

C Tmatters

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Every Cat Matters. Every Person Counts.

"Compassion is Ageless"

by Stacy Attenberg and Val Maloney



The Greater New Haven Cat Project, Inc. (GNHCP) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed in 1996 to address the problems of cat overpopulation, neglect and abuse in our area. GNHCP provides spay/neuter assistance for feral, stray and abandoned cats, and promotes responsible pet ownership through educational workshops. The organization is comprised solely of volunteers, and is funded through private donations, fundraising events and grants.

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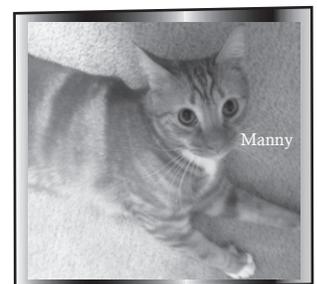
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Gladys Brown Oliver is a charismatic woman who worked as a machine operator at the Winchester Repeating Arms during World War II. While the men went off to war, Gladys, like many women, stepped out of her traditional role to replace the men in factories nationwide. Gladys went on to become a Registered Nurse, married three times, and gave birth to a daughter. When you live a long life, as Gladys has, you outlive your loved ones. Sadly, Gladys has outlived her husband Cornell, her sister Berta, and her daughter Rosie.

Now 93 years old, Gladys has been taking care of feral cats in her yard for around 10 years. She contacted The Greater New Haven Cat Project (GNHCP) several years ago for assistance in having them spayed/neutered, and finding homes for a litter of kittens born under her outdoor swing. GNHCP was able to alter the cats in her yard, and bring Tilly, Minnie, Manny, Winnie, and Brownie into foster care. GNHCP also provides Gladys with food for her ferals and has provided her with winter cat shelters made by our volunteers.

Gladys also cares for her 10 year old Chihuahua named Tequila. During the harsh winters, every time it snows, Gladys manages to shovel a path in the snow for her dog Tequila. She also makes it priority to dig out the feral cat shelters, and enlists a GNHCP friend to help. She is always very concerned for their well-being and wants to make sure no cat is stuck inside a shelter, and has plenty to eat. Gladys believes in treating people and animals as you want to be treated. She is very grateful for the full life she has lived and told a GNHCP volunteer that every night she says the following prayer "Good Lord, I thank you for letting me be here to say thank you."

Gladys is truly a compassionate and inspiring woman, and is a great example for others to follow. As an individual, she has made a difference in the lives of people she has cared for, as well as the outdoor cats in her yard.





GNHCP CUSTOM CALENDARS!

Join us for this unique fundraiser!

Calendars for January 2015 - December 2015,
featuring our fosters, education about caring for feral cats, and much more!

Calendars will sell for \$15.00 each.

Feature your own special feline friend! Purchase a date, and that day will be set aside just for you. The corresponding square on the calendar can have a photo, a caption, or both - your choice!

Cost per date: \$35.00 [Includes a free calendar!]

If you are interested in purchasing a calendar or reserving a date, please contact us:

(203) 782-2287 | gnhcp@gnhcp1.org

All proceeds will benefit our spay/neuter program for feral and stray cats.

GNHCP UPCOMING EVENTS

for more information on our upcoming events please

visit: www.gnhcp.org

or email: gnhcp1@gnhcp.org

"Coffee and...Cats" a coffee tasting fundraiser!



Friday, September 19th
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Admission is \$20 per person

Location:
Foxon Firehouse Hall
State Highway 80 & N High St,
East Haven, CT, 06512



251 Clintonville Lane,
North Haven, CT 06473
Saturday, May 10th
9:00am-3:00pm

The Greater New Haven Cat Project's

Tickets- \$1.00 Each **ANNUAL RAFFLE**

- 1st prize - \$250 visa gift card
- 2nd prize - \$100 gift card redeemable at Wal-Mart
- 3rd prize - \$50 gift card redeemable at Subway
- 4th prize - \$25 gift certificate redeemable at Scarpellino's Restaurant & Catering

The raffle will be drawn on Saturday, July 26, 2014 at 6:00pm
At the GNHCP Center. Winner need not be present.

Volunteer Spotlight ~ Stacy Attenberg

by Val Maloney

A true animal rights activist, Stacy might be found networking to find forever homes for dogs one day and participating in a peaceful protest against the mistreatment of circus animals on the next. Although she defends the welfare of all animals, her primary focus is improving the lives of homeless cats.

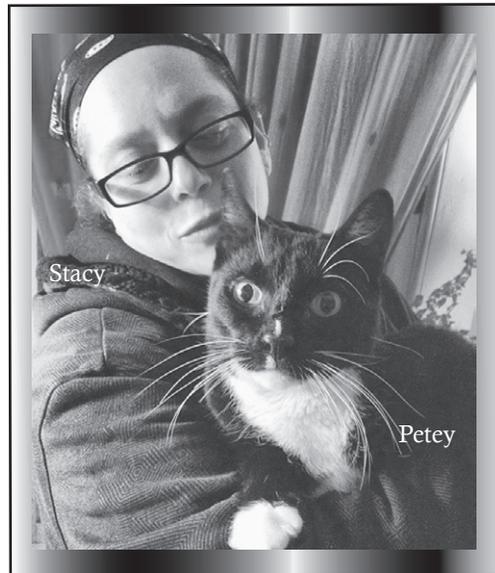
Stacy admires anyone who cares for feral and stray cats, but has particular respect for older people who give their time and efforts, like Willie, a retired welder, who collects scrap metal to pay for cat food for the eleven feral colonies he feeds in the Hartford area.

