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Happy Fall Everyone
As the crisp autumnal air is upon us, we are all thinking about the OSA Holiday Show. But before we all get bogged down with our individual set ups & products, I'd like to talk about part of the show that a lot of us as vendors don't think about.

As a nonprofit organization based in the Ocean State, we believe in helping charitable groups that are dedicated to serving fellow Rhode Islanders. We embody what the season is supposed to be about...love & giving.

Last year's 2022 holiday show was a huge success, we collected 4444 pounds of food for the Rhode Island Community Food Bank & gave our charities \$12,396.

The show committee elves are working hard to make this year's charitable donations even bigger. While you are busily making your sales all the door proceeds are being collected for our 5 charities.

I know we all get caught up in our own busy stressful holiday routines but I am proud to be part of an organization that not only puts on a great show for its members, but simultaneously gives back to its community.

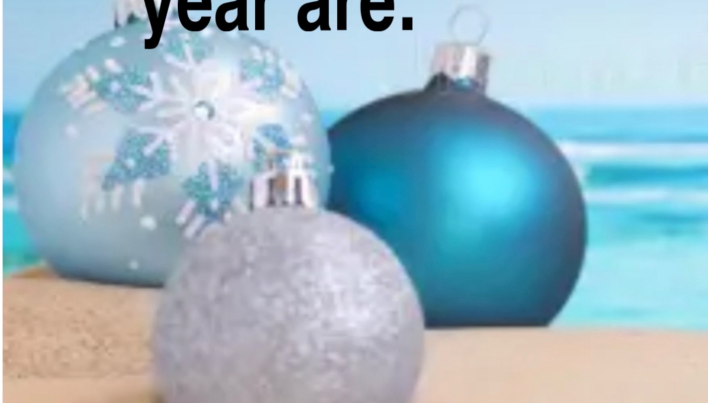
During this holiday show season I wish you all a heart light with joy & pockets heavy with coins.

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Rhode Home Rescue

Our charities this year are:



Rhode Home Rescue specializes in rescuing dogs from unhealthy situations – be it kill shelters, incapable owners, and surrenders – and finding them the 'forever' homes they deserve. At Rhode Home, we fully believe that adopting a rescue not only save them, but saves you too!

Our Organization

Rhode Home Rescue is an all volunteer, non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization whose volunteers have many years of rescue experience.

Project Hand Up

A *hand up*, not a handout

Project Hand Up (PHU) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that helps people of all walks of life shop for groceries for a suggested donation that helps to stretch their paycheck, so they do not have to choose between eating and paying bills.

Our mission is to support those tackling challenging times with food assistance, no questions asked.

For a small \$6 donation shoppers receive about \$200 worth of groceries and maintain their dignity.

PHU is not just for the homeless and the impoverished, it is for all. Many will not stand in a food pantry line and therefore go without. Times are tough for everyone and this program is a win-win, as we rescue food that would otherwise go to waste.



Sweet Binks

Sweet Binks is a long time animal rescue in Foster, Rhode Island and we are celebrating our 21st year in 2023. Started as primarily a domestic rabbit and farm animal rescue in 2002, Sweet Binks became a very successful rescue. But in 2017, we turned our primary mission to wildlife rehabilitation for injured or orphaned wildlife in northern Rhode Island. There is a great need for both but wildlife rehabilitation was the path we decided to ultimately take. We sadly, are no longer assisting domestic rabbits to protect both wild and domestic rabbits from RHDV. Sweet Binks is state and federally permitted for most all species of wildlife but specializes in fawns (Sweet Binks is currently rehabilitating all RI orphaned/injured fawns), RVS (rabies vector species such as skunks and bats) and songbirds and raptors. We are narrowing our focus of long term rehabilitation to these species but are available for intake for all species in need.



Maggie's Pet Pantry

Lucy's Hearth

At Lucy's Hearth, our team is passionate about helping children and their families who are experiencing homelessness due to economic hardship, family crisis, divorce, eviction, and severe shortage of safe, affordable housing. Our primary goal is to foster independence and help the residents gain the life skills necessary to find stable housing and prevent future homelessness.

Our Mission:

To help people feed their pets. It's our goal to provide care for the animals of the community and maintain an active part in the welfare of pets and their owners.

Maggie's is helping about 40 people per month and one new person every week. We provide support and assistance to those who are having trouble providing for their pets during difficult economic times.

