

# Sandbox Gazette

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Welcome to the last Sandbox Gazette for 2023. In this edition we will offer the calendar of events, tell you a heartwarming story about a cat of The Tenth Life, eulogize a favorite cat at The Tenth Life, make three pleas, supply the cats' Christmas wish list, bring you up to date on the outcome of the auction and dinner and mum sale, provide the status of the three-dollar fund, inform you about a system update, identify various ways of making donations to The Tenth Life at year-end and all during the year, display the 2023 original-design Christmas card, suggest Christmas gift ideas, furnish the information and order blank for the holiday greenery and plants, give the data for the Thanksgiving and Christmas pie sales, advise you about the holiday bazaars, Christmas bake sale, and pictures with Santa, show the monthly supply donations list, notify you about the past, current and future fund raisers, and present reminders.

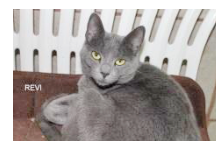
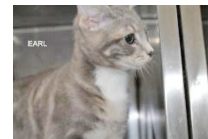
## Calendar of Events

\$3.00 Campaign Ongoing	Now
CFC & UW Campaigns Begin	Sept
Wreath & Plant Orders Due	Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>
Thanksgiving Pie Orders Due	Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>
Thanksgiving Pie Pickup	Nov 18 <sup>th</sup>
Bazaar/Greenery/Plant Pickup	Nov 25 <sup>th</sup>
Christmas Pie Orders Due	Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Pictures with Santa	Dec 9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Bazaar, Pie Sale/Bake Sale	Dec 16 <sup>th</sup>

## Feature Cats

We are happy to tell you that two of the previous feature cats have been adopted. Elmer and Edna have both been adopted to loving homes and are very happy and well adjusted. Unfortunately, Clark has not been adopted. He is black and white with long hair and super friendly and playful.

The feature cats for this newsletter are Carrie and Earl, Midnight, and Revy. Carrie (a blue cream) and Earl (a gray tabby) are sister and brother and were found at Eastwood Lake in a Rubbermaid tote. They were only about eight weeks old. A kind person found them but was leaving on vacation in a few days and was going to put them back at Eastwood Lake if we could not take them. Carrie has extra toes on her front feet, but her brother does not. They are both short hair and are about five months old and love attention. They love laps.



Midnight is a long hair tiger who is about eight years old. His Mom died, and he had no place to go. He had a difficult time adjusting to his new environment, but now is a happy boy. His favorite pastime is eating canned food. He begs for it and loves it. He is still a little shy of strangers, but warms up quickly. He needs a quiet home where he can slowly adjust and be loved.

Revy is a short hair gray girl who is about three years old. She has a super shiny coat and is a small girl. She was found as a stray about a year ago. She gets along great with the other cats in her room and loves to play with a toy or with her roommates. Watching the outside wildlife is one of her favorite pastimes. She likes the top of the cat tree for her afternoon naps.

Of course, all of the cats are spayed or neutered, blood tested for viruses, treated for internal and external parasites, and loved. Please call our number to schedule an appointment to see these cats or any others at The Tenth Life. They will enrich your life.

## **Heartwarming Story**

Our heartwarming story for this newsletter is about Juan. He is a tiger boy who is about one year old. He came to The Tenth Life with his lower jaw and chin ripped open, and he could barely eat. Even with such a horrible injury he was still purring and being lovey. His chin was repaired as well as possible with such an injury. There was so little healthy tissue to use that it made the surgery very difficult. His chin will never be normal, but it is healthy and healing nicely. He has been adopted to a couple with another cat from The Tenth Life and is loving being cuddled and spoiled. When his adopters visited The Tenth Life, he immediately climbed in their laps and began rubbing and purring. That sealed the deal for his adoption. He is a true sweetheart and deserves a home where he is loved. We are very happy for him.

## **Eulogy**

For those of you who have visited The Tenth Life, you probably met Alex. He was a handsome orange and white cat who arrived at The Tenth Life when he was six weeks old. He had suffered a tail injury that had ripped his tail off of his body. He was found in a corn field so we never knew whether he was caught in farm equipment or someone abused him and cut off his tail. He arrived in 2008 with a massive wound where his tail had been. After a great deal of treatment, the wound healed, however, he could not pass urine or stool by himself. We had to express his urine and stool twice daily to help him. He never complained and was a very happy kitty. He played like any other kitty and loved everyone who entered his room. When visitors arrived he was the first to greet them and climb onto their laps. He was everyone's favorite cat. About a year ago, he started with kidney disease, but continued to do well with treatment. Unfortunately, on August 8, we lost our precious Alex. His room seems so empty without him even though there are other cats in the room. Alex had a special place in our hearts and will be forever missed. His picture is on the wall in this room to remind us of the fantastic cat that he was. Thank you, Alex, for being our special friend.