Stacy's personal life is extremely busy. She commutes six hours a day to, and from her job in advertising at a high-end digital studio in NYC. The little time she has is dedicated to volunteering with The Greater New Haven Cat Project. Stacy has been a volunteer with the Greater New Haven Cat Project for over four years. She previously lived very close to the GNHCP center and would walk by every day and think about volunteering. However, it wasn't until Stacy moved to another town that she offered to do a fundraiser for the Cat Project, with the help from a friend. Stacy met with the GNHCP President to explain her plan and got some information and educational materials. She ended up having two fundraisers in one night; one at a local dance club and the second at an art show.

Stacy learned how to safely trap feral cats when she was informed by a friend that there was a starving, pregnant cat at a feral colony where her friend worked. Stacy not only trapped the cats, she socialized five of them; two were adopted by her parents and three went to live with Stacy and her significant other.

Stacy's accomplishments for GNHCP are immeasurable. She completely redesigned the organization's web page and brochure giving it a more modern appearance that beautifully showcases the adoptable cats and a more accurate representation of GNHCP's work with trap/neuter/return. Stacy also serves on the GNHCP Board, does all the graphic design, posts the adoptable cats on Facebook and other social media, screens potential adopters, staffs cat food drives, and fundraises. She even turned her last birthday into a fundraiser by coordinating with her favorite vegan restaurant, G-Zen to donate 20% of the night's revenue. The restaurant was jammed with Stacy's friends which resulted in a very generous donation to GNHCP.

The GNHCP volunteers enjoy participating in fundraising events with Stacy. People seem to gravitate to her and want to share their stories and hear more about how to help the homeless cats. Whether it's her smile, willingness to listen, or her warm personality, Stacy does her part to make each fundraiser a success. Stacy's goal is to educate the public about the lives of homeless cats and how every person can help make a difference. She is a big supporter of humane education. GNHCP greatly appreciates the time and effort Stacy expends to champion the cause for feral and stray cats.



Memorial Contributions

In Memory of Josephine Earley, from Marjorie Scorey
In Memory of "Leo" Benson, from Dorel Benson
In Memory of "Toby" Dometios, from Nancy & Thomas Dometios
In Memory of "Jamie" & "Man," from Barbara Szirbik
In Memory of "Spithy," from Mark and Mary Genta



GNHCP Wish List ~ Things to keep our Center clean and running smoothly and to keep our foster cats happy and healthy.

Gift cards to:
WAL★MART, Petco
or grocery stores
First-class stamps
Paper towels

Trash bags
Simple Green
Dish soap
Advantage

KMR Powder Formula
Catnip toys, Toy mice
Cat treats
Unopened dry and
canned cat food

Top human meds that are toxic to pets from Pet Poison Hotline



- Pain relievers
- Antidepressants
- ADD/ADHD medications
- Sleep aids
- Muscle relaxants
- Heart medications

The Pet Poison help line is 1-800-213-6680
www.petpoisonhelpline.com

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The Greater New Haven Cat Project, Inc. (GNHCP), begun in 1996, works to combat the cat overpopulation dilemma with a comprehensive spay/neuter program that focuses on the numerous feral colonies and abandoned cats of Connecticut. We also locate excellent, stable homes for the friendly cats and kittens that are found or abandoned in the streets and houses of the Greater New Haven area. Finally, we offer other programs such as The Tommy Fund, Barn Home Project and regular operations at our Center. If you would like to aid and abet our burgeoning mission, then please consider one of the following options for your gracious donation:

Basic Donation:

With an annual donation of \$25, you will receive copies of our newsletter, Catmatters twice a year.

Population Donation:

With an annual donation of \$45, you will receive a copy of our newsletter, Catmatters, twice yearly as well as a 10% discount on all GNHCP merchandise or tickets for a GNHCP fundraising event. Most importantly, this type of gift enables GNHCP to spay one female cat and to promote a healthy, humane approach to the cat overpopulation problem.

Gift Donation:

With a minimum donation of \$25, this gift is a great idea for a birthday or holiday for the fellow or sister cat lover in your life. The recipient will receive an acknowledgment on your behalf in addition to our newsletter, Catmatters, for one year.

Memorial Donation:

You can recognize a special animal or person in your life with a donation that will help other cats.

Additional Contribution:

Any additional donations received through our newsletter will help to fund our spay/neuter program, The Tommy Fund (for extraordinary veterinary expenses) or operations at our Center.

Foster Cat Sponsorship:

With a donation of \$125, you will receive our newsletter, Catmatters, for one year, a photo and update on your sponsored cat and a 10% discount on GNHCP merchandise or tickets for a GNHCP fundraising event.

Please sign me up for a:

Basic Donation (\$25) : _____ Population Donation (\$45) : _____ Gift Donation (\$25) : _____ Sponsor a Foster Cat (\$125): _____
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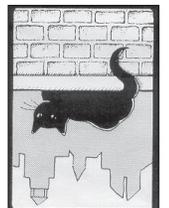
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