

Hinsdale Humane Society hosted “A Fetching Affair: Toasting 60 Years of the Hinsdale Humane Society” on Saturday, Oct. 26.

Some 200 people, many in black tie and evening gowns, celebrated the 60th birthday party at Butterfield Country Club in Oak Brook. Among them were the many volunteers who play a critical role in the work of the Humane Society.

Kevin and Kathy Irving are volunteers who have fostered at least 70 different cats in the past five years. The couple forges a bond with each one. “It’s crazy,” Kevin Irving said, though it is difficult too. They host them, “and then you have to give them back.”

A 10-year HHS volunteer Sandy Ruby shares her adopted golden retriever Benson through the HHS Pet-a-Pet program, bringing Benson to visit developmentally disabled adults as well as senior citizens, to be petted and enjoyed.

“Sixty years shows what a great job we’ve been doing for such a long time,” said Judy Porta, president of the board of trustees. Besides offering adoption services, the HHS also educates and serves the public in a variety of ways including its microchip program, summer pet camp, kids corner, pet therapy and obedience classes just to name a few. Last year some 750 animals found new homes through the HHS and so far this year, nearly 800 pets have been placed.

The evening focused more on celebrating the institution’s longevity than raising funds, according to Lori Halligan, the Hinsdale Humane Society’s executive director. All the money that was raised, too, will continue to support the Hinsdale-based animal organization dedicated to the care and adoption of homeless animals.

For more information, visit www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org.



Above, Lori Halligan, executive director, with Kathie and Kevin Irving, volunteers at HHS. Below, Molly Haunty, (from left) Sarah Tims and Preston Tims, all of Hinsdale | ALL PHOTOS SARA CLARKSON/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Hinsdale Humane Society volunteer pet veterinarians Ann Marie LoPiccolo, DVM, and John Bishop, DVM, both of WillowGrove Pet Clinic.



Sharon Foley and Barbara Parsons, both members of the HHS board of directors.



Laura Donohue (from left), volunteer coordinator for HHS; Judy Porta, president of the board; Mary Alex, bookkeeper for HHS; and Samantha Cheatham, assistant manager