

If you would like to see any of these cats or any of the other cats at The Tenth Life, please call us for an appointment. You can enrich their lives, and they will enrich yours. They are all great cats who need homes for the rest of their lives. They promise to be loving, gentle cats who will give you many precious moments of joy.

Act of Kindness

One of our volunteers is a teacher at JFK Elementary in Kettering. She decided to coordinate an effort with the assistance of the Helping Hands group to collect pennies for the cats. They asked the students to bring in pennies for our penny fund. They collected over sixty pounds of pennies with a value of two hundred ninety-three dollars and twenty-six cents. The Tenth Life cats appreciate their help so much and say a huge thank-you for their kindness and generosity

2010 Wrap-up

The 2010 wrap-up is provided for your information to give you a better idea about the operation of the Tenth Life and its accomplishments. Here are just a few of the data points about The Tenth Life for 2010. We had a very busy, productive year for the cats.

Adoptions	309
Sponsor cats	231
Volunteers	89
Aluminum	\$3,124
Pennies	\$1,149
Donation Cans	\$1,241

Christmas Wish List

Our supporters were very kind and generous this holiday season. They satisfied all of the cats' requests on the wish list. We thank everyone who contributed to the cats' needs this year.

The cats asked for new volunteers, and they have two new people to help take care of them. The cats are so happy because every new volunteer provides more love and more petting plus more cleaning for their areas. We welcome the new volunteers and thank all of the volunteers for their continued support and care of the cats. If you would like to volunteer, please call us to get more information. It only takes a few hours a week to make a huge difference in the lives of the cats at The Tenth Life.

The general operating fund received nearly thirty-five thousand dollars in donations as a result of the request on the wish list. This is a huge amount, and we promise to use the funds for the direct benefit of the cats. Thank you very much for your support.

The donations of supplies were outstanding as always. We received food, litter, toys, detergents, wipes, paper towels, soap, toilet paper, mops, etc. All of these donations save general operating funds for other purposes and help the cats' funds to go further. Thank you.

Seven more of the cats have sponsors and feel very grateful for the support provided to them. They are now among the elite cats of The Tenth Life who are sponsored. This brings the total number of sponsored cats to 231. The rest of the cats are jealous that they are not sponsored and wish that you would consider helping them with your sponsorship. For only ten dollars per month, you can sponsor a cat and help it to feel special. You can visit The Tenth Life and choose your cat to sponsor or we can choose one for you based on your preferences. You will receive a letter and a picture from your chosen cat, with updates every six months until the cat is adopted. This will be the best ten dollars per month that you have ever spent. The sponsorship can be paid monthly or any way that you prefer. Please consider sponsoring a cat.

Their last request was for more donations to the x-ray fund. This year we received donations totaling eleven hundred dollars. This brings the total fund to thirty-one hundred dollars. We thank everyone who has contributed to this fund. We will continue saving until

our goal is met, and we can purchase the new x-ray machine. This intent is fine as long as the old x-ray machine continues working.

Speedy Rewards

To date, our wonderful supporters have transferred nearly two hundred thousand Speedy Reward points (one person gave half of these) from Speedway gas stations to The Tenth Life. We will be using the rewards to purchase Visa gift cards that we can use at any business to purchase supplies, etc for the cats. With a few more points, we will be able to receive two one-hundred-dollar cards. If you have Speedy Reward points that you want to transfer, you can call 1-800-643-1948 or go to their website and transfer your points to the following card – 404440 098106 in the name of Jerry Kerns. They would not issue a card in the name of The Tenth Life as we do not have a fleet of cars for The Tenth Life. This is an easy, no-cost-to-you way of helping the cats. If you have extra points please consider transferring them.

Monthly Supply Donations

The list of monthly supply donations that can be contributed to The Tenth Life is shown below. The donations can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation shown at the end of the newsletter. If you cannot bring them to us, we can arrange for pick-up. We appreciate your help with these needs.