## **Three Pleas**

With all of the sales we have had we are in desperate need of more people to crochet catnip toys. A couple of people have offered to make toys, but their schedules have changed and they have not been able to make any. If you have toys you have already made please, get them to us for the Yellow Springs Street Fair on October 14<sup>th</sup> and the upcoming bazaars. If you would be able to crochet toys for us, please let us know. We have patterns, yarn, and catnip. We understand patterns are abundantly available on line. We usually have mice, balls, fish, octopi, snakes, turtles, birds, bumble bees, door hangers or any other design that the cats will like. If it has catnip, the owners will buy and the cats will love. We are currently completely out of catnip toys and with Street Fair only about two weeks away, we are desperate for toys. The toys are our best sellers.

The second plea is for craft items for our bazaars. We have sold so many of our craft items that we really need a new supply. All types of handmade items are popular. We love to have a variety for our customers. Please help.

The other plea is for bakers for the holiday bake sale. The lady who lives in Tennessee and bakes the majority of the baked goods, is having some health problems and is not sure how many varieties she can bake this year. She usually bakes about forty varieties. We need several bakers to help supplement what she is able to do. We usually have cookies, candies, brownies, cakes and cupcakes. Any variety is great. We love to have a huge selection. If you love to bake, please help!

## **Cats' Christmas Wish List**

The wish list for this year has five requests. The first is for financial donations to the general fund. This is the fund that is used to cover medical expenses, utility costs, insurance, and other day to day operational costs of The Tenth Life. These funds are used strictly for the cats.

The second request is also for financial support. The emergency fund that we started to help owners who

could not afford life-saving treatments/surgeries, is slowly growing, but additional funds would be very helpful. There is so much need for this help as costs have risen so greatly that many people love their pets but cannot afford any kind of emergency care. We would like to be able to provide financial help to more people with this care. Your contributions would make this possible. The fund currently has forty-five hundred dollars. Contributors of financial assistance are provided with acknowledgement letters for tax purposes.

The next request is for more volunteers to care for the cats rooms. The volunteers scoop litter boxes, clean and change water bowls, add food, change linens, mop floors, and give the cats lots of attention. Most volunteers work one day per week and the average is about two hours per day. The cats love the attention and appreciate their clean rooms. The volunteers receive lots of love from the cats and the satisfaction of knowing they are enriching the cats' lives and their own. They give you relaxation and comfort. Please consider volunteering. It takes ten volunteers per day to clean the entire facility.

The third wish is for supplies that we use on a daily basis. They include: paper towels, wipes, bleach, canned food ( Friskies, Fancy Feast), Iams Indoor dry food, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, etc. Your donation of these items saves funds and our time that would be spent shopping. They can be delivered to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation. If you need pick up, we can make arrangements.

The last wish is for more sponsors for the cats so that more of them have a special friend. The cost is only ten dollars per month and you help a special cat. We can pick a cat for you based on your desires or you can visit and pick one for yourself. We send a picture and a letter from the cat to you with the cat's history and life at The Tenth Life. The monthly fee can be paid monthly, or any other way.

### **Dinner and Auction**

The dinner and auction was held on August 20<sup>th</sup> at Bergamo Center. We served over two hundred meals of

lasagna provided by Belmont Catering. We thank them for their help with this event. The lasagna was delicious as always and the auction tables were loaded with amazing items at fantastic prices. There were nearly sixty tables of items for our customers' shopping pleasure. We earned slightly over thirty thousand dollars for the cats with this event. We thank Bergamo Center for the use of their facility, which is beautiful, and all of the help and cooperation they provided. In addition, The Tenth Life cats thank all of the volunteers who worked so hard to make this a fun event for everyone who attended. Without the help of all the businesses and supporters who contributed items or gift cards (we had four hundred), this fund raiser would not have been possible. It was our most profitable dinner and auction.

We know that checkout was still a burdensome experience, and we hope to design a better and faster method for the next event. Unfortunately, a couple of volunteers who usually helped with the tabulation of the bid sheets and the checkout were not available this year which made the process slower. We apologize for this, but it is a time consuming task with so many tables to close and so many bid sheets to total by bid number. We are trying to determine a more efficient method.

We have the event scheduled for next year on August 18<sup>th</sup>. It will again be at the Bergamo Center.

