The late Estelle Marcus’ passion and concern for animals in need lives on at Humane Indiana through the Estelle Marcus Animal Clinic and the services it provides for Northwest Indiana pet-owners.

Since its doors opened in 2011, the clinic has been offering discounted health and wellness services to local, underserved communities. Our veterinarian, clinicians, and support staff help keep family pets healthy with vaccines, microchipping, and more. The clinic has also provided more than 10,000 low-cost spay/neuter surgeries.

Estelle spent her life in the Region with her husband Bernard. She continuously gave back to the community and supported Humane Indiana. Estelle’s generosity enabled Humane Indiana to buy the property in Munster, IN and build the clinic and shelter. The clinic was one of the final acts of generosity by our longtime supporter.

“I am inspired by the vision of Estelle Marcus; she could see the possibilities,” says Lisa Carpenter, chief development officer of Humane Indiana. “She created a strong foundation for Humane Indiana through her transformational gift. Her leadership has made current and future leaders better as a result of her strength and vision for this community. Her impact has lasted well beyond her years on earth. As a leader, I can only aspire to build this team for future generations of leadership and humane animal care.”

Estelle Marcus has inspired the path for the many women leaders here at Humane Indiana: Jessica Petalas, shelter director; Nicole Harmon, wildlife director; Lisa Carpenter, chief development officer; Kimberly Romic, RVT, director of the Estelle Marcus Clinic; Mary Spear, manager of Humane Indiana Resale; Tiffany Hudson, human resource manager; Dr. Darlene Finley, and Dr. Lisa Schneider.

“Humane Indiana has a legacy of women in leadership roles,” said Jessica Petalas, shelter director. “Estelle’s vision for our future was groundbreaking at the time. I strive to contribute to the trend of progressiveness and trendsetting within animal welfare in Northwest Indiana the way she did.”

Now, 10 years since the clinic has opened, Estelle Marcus’ legacy of helping animals lives on through all who love and care for animals at Humane Indiana. Will you please consider supporting Humane Indiana’s mission with a financial contribution to the clinic? Please help local pets stay in their forever homes. Every dollar makes a difference.

DID YOU KNOW? Within 15 minutes of arriving at the Humane Indiana Shelter, the pets that we intake are given a head-to-toe exam, vaccines, and a lot of tender loving care! If needed, through our in-house pharmacy, we will treat for parasites, worms, upper respiratory infections, and more to make sure they are healthy. Before being adopted, we make sure your new furry family member is spayed/neutered and microchipped for their safety.

Recent shelter pup, Charlie, was adopted into his forever home and fits right in with his new family. “My girls named him Charlie. We have three girls and one son, so for Halloween, my girls are going to dress up as Charlie’s Angels and my son is going to be Bosley.”
MAKING AN IMPACT. LAST YEAR:

More than 11,500 LB OF PET FOOD was distributed to pet owners in need

We reunited 65 FURRY FRIENDS with their families

107 PETS WERE ADOPTED through our Home-to-Home program, meaning the dogs and cats were re-homed and never entered the shelter

EVENTS, SUMMER CAMPS, AND MORE!

Summer Camps Registration now open. Save your spot today!
Humane Indiana has a summer full of fun camps and activities for children ages 6-11 years old. Camps run June through August. Details at HumaneIndiana.org/events

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2021 9 A.M. TO 2 P.M. COMMUNITY PARK IN MUNSTER, IN
Join us for a one-mile, pet-friendly walk to help support local shelter pets. This year, there are two great ways to participate. Choose to join us in-person or participate through a virtual walk. Sign up today at HumaneIndiana.org/PawsInThePark

4TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF OWLS
Saturday, October 23, 2021
Porter County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building, 215 E. Division Rd., Valparaiso, IN
Join Humane Indiana Wildlife for a family-friendly day of wide-eyed, owl-themed fun at our 4th Annual Festival of Owls. Meet several owls, including our own ambassadors and join our line-up of owl expert guest speakers as they discuss owls native to Indiana. Tickets go on sale soon! Visit HumaneIndiana.org

GALA 2021: 80TH ANNIVERSARY
Saturday, November 6, 2021
5pm-9pm
Avon Manor, 3550 E. Lincoln Hwy., Merrillville, IN
Mark your calendar and don't miss Humane Indiana’s 80th Anniversary celebration Gala. Help us celebrate 80 YEARS OF SERVICE to help homeless pets and orphaned and injured wildlife. Join us for an evening of animals and honoring the good that we do together.