January	Paper Towels
February	Clorox/Lysol Wipes
March	Mops & Replacement Heads
April	Brooms
May	Postage Stamps
June	Bleach
July	Paper Towels
August	70% Isopropyl Alcohol
September	Clorox/Lysol Wipes
October	Paper Towels
November	Bleach
December	2012 Cat Calendars

Heating /Air Conditioning Repairman

We had a huge response to our request for a heating/air conditioning repairman. Ten repairmen offered their assistance to our needs at varying prices. Two nice repairmen have offered to perform the heating and air conditioning maintenance for our cats with no charge for labor. Their offer was the best received. This is a tremendous savings for the cats. Thanks to everyone who responded to our needs. We will certainly maintain a list with the names of those who have offered to help if we need further assistance.

Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) Update

To date, The Tenth Life has received donations of sixty-five hundred dollars that our supporters gave directly to The Tenth Life rather than through CFC as a result of our problem with CFC. We are hopeful that we will receive more donations throughout 2011 to help alleviate the funding shortage caused by CFC failing to send The Tenth Life the submission package in January 2010. During 2010, The Tenth Life received over fifty-two thousand dollars through the CFC campaign the precious year. In 2011, we will not receive a penny through CFC. We will be contacting the CFC office at Wright Patterson in a few days to ascertain when the package will be sent this year and to be certain that we receive it in a timely manner to avoid the same problem happening again. We appreciate your direct donations to help with this financial shortfall. If you have any questions about this problem you may contact us for more information.

Spring Plant Sale

We are already planning our spring plant sale for your garden needs. The selection will be as in past years. We will offer bedding plants, hanging baskets, patio pots, mixed flowering pots, herbs, vegetables, and perennials. Of course, the plants will be procured from Furst Florist and Garden Center. We guarantee that the plants will be of the highest quality and the largest size. As always, if you do not see a plant that you want, you can note your

request on the order blank, and we will get the plant for you if Furst has it available. If you prefer, you can call us with your request; we will check with Furst to see if the plant is available, and get the information back to you. A few of the prices have increased due to an increase from Furst to us, but we have kept the increases to a minimum and as low as possible. Please remember to tell your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family about our plant sale. If you need more order blanks, call us, and we will be glad to send them to you or you can download the order blank from the web site. The more plants that we sell, the more profits for the cats. Last year we sold about twenty-six thousand dollars of plants with nearly half of that amount being profit. This is our biggest fund raiser, and it has grown every year. Please note, that the plants are available just in time for Mother's Day, May 8th. Any mother would be thrilled with these plants, baskets, patio pots, mixed flowering pots, etc. for her Mother's Day gift. We would like to have your **order blanks with payment by March 10th**. If you cannot meet this date for any reason, please send your order blank as soon as you can, and we will have your plants available for you. Even if you cannot send your order until almost the pick-up date, still send your order, and we will take your order from the extras that we purchase. As always, we will have two to three thousand dollars of extras available for your shopping convenience. We try to have extras of everything, but we cannot guarantee to have everything that you want; therefore pre-ordering is your best option to assure that we have all the plants that you want. Furst asks for the majority of our order by the middle of March to accommodate their order and growing requirements. We must have our complete, final order to them a few weeks before the delivery date. It takes us at least two weeks to consolidate the orders into one complete order to give to Furst. By meeting the mid-March order date to Furst, we receive a discount that allows us to keep our prices at the levels listed on the order blank. Therefore, please send your orders by the due date, but if it is not possible, send your orders to us so we can accommodate your desires and help the cats. Remember, it is never too late to send your order, but it really helps us to get your orders in a timely manner. Whenever, we receive your order we will fulfill your needs. Please help us with this fund raiser and allow us to help the needy cats of the community. **The plants**

will be available for pick-up after 4:30pm on May 3rd. The hours for pickup are 4:30-7:30pm weeknights, 10:30am-5:00pm on Saturday and 12:30-5:00pm on Sunday. Please make special note of these times and do not come at any other time as the gate could be closed or no one would be available to help you find your order. We cannot have people coming for their orders and searching through the orders for the one that they think is theirs. Orders can be messed-up so easily this way, and then our customers are unhappy with us. We try so hard to have everyone's order filled correctly, and in a convenient order that we can locate and recheck your order when you pick it up. By the time that the orders are ready for our customers, they have been filled and checked twice to try to be sure that they are correct. If customers come when there is no help, they may take part or all of an order that looks like theirs, but is not theirs and ruin our system and mess up someone else's order. Please adhere to our hours. If you simply cannot come during our hours of operation, please call us at (937) 376-5550, and we will make arrangements with you to accommodate your schedule. One more point, if you find an error in your order, please call us or bring your order back, and we will certainly correct our error. We try so hard to be sure that every order is correct, but we are human and with nearly three hundred orders, errors do occur. Please let us correct any problem so that you are one hundred percent satisfied with your plants. We will be waiting for your orders. If you have any questions about the plant sale, please call (937) 376-5550 during our hours of operation. If we do not have the answer, we will check with Furst and return your call with the needed information.