### **Mum Sale**

The annual mum sale was September 16<sup>th</sup>. We sold three hundred and twenty-two mums at a profit of over eleven hundred dollars for the cats. The mums were provided by Furst Florist and Garden Center and, as always, were huge and gorgeous. Everyone was impressed with the size and the price. We thank our customers who made the sale a success for the cats.

### **Three-Dollar Fund**

The current status of the three-dollar fund is thirty-six thousand three hundred dollars. We thank everyone who has contributed to this fund. This fund truly helps with

the cost of the day to day operations of The Tenth Life. It helps to supplement the general fund. If you have not donated to this fund, we would still appreciate your contribution. With the increase in costs of food and litter and medical supplies, every penny really helps to continue to provide quality care for the cats.

## System Update

The condition of the water at The Tenth Life has always been a problem. The water supply is from our private well. Anyone familiar with Beavercreek water knows that water in this area is very hard and very loaded with iron. Although we have always had water softeners, there has always been a problem with water bowls having a brown film from the water. Of course, this is not the best water for the cats. One volunteer for many months brought hundreds of bottles of water every week for the cats. This was a time-consuming, hard effort to do. After a while, he decided it was too much to do. The water over time had become even worse, and we had to take action. After getting several estimates and much advice, we have had a new softener installed with several filters of different types to improve the water. The water is now clear and does not have the strong odor that it once had. We are so happy to have better water for the cats. The cost was nearly four thousand dollars but it was worth it for the health and welfare of the cats.

## Ways to Donate to The Tenth Life

We know that many people prefer to make annual donations during the holidays. There are so many ways for you to donate any time and have a tax deduction.

The first way you can donate is a direct donation by check or cash to our post office box. You can also establish an automatic donation from your checking account if you do on-line banking. You register the information for The Tenth Life, and the bank will send a check. The check can be sent as often as you designate.

The second is through our web site. Donations can be made through **Just Giving** by credit card. There is a

purple box on the home page that says “**donate.**” It will take you to the page where donations can be made. It gives you the opportunity of giving a one-time donation or a recurring donation which is charged to your credit card. The donation can be any amount.

The Tenth Life is a Thrivent Choice organization. Thrivent Choice is a member-advised program that allows eligible members to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes part of its charitable outreach funds each year. When eligible Thrivent Financial members direct Choice Dollars to a charitable organization, Thrivent forwards these dollars to that charity. If you are a member please consider The Tenth Life for donations or contact Thrivent to enroll.

Memorial donations can be made when a friend, a relative or a pet passes away. It is a thoughtful way to memorialize the person or pet. This is being done more and more, rather than sending flowers. Unfortunately, the flowers do not last, but a donation to The Tenth Life will make a huge difference in the lives of the cats living here. The family will be notified of your memorial donation (not amount), and you will receive a letter for tax purposes.

Many companies encourage their employees to donate to charities. In an effort to further this policy, many of the companies will match your donations to the charities. Some even double or triple your donation amount. This is a wonderful way to help The Tenth Life and make your donations even larger without any further outlay of your funds. It is a good idea to check with your employer to see if they offer such a program. If they do, they usually have a form that the charity needs to complete and return to the company. You can send the form with your donation, and we will finish the process. These corporate donations really help with the funding. Many of you make holiday donations, and this is a way to make your donation even larger.

If you have reached the age where you must take a qualified distribution from an IRA, you can have this distribution check made payable to The Tenth Life. You will not be taxed on this amount as you would if the distribution were made payable to you. This is a win-win



situation for you in that you do not pay taxes on the donation and the cats receive the funding.

## 2023 Christmas Card

Here is the 2023 original-design Christmas card designed by a talented volunteer. You can see the front of the card and the inside message below. There are ten cards and envelopes per package, and they sell for five dollars. We can ship them to you for an additional four dollars for postage. We thank the artist for this cute card.



## Gift Suggestions

We have a few suggestions for gifts for your cat-loving friends and relatives. The cards mentioned above and the note cards make great gifts. Both are five dollars for ten cards.

Our selection of t-shirts, polo shirts, and sweatshirts make excellent gifts and help to promote the work of The Tenth Life. See the section on current fund raisers for colors and prices for these items.

For your gift needs for your furry friends, we hope to have a huge selection of catnip toys. We usually have both crocheted and fabric toys available. They are all handmade by volunteers and have a nice supply of fresh catnip in each toy.

Sponsoring a cat is another idea for a holiday gift. This is an innovative idea that will impress your gift recipient. They will not be receiving a gift that they have no use for or place to put it, and the cat receives the help.

Another idea is to make a monetary donation in honor of a friend or relative as a Christmas gift. We will send a holiday greeting to tell them of your generous, thoughtful

donation (not amount). In addition, we will send you an acknowledgement letter for your charitable donation.

