

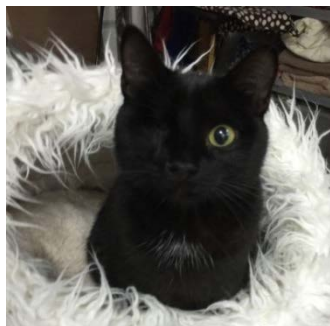
H/3 Foundation Partners with Blind Hope Cat Sanctuary to Save Animals No One Else Will



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A multi-year H/3 grant sustains the Northwest Arkansas sanctuary's mission to rescue and care for blind, elderly and other special-needs cats

STAMFORD, Conn., October 3, 2023 -- It started as a one-woman mission. On a seven-acre property in Northwest Arkansas, Leticia Stivers built Blind Hope Cat Sanctuary to give a permanent, cage-free home to the cats that others turn away – the blind, the elderly, the FIV-positive and the injured. Since 2021, a multi-year grant from H/3 Foundation Inc. has sustained the sanctuary's core operations, funding the staff that provides this small organization with the means to help the special-needs cats that no one else will. What began as one woman's compassion and entrepreneurial spirit has grown, with H/3's support, into a lifeline for cats who would otherwise be left to die or euthanized.



Stivers originally launched a feral-cat and Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program at the Austin Humane Society in 2007, before relocating to Arkansas and building the sanctuary on her own land. Under a multi-year grant, H/3's support funds the staffing that allows Stivers to focus on what she does best: rescuing and caring for more cats. Blind Hope accepts special-needs cats only from local shelters, rescues and TNR groups, and pairs its rescue work with spay/neuter advocacy and educational workshops on TNR and the care of orphaned kittens, all aimed at reducing the burden on shelters and preventing euthanasia.

"Every cat here was out of options," said Leticia Stivers, Founder and Executive Director of Blind Hope Cat Sanctuary. "These are the blind, the elderly, the ones a shelter would put down for lack of space or resources. H/3's support gave me the staff to keep our doors open and our standards high – which means I can say 'yes' to more cats who have nowhere else to go. H/3's belief in this work has been transformative."

That impact is measured one cat at a time. Tiny Tim, found in a parking lot at four weeks old with ruptured eyes, healed to become the sanctuary's fearless "official welcoming committee" for new arrivals. Cocoa, rescued blind and gravely ill, recovered fully and was adopted by one of the sanctuary's own volunteers. Others, like Holly – blinded by cataracts before she was two – have found a forever home at the sanctuary itself. With H/3's multi-year grant, Blind Hope has been able to give each of them the care they deserve, and both organizations hope to continue and grow the partnership in the years ahead.

"At H/3, we believe that every animal's life has value, including – and in many ways, especially – the special souls whom the rest of the world has written off," said Spencer B. Haber, Founder and Chairman of H/3 Foundation. "Leticia has led with her empathy for the cats that no one else would take, building a home for them, one rescue at a time. Backing a mission-driven organization like Blind Hope is exactly the kind of direct-action work H/3 exists to do, and we are proud to help her do more of it."

About H/3 Foundation:

Founded by Spencer B. Haber in 2014, H/3 Foundation Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to creating game-changing progress for farm animals, wildlife and companion animals globally. To that end, H/3 creates, funds and supports a wide array of media content and storytelling, as well as humane education initiatives, direct action projects and animal rescue and first-responder organizations worldwide.

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About Blind Hope Cat Sanctuary:

Founded by Leticia Stivers, Blind Hope Cat Sanctuary is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in Northwest Arkansas that provides a permanent, cage-free home for special-needs cats deemed "unadoptable" by other shelters – cats who are blind, injured, FIV-positive or elderly, many rescued from euthanasia or through Trap-Neuter-Return. Guided by a mission of "Caring ...

Advocating ... Educating," the sanctuary also promotes spay/neuter and TNR, and offers educational workshops to reduce the burden on shelters and prevent euthanasia.

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