Easter Pie Sale

The order blank for the Easter pie sale is also included in this newsletter. As always, the pies will be from The Pie Peddler of Mehaffies and are absolutely delicious. They are like homemade but without the work, and you can buy several to offer your guests a wonderful selection of flavors. By buying these pies, you save yourself hours of baking time and help the cats at the same time. The price of the pies has not changed since the Thanksgiving/Christmas sales. The price is

nine dollars per pie (three dollars profit for the cats) and the selection is the same. Please have your orders, with payment, to us by **April 9th**. We must place our order shortly after that date so please get your orders to us in a timely manner. If you miss the due date, please call us at (937) 376-5550 with your order, and we will try to accommodate your request from the extras that we order. We will have extras of most flavors, but please pre-order to assure that you get the flavors that you want. The pies will be available for pick-up at The Tenth Life on **April 23rd starting at 10:00am until 5:00pm**. We will see you at the pick-up.

Easter Bake Sale

To further ease your Easter holiday dessert needs, we will also have a bake sale on **April 23rd** during the same time period. We will have a huge selection (20-30 varieties) of baked goods for your Easter dinner. Rather than pricing the baked goods, we simply have you make your selections and then make a donation to The Tenth Life. This works for you and us. It saves us time and you can pay what you think is a fair price for your selections. Please come hungry, buy lots of delicious baked goods for your guests, and help the cats. We promise the selection will be huge, and everything will be delicious. We have the best bakers as our supporters. If you would like to donate to this bake sale, please bring your donation to The Tenth Life on Friday evening, April 22nd between 4:00 and 7:00pm. Your donations of baked goods are truly appreciated by the cats.

Newsletter Distribution

Many of you have informed us of your choice of method of receiving the Sandbox Gazette – via mail or on the internet. However, the bulk of the people on the mailing list have not responded to our request. There are approximately forty-two hundred addresses on our list. We intended to begin sending the newsletter by e-mail to those who had requested this method with this newsletter. Because of the small response, we will delay this until the next newsletter. If you have not already responded to this request, please do so as soon as

possible by sending an e-mail to jlotsacats@aol.com, by calling (937) 376-5550 or by sending notification to The Tenth Life, P.O. Box 178, Alpha, Ohio 45301. Our intent is to remove everyone from the mailing list who does not respond to this request. We will assume either they did not see the request in the newsletter because they did not read the newsletter or they do not care about receiving it. We definitely do not want to take people off of the mailing list if they want to receive the newsletter, but it is a waste of our resources to be sending the newsletter to people who do not want it and/or do not read it. Reading the newsletter on the internet saves printing and mailing costs for the cats. If you do not have access to the internet or simply prefer receiving the hard copy in the mail, just tell us, and we will continue sending you a copy. Please notify us of your choice so that we do not remove someone who likes and wants the newsletter.

Past Fund Raisers

We had so many fund raisers since the last newsletter. All were very profitable for the cats. In November, we had the greenery and plant sale. Everything was sold for a profit of twelve hundred and fifty dollars. The greenery, from a wholesaler, was gorgeous and aromatic, and the plants, provided by Furst, were healthy and beautiful. The addition of the beautiful red, velvet bows provided by Unique Designs Floral Studio was the perfect complement. We thank them for their donation of the bows. We plan to offer the greenery and plants next year. Thanks to everyone who purchased these holiday items and to the volunteers who worked these sales.

The Thanksgiving pie sale produced profits of four hundred and two dollars with the sale of one hundred and fourteen pies. We thank Mehaffies Pie Peddler for making the sale possible and profitable. Thanks to everyone who purchased pies.