See the current fund raisers section for more information about many of these suggestions. Please remember that all donations are tax-deductible.

## Holiday Wreath, Roping, and Plant Sale

With the Christmas holiday quickly approaching, you will want to think about your holiday greenery and plant needs. We are again offering wreaths, roping, and Christmas plants. The wreaths, roping, and plants are being supplied by Furst Florist and Garden Center. The order blank is in this newsletter. Please refer to it for sizes of wreaths, types and sizes of plants and their respective prices. Also on the order blank is the white pine roping sold by the foot. Again, this year we have grave wreath display stands. Please send your order with payment to The Tenth Life by **November 11<sup>th</sup>**. Pick up date is **November 25<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00am-5:00pm. We will have extras, but for the best selection, please preorder.

## Holiday Pie Sales

Also in this newsletter is the order blank for the Thanksgiving and Christmas pie sales. The pies are from Mehaffies Pie Peddler. They are ten dollars for the regular pies and eleven dollars for the special pies. We need your order for Thanksgiving pies by **November 4<sup>th</sup>** for pick-up on **November 18<sup>th</sup>**. For Christmas pies, the orders are needed by **December 2<sup>nd</sup>**, and the pies will be available on **December 16<sup>th</sup>**. Please send payment with your orders. These pies are delicious, and you can save many hours of preparation and help the cats. You can get different flavors to offer your family and friends a nice variety. We will have extras available, but we may not have all flavors. Pre-ordering is the best.

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## Holiday Bazaars

The two holiday bazaars at The Tenth Life will be on Saturday, **November 25<sup>th</sup>** and **December 16<sup>th</sup>** from

10:00am-5:00pm. We hope to have a nice selection of catnip toys, apparel for The Tenth Life, collectibles, cards, cat motif items, etc., and hopefully some new craft items for your shopping pleasure. Come and do your Christmas shopping for your cat-loving friends. If these dates are not convenient, we do leave the displays up between bazaars, and you can shop during our hours of operation, but not other hours.

**Holiday Bake Sale**

The Christmas bake sale is on Saturday, **December 16<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00am-5:00pm. We always have baked goods left at the end of the day; therefore, if you would like to come after this date we can still satisfy your needs for baked goods before Christmas. We usually have about fifty varieties of baked goods, including cookies, candy, cakes, and cupcakes for this sale. The better the variety, the better the sales are for the cats. We should have our usual bakers, but can always use more items. Buying from our sale will save you many hours in the kitchen and provide you with a larger variety of baked goods. Donations of baked goods can be brought to The Tenth Life from 3:00-6:00pm on Friday or on Saturday morning from 9:00-10:00am. As always you make your selection and make a donation. These delicious baked goods also make excellent gifts for friends and family. Many people would rather receive delicious homemade baked goods than a gift that they will never use.

**Pictures with Santa**

We are doing pictures with Santa at the Pet Supplies Plus in Beavercreek, Kettering, and Centerville on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:00pm. The cost is ten dollars for a picture of your favorite pet with Santa. The picture will be in a picture-frame folder.

**Monthly Supply Donations**

These supplies we use on a daily basis. Any can be donated in any month. They will save the cats funds for

other important needs. They can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation. Thank you.

October	Wipes (Clorox, Lysol, Sam’s, etc.)
November	Bleach
December	Friskies/Fancy Feast canned food

**Past Fund Raisers**

Since the last newsletter, we have had three fund raisers. The first was the lasagna dinner and auction which has already been discussed. The second was the Beavercreek Popcorn Festival. We raised over three thousand dollars for the cats with the sale of catnip toys, apparel of The Tenth Life, cat merchandise, rubber ducks, and miscellaneous items. The biggest sellers were the catnip toys and rubber ducks. We thank everyone who shopped at our booth and all of the workers who made the event great. The third event was the mum sale.

**Current Fund Raisers**

The current fund raisers are ongoing throughout the year to help fund the needs of the cats. Any assistance that you can provide will be a great help.

Our penny fund is still ongoing. Please save pennies or any other change for the cats. There is no need to wrap the pennies as we love doing that for the cats.

Please continue shopping at Dorothy Lane Markets and Kroger. If you have registered with these stores as a supporter of The Tenth Life, your purchases will contribute to the amount that these stores donate to The Tenth Life. If you have not registered as a supporter of the cats, but do shop at either of these stores, please consider registering as a supporter. It is easy to register and is a big help to our funding. At the beginning of next year, please remember to re-register at Dorothy Lane Markets as they require an annual registration.

