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## HUMANE SOCIETY OF JACKSON COUNTY (ARF) RECEIVES ASPCA FUNDS

### ASPCA'S Rescue Ride Program funds out-of-state rescue transports

Sylva, NC, January 5, 2016– The Humane Society of Jackson County, Inc. (or “ARF”) received a \$3000 grant from the ASPCA & Subaru Share the Love Event “Rescue Ride” grant program. The grant program helps transport thousands of homeless dogs from overcrowded shelters to shelters in areas where they have a better chance of being adopted. Thanks to funding from the annual Share the Love Event, 49 organizations received a total of \$189,000 to cover transportation costs. ARF spends approximately \$20,000 per year transporting animals to participating organizations in Florida, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, and saved and transported over 250 dogs in 2015 alone. The “Rescue Ride” funds will be spent on transports to Florida of animals in Duke’s and ARF’s care.

“These funds will provide badly needed assistance to ARF, which helps our local shelter maintain its no-kill status by monthly or bi-monthly transports to out-of-state no-kill shelters,” said Mary Adams, grant writer and ARF Vice President. “ARF has a tough time recouping its transport expenses through donations alone, so we are deeply grateful to the ASPCA for its assistance. “

This is the eighth consecutive year that the ASPCA will be a beneficiary of the Subaru Share the Love Event. “With Subaru’s support, we are helping relocate thousands of animals to improve their chances of finding safe and loving homes, and supporting many others through dedicated events and programs,” said ASPCA President & CEO Matthew Bershader. “This partnership makes a huge difference in the lives of vulnerable animals -- but also for individuals, families, and communities across America who benefit from the love and companionship pets so eagerly provide.”

The Humane Society of Jackson County (ARF) is a small foster network that has provided rescue, adoption, transport, education, and low-cost spay/neuter to the pets of Jackson County and their owners since 1978.

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