We had our first holiday bazaar on November 27th and continued selling our merchandise through the second sale on December 18th. The second sale coincided with the Christmas bake sale. The cats earned over five thousand dollars in profits from the bazaars and the bake

sale. This was the most successful year ever for these sales. Last year's sale produced forty-two hundred dollars of profits. Thank you to everyone who made purchases and donations to these sales. For the bake sale, we had fifty-seven varieties of cookies, candies, breads, cakes, etc. No one could believe the selection of items that we offered. A huge thank you to everyone who donated baked goods. All of the bake sale items were delicious. We received so many compliments on the baked goods. Some people came back two and three times for more baked goods. We are so fortunate to have such great bakers who support our cause.

The December pie sale was the best sale of pies we have ever had for Christmas. We sold one hundred and nineteen pies for a profit of four hundred and seventeen dollars. Thanks to all our pie purchasers.

On December 11th, 12th, 18th, and 19th, The Tenth Life participated in the "Pictures With Santa" at four Complete Petmarts in the Dayton area. Volunteers from The Tenth Life were Santa and his picture-taking helper. For the eight days at the four locations, we made fourteen hundred and fifty two dollars. This is slightly less (thirty-two dollars) than last year, but on the first Sunday this year, the weather did not cooperate. We were thrilled with the proceeds and thank Complete Petmart, the Santas, and the helpers for this fund raiser. Everyone had a great time.

Current Fund Raisers

We still have a few of the 2011 Entertainment books available. They sell for thirty dollars and are loaded with money-saving coupons for almost every type of purchase that you may make. The cats receive about seven dollars from every book sold. The books are no longer available at the businesses, only at The Tenth Life. Of course, we can still ship one to you for an additional three dollars for shipping.

The Tenth Life apparel including t-shirts (short and long sleeve) and sweatshirts, are always available in a variety of colors. The t-shirts are fifteen dollars for short-sleeve ones and twenty dollars for the long-sleeve

variety. Sweatshirts sell for twenty-five dollars. The tote bags are twenty-five dollars and are gray. All have The Tenth Life logo embroidered on the front of the item. Any can be shipped to you for two dollars for shipping for the t-shirts or three dollars for the sweatshirts and tote bags.

We also always have the great selection of catnip toys which include crocheted balls, pillows, and fish, fabric pillows and fish, catnip mats and catnip furry beds. The balls and pillows are two dollars, the fish are three dollars, and the catnip mats and beds are ten dollars. They come in a variety of colors filled with catnip for your cat's pleasure. Shipping depends on number of toys ordered but is usually a couple of dollars. The cats love these toys because they are filled with fresh catnip, not catnip that was picked months or even years ago. Your cats will be thrilled with these toys.

Cat trees and furniture are available from The Tenth Life all year. With our having a local supplier for the cat trees, we are able to offer a quicker delivery of the furniture. We sell the cat trees/furniture for only thirty dollars over our cost. With the local supplier, there is no transportation charge so you save even more. We have a booklet of trees available and hope to have it on our website in the near future. Your cats will love these trees because they are well-built and sturdy. They will not topple over if your cat rushes to the top of the tree. If you have been thinking about a tree for your cat, this is the best price you will find for this quality of tree.

The Tenth Life cookbooks are also available for twelve dollars with an additional charge of three dollars if you would like the cookbook shipped to you. There are three hundred and fifty recipes for delicious dishes that you can prepare. You profit with these yummy recipes, and the cats profit from your purchase. The cookbooks make excellent gifts for your friends who love to cook or bake. You will be thrilled with the cookbook.

If you shop at Kroger and have not purchased one of our cards, we would love for you get a card from The Tenth Life. You purchase a card from The Tenth Life with twenty-five, fifty or one hundred dollars loaded on

it, use it until the funds are all used, then reload the card with additional funds, and the cats receive four percent of the amount you load for their care. With all of the cards we have sold, the cats receive about four hundred dollars per month of income. This is an easy fund raiser for The Tenth Life and costs you nothing to help the cats. You simply purchase your groceries using the gift card, and the cats benefit.

Future Fund Raiser

Please do not forget to send us your order blanks for the plant sale and the Easter pie sale. The time will be here very soon to have these order blanks in the mail to The Tenth Life. You do not want to miss these due dates.

In June we plan to attend the Yellow Springs Street fair. We will have all of our regular merchandise plus some new items. We will see you there.

