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### **Rec Department High School Committee Collects for Humane Society Collection Boxes at Village Facilities through March 13<sup>th</sup>**

ORLAND PARK, IL – The Orland Park Recreation Department High School Committee is doing its part to help animals housed at the South Suburban Humane Society in Chicago Heights. The group has organized a community wide collection for the society, placing collection boxes at the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, Franklin Loebe Center, Sportsplex, Civic Center and Cultural Center.

“We have a great group of high school students who want to be involved with helping the community,” said Orland Park Recreation Program Supervisor Stephanie Simpson. “The group chooses who they want to help and they get to work right away,” she added.

According to the Humane Society, the top three items needed are Purina Kitten Food, Lysol Disinfectant Wipes and paper towels. Needed items also include Purina Cat/Kitten Food, Purina Puppy/Dog Chow, newspapers, litter pans, cat condos, large rugs and blankets, Kongs and other dog toys, cat toys, Kuranda Dog Beds, KMR Kitten Formula, Esbilac Puppy Formula and Frontline Flea Protection.

“Our committee has done volunteer work at the South Suburban Humane Society so they’ve seen firsthand what this group does and what they need,” said Janine Hozzian, the committee’s moderator for the Recreation Department.

Small animal care items include rabbit and guinea pig food, timothy hay and bedding. Cleaning items needed include 55 gallon trash bags, Lysol and disinfectant wipes, Windex, brooms and dust pans, paper towels, hand sanitizer, bleach, liquid laundry detergent and dish soap. Office supplies needed include 8 ½ x 11 copy paper, postage stamps, Kleenex, Scotch tape, permanent markers, highlighters, staplers and staples. The group also accepts gift cards from WalMart, Ultra, gas cards, Office Max, Office Depot and Sam’s Club. All contributions are tax deductible.

“We’re collecting through March 13<sup>th</sup> and then our high school committee members will deliver the items collected and volunteer at the facility,” Hozzian said. “Our members really enjoy volunteering at this facility because they are very appreciative of the kids’ efforts,” she added.

Employees of the Village of Orland Park will help the High School Committee’s efforts, holding a business casual day to benefit the Humane Society. “We’re grateful for everyone’s help,” Simpson.

Further information about the teens’ collection is available by calling Simpson at 708/364-0682.