**, to provide care for horses in their animal-assisted equine therapy program
- **Sugarbelle Foundation, \$3,000**, to provide needed supports including food, vaccinations and veterinary services to families struggling financially to keep their pets
- **Adopt A Golden Birmingham, \$2,500**, to support spay and neuter surgeries, routine and specialist veterinary services and other care required for abandoned, abused and neglected Goldens

- **Birmingham AIDS Outreach, \$2,500**, to support spay and neuter surgeries for dogs and cats of low-income clients in conjunction with the Pets Are Wonderful Support (PAWS) program of the agency

The Remy Fund Grant Committee conducts in-depth grant application reviews, including site visits (as appropriate) with grant applicants. The Remy Fund Grant Committee members include: Committee Chair, Debra Linton, Cathy Adams, Maggie McDonald, Brenda Bell Guercio, Dr. James “Murphy” Lynch, Beverly Viriglio, Cameron Vowell and Laura Wainwright (Mr. Jackson serves as an Ex Officio member).

In 2010, Ken Jackson established the Remy Fund, a Field of Interest Fund of the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham, honoring his late dog, Remy. As an endowed fund, the Remy Fund ensures there will always be grant funding for local organizations that provide critical resources for companion animals. Jackson has provided over \$750,000 to the fund, and is also the donor of Remy’s Dog Park at Red Mountain Park.

If you share Ken’s “animal passion”, you can be part of the Remy Fund by making a gift on-line at www.cfbham.org/remy-fund/ or by check. The grant cycle for 2022 grants from the Remy Fund for Pets & Animal Services will open for applications March 15, 2022. For more information about grants contact Kim Rogers at 205.327.3804 (O) 205.903.4532 (M) or krogers@cfbham.org.

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