We have a nice selection of short (\$20.00) and long-sleeve (\$25.00) t-shirts, polo shirts (\$25.00) and

sweatshirts (\$30.00). Sizes are S/M/L/XL/XXL&XXXL. Of course we do not have every size in every color.

We hope to have our selection of catnip toys replenished. We usually have crocheted catnip mice, fish, birds, turtles, bumble bees, octopi, snakes (\$4.00), small and large balls (\$2.00) and catnip door hangers (a crocheted ball on the end of a crocheted hanger) (\$6.00). There are also catnip mats (\$10.00), small fleece throws, (\$5.00) and bags of dried catnip (\$3.00).

Pet Hair Magnets (\$15.00), and Furminators (\$25.00) are available for your pet needs. The Pet Hair Magnets are wonderful for removing pet hair, and the Furminators work wonders for grooming your pet and removing mats.

Our note cards are great for writing your friends or they make excellent gifts for your cat-loving friends. There are ten cards and envelopes for five dollars. The front of the card is a cat face and the inside is blank.

These items make excellent gifts for your cat friends and their people. All of these items are available at The Tenth Life or by mail with the **additional amount shown below for postage**. We know that you will love any of these items.

T-shirts (Long or Short Sleeve)	\$5.00
Polos & Sweatshirts	\$5.00
Catnip Toys & Note Cards,	\$4.00
Pet Hair Magnets, Furminators,	\$6.00

## Future Fund Raisers

Please visit our booth at the Yellow Springs Street Fair on October 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be across from speedway.

The newsletter with the order blank for the plant sale will be sent in January or February. The plants will again be provided by Furst Florist and Garden Center.

## Reminders

We appreciate your saving ink cartridges, and aluminum for the cats. We redeem the ink cartridges for rewards to purchase office supplies. The aluminum can be any type of aluminum. Any of these can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation. The ink cartridges can be sent to the P.O. box.

### Hours of Operation:

**4:00-7:00pm Monday-Thursday**  
**3:00-6:00pm Friday**  
**10:00am-5:00pm on Saturday**  
**10:00-5:00pm on Sunday**

### Phone Number:

**(937) 376-5550**

### Address

**The Tenth Life**  
**P.O. Box 178**  
**Alpha, Ohio 45301**

### Website:

**thetenthlife.org**

## The Tenth Life Pie Sale



Orders, with payment, must be received by November 4, 2023 (Thanksgiving) or December 2, 2023 (Christmas)



Type of Pie (\$10.00 each)	Qty-	Thanksgiving	Xmas	\$
Apple				
Cherry				
Peach				
Dutch Apple				
Pecan				
Blueberry				
Coconut Cream				
Chocolate Cream				
Lemon Meringue				

**Totals**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Pies available at The Tenth Life on Nov 18, 2023  
 (Thanksgiving)/ Dec. 16, 2023 (Christmas)



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## CHRISTMAS GREENERY



- THE TENTH LIFE HAS CHRISTMAS WREATHS, WHITE PINE ROPING, AND PLANTS.
- MIXED WESTERN (22" OR 30" OUTSIDE DIAMETER), WHICH IS A SHORT AND LONG NEEDLE FIR.
- GREAT FOR INSIDE OR OUTSIDE USE (WITH RED BOW AND PINE CONES).
- 27" WREATH STANDS FOR GRAVES AVAILABLE.
- WHITE PINE ROPING CUT TO DESIRED LENGTH.
- CYCLAMEN AND CHRISTMAS CACTUS IN 4.5" AND 6" POTS, AND IN 8" HANGING BASKETS.
- ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE TENTH LIFE BY NOVEMBER 11 2023
- AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP AT THE TENTH LIFE ON NOVEMBER 25, 2023
- TO ORDER, USE THE FORM BELOW TO INDICATE HOW MANY OF EACH YOU WOULD LIKE.
- **PLEASE INCLUDE PAYMENT WITH YOUR ORDER.**

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_____ 22" MIXED WESTERN @ \$30.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ 30" MIXED WESTERN @ \$38.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ ROPING @ \$.80 PER FOOT(CUT TO LENGTH)	\$ _____
_____ CYCLAMEN (4.5" Pot) @ \$9.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ CHRISTMAS CACTUS (4.5" Pot) @ \$9.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ CYCLAMEN (6" Pot) @ \$13.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ CHRISTMAS CACTUS(6" Pot) @ \$13.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ CYCLAMEN (8" Basket) @ \$20.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ CACTUS (8" Basket) @\$20.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ WREATH STAND 27" @\$5.00 EACH	\$ _____

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_