

Many thanks to everyone who joined us on Friday for the official Dedication Ceremony of our Tail's End Thrift Store. We greatly appreciate the support from the Wetumpka Chamber of Commerce and Wetumpka Mayor who helped us with a grand ribbon cutting indeed! There are so many wonderful people and businesses who helped us attain our goal of a new and much larger Thrift Store and the rewards are increased earnings that all go straight to our Shelter to ensure we can continue our life-saving work for many years to come.

If you were not able to attend on Friday, we want to recognize the following people for their donation, work and support over the past five years that ensured our success: First and foremost is a special thanks to the late and very beloved Alice Louise Dorman of Elmore Township for her vision and donation that kick started our Thrift Store dream and we owe her a tremendous debt of gratitude for having such faith in our work and our future. To ensure her legacy is not forgotten, we have installed a memorial bench to the left of our store's front door for all to see.

As with any significant undertaking, we owe much to those who were so instrumental in helping us open a first-class facility so many thanks to: MADIX's Mr. Thomas B. Price; Bass Comfort Air; Tom & Twyla Walthall, IV; Bob & Judy Renault; William & Dee Hartley; ZAP Pest Control; Adam Hilyer; David Summerlin; Tommy Reid; 4 Seasons Irrigation & Landscape; David Hagood and our dedicated Board of Directors going back to 2012. Their donations and support are truly noteworthy and they all now have their names on a plaque inside the store. Thank you ALL so very much!

Of course, our Thrift Store wouldn't even be open if not for our incredible group of dedicated Volunteers who are there to receive/sort/price/place & sell donated items which is a LOT more work than many may realize. We are indeed blessed with Volunteers who are willing to work so hard as all of the 'profit' goes to our shelter to help us be there for so many pets in need. These Volunteers are running a first-class Thrift Store operation and if you have not been there to shop, you are truly missing out as there is something for everyone.

If you might be interested in volunteering in our Thrift Store there are many ways to help. Just stop by and ask for Charline or Tom or any of the other Volunteers can help answer your questions. The store is open for donations and shopping Thursday, Friday & Saturday from 9-3. There are also volunteer opportunities for sorting and pricing on Mondays and Wednesdays from about 9 am – 1 pm if that fits in your schedule a bit better.

Our donors and shoppers are the final critical links in our Thrift Store success and we are grateful for all donations we receive and can take in most anything – clothes, furniture, collectibles, books, jewelry, appliances, etc. What we CANNOT USE are stained/dirty/dry-rotted clothing, broken appliances/tools/electronics/furniture, the old style heavy televisions, old style large/heavy computer monitors, stained mattresses, obviously soiled or damaged furniture. Donations need to be brought to us during our normal operating hours of 9-3 Thu, Fri & Sat as leaving piles of items at other times can constitute unlawful dumping and sadly we come in too often to piles of 'donations' that are NOT saleable and have to be discarded at much effort and cost to the store/shelter. Items left outside are also subject to theft and the weather so please do not leave items when we are closed.

To our shoppers – you will find super deals and high-quality items at our Thrift Store. Our Volunteers take great effort in cleaning items, making sure clothes are all in good condition & checking that electronics/appliances actually work. Shoppers can feel confident in getting nice items when you come shop with us while also supporting what we think is a great cause! So what we say at our shelter is SHOP & ADOPT!