Reminders

Your support of our requests for aluminum, pennies, Fresh Step Paw Points, ink cartridges, and coupons has been overwhelming. Please continue saving aluminum, pennies, Fresh Step Paw Points, ink cartridges, and coupons for The Tenth Life. The aluminum can be any type of aluminum from drink and pet food cans to spouting and siding. (A magnet will not stick to aluminum, but will to other metals.) The pennies can be wrapped or not wrapped. The Fresh Step Paw Points code can be found on the bag or box or in the pail of litter. The code is usually twelve characters and is not the lot number. Simply cut off the top layer of the bag with the code and send it to us. Please save any ink cartridges for us to recycle and earn rewards. We also appreciate your saving coupons for cat food, Fresh Step litter, paper towels, facial tissue, and toilet paper. The aluminum, ink cartridges, and pennies can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation. If you cannot transport the aluminum, we can pick it up. The Paw Points and the coupons can be sent to the post office box. Thank you for helping with these requests.

For those of you that shop at Dorothy Lane Markets, please remember to re-register as a supporter of The Tenth Life. You simply go to the customer service desk, and tell them that you want to continue supporting The Tenth Life with your grocery purchases. Every year The Tenth Life earns between four and five hundred dollars from your grocery purchases. The donation is made by Dorothy Lane Markets and costs you nothing to help the cats except for buying your groceries. Please register as soon as possible.

Please remember the importance of keeping identification on your cat(s) at all times. We recently spoke to a woman who had hand-raised a cat from the age of two days. He was lost in November, without any identification, and has not been seen since. She is heartbroken and does not know what happened to her beloved pet. Even if someone found the cat, they have no way of finding her and returning her cat to her. She ran an ad in the newspaper, but only for a week. Many cats that are lost are so afraid that no one sees them for about two weeks. By that time a one week ad has expired. If the cat has identification, the finder can contact the owner immediately, and the cat can be back home. If you do not like a collar with tags for your cat, you can have your cat microchipped by your veterinarian. You must then register your cat with the microchip company. They can provide your information to the finder and help your cat to return home. Please keep identification on your cat for you and your cat's sake.

One final reminder and maybe the most important one is to promote spaying and neutering. This can be done in many ways; such as having your own pets spayed or neutered, spay or neuter a stray, help someone you know who cannot afford to have the surgery for their pet, suggest to everyone you know who has pets to have the surgery done, and talk to everyone you can about the importance of spaying or neutering pets. For anyone who cannot afford the cost of spaying or neutering at a local veterinarian, this area is rich in low-cost spay/neuter programs. You can contact The Tenth Life for more information on low-cost programs. When you talk to people, please remember to tell them about all of the benefits of having pets spayed or neutered. These

benefits, not only help the pet, but also make the owners much happier. The benefits of spaying and neutering are as follows:

- Lessens the over- population problem
- Reduces the number of pets killed in shelters
- Eliminates the heat cycle for females
- Lessens the chance that the males and even females will spray
- Makes cats more relaxed and much less aggressive
- Eliminates the occurrence of uterine cancer in females and prostate cancer in males
- Lessens the chance of mammary cancer

Too many animals are born to die and never have the opportunity to be loved and cared for by a loving human. Please refer to the graphics to see how quickly the over-

population occurs. We must all work together to lessen this terrible over-population problem with cats and dogs.

Hours of operation:

4:30-7:30pm weeknights
 10:30am-5:00pm on Saturdays
 12:30-5:00pm on Sundays

Phone Number:

(937) 376-5550

The Tenth Life address:

The Tenth Life
 P.O. Box 178
 Alpha, Ohio 45385

Website

thetenthlife.org

Millions of unwanted and homeless cats are born in our country each year. During the peak of the kitten season—from late April to September—pounds and humane shelters kill unwanted and abandoned cats at the rate of over ONE PER MINUTE. Others less fortunate are left to wander—easy prey for larger animals, easy targets for automobiles and easy marks for cruel pranksters and fanatics. If they do survive these hazards and the elements, they soon attain maturity and bring forth five or six kittens, mostly females, to continue this vicious cycle. Every cat owner whose pet is unspayed or unneutered, and allowed to roam, must bear the guilt for the terrible over-population. Remember—one female cat's cumulative offspring in ten years could total over 80 million!



TWO UNCONTROLLED BREEDING CATS . . .
 plus all their kittens and all their kittens' kittens,
 if none are ever neutered or spayed, add up to:



