2019 Accomplishments

Funding

Because of generous people like you, Porchlight has a reserve of over $85,000 from donations and grants. This year the sanctuary also received a crucial $200,000 start-up loan that will be used to purchase property, build infrastructure, and set up medical funds for future animal residents. We’ve been able to maintain a low overhead thanks to our dedicated volunteers. This means that aside from the minimal costs associated with nonprofit administration and fundraising, all funds raised will directly impact the lives of farmed animals.

Property

This year we refined our project plans for both turn-key and raw land options through continued budget and operations research. Just this past summer we visited over 10 properties throughout Richmond's one-hour radius -- in Powhatan, Doswell, Bumpass, Goochland, Amelia, Crewe, Cumberland, and more. Because we now have enough funds to purchase property, we’re working with our realtor and searching property sale listings daily. Once the right property hits the market, we’ll be able to act quickly to secure it.

Outreach

This year we continued to share Porchlight’s mission with thousands of people through social media and at local events. It’s promising to see the number of online followers grow, creating a strong foundation of support for years to come. Please help keep the momentum going by sharing Porchlight with your friends and family!

Annual Events

We paused our annual events this year in order to focus on our primary goal of purchasing property. We’re looking forward to resuming our annual events and creating new ones once we have a physical location.

Board Development

We welcomed a new board member, Andrea Jacobson, to our team. Andrea brings her years of experience in public health and social justice activism to the board. She is currently the Advocacy Manager at public health organization Balanced and has previously worked on health equity issues with communities experiencing homelessness and hunger.

We’re eager to expand our board in 2020 in order to bring new skills and valuable voices to the organization.
Networking

We’ve continued to develop relationships within the sanctuary movement. In September we attended Farm Sanctuary’s Animal Care Conference, a 3-day event in Watkins Glen, NY with workshops that focused on farm sanctuary operations and animal care, allowing us to meet and learn from some of the movement’s most experienced sanctuary workers.

Volunteers

We’re incredibly lucky to have so many people like you register for volunteer opportunities. Currently we are in need of skilled workers and craftspeople who would be willing to work on-site once a property has been purchased. It’s very likely that Porchlight’s first property will either be raw land or a fixer-upper. We will need all hands on deck to help build infrastructure and set up utilities.

If you’d like to share your skills, please fill out our volunteer form at porchlightsanctuary.org/get-involved

MAKE A ONE TIME DONATION OR MONTHLY GIFT

Your contribution directly supports the creation of our sanctuary and educational programs.

Recurring monthly donations add up quickly and make a huge annual impact while supporting the creation of a permanent home for previously farmed animals.

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