

Sandbox Gazette

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The last Sandbox Gazette for 2020 has arrived. In this edition we will provide the calendar of events, update you about the previous feature cats and introduce new ones, tell you a heart-warming story about former cats from The Tenth Life, give the current tally for the three-dollar fund, remind you about CFC and United Way campaigns, show the cats' Holiday Wish List, display the new Christmas card, suggest ideas for gifts for your cat-loving friends, tell you about pictures with Santa, supply the information and order blanks for the Christmas greenery, plants and holiday pies, alert you to the holiday bazaars, inform you about the holiday bake sale, update you on ways to donate, offer the monthly supply donation list, bring you up to date about past, current, and future fund raisers, and reminders.

Calendar of Events

The calendar of events for the rest of the year is provided below:

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| \$3.00 Campaign | Now |
| CFC and United Way Campaigns | Now |
| Thanksgiving Pie Orders Due | Nov 7 th |
| Greenery and Plant Orders Due | Nov 14 th |
| Thanksgiving Pie Pick Up | Nov 21 st |
| Greenery and Plant Pick Up | Nov 28 th |
| First Holiday Bazaar | Nov 28 th |
| Christmas Pie Orders Due | Dec 5 th |
| Pictures with Santa | Dec 5 th , 6 th , 12 th & 13 th |
| Christmas Pie Pick Up | Dec 19 th |
| Christmas Bake Sale | Dec 19 th |
| Second Holiday Bazaar | Dec 19 th |

Feature Cats

We are so happy to announce that all three cats from the previous newsletter and also Sissy from the April

newsletter have been adopted. They are so happy in their new homes and are all loved by their families.

Our holiday feature cats are a litter of five, a sweet calico, and an adorable gray kitten. The litter of five are named Jim, Rick, Todd, Elvis, and Donald. We have a volunteer that we call the first three of these names as a joke. Sometimes when he leaves he says that Elvis is leaving the building. He was instrumental with this litter coming to The Tenth Life from a condominium area. They were all trapped, and he brought them in. We only knew of four kittens and decided these would be their names if they were all boys. They were all males so the names stuck. When they realized there was a fifth kitten, a male, he had the honor of naming it and chose Donald. They are tigers and tabbies and are now about three months old. They have all been tested and are negative and will be neutered when they are four months. They have wonderful personalities even though their mother is a feral. She is slowly learning to accept attention.



The second kitty is a short-hair calico that is about 2 years old. Her name is Brett. She was found in a lumber yard close to downtown Dayton with a broken pelvis and filthy. She was super sweet and friendly even when she was suffering with the broken pelvis. Her pelvis is now healed after eight weeks of cage rest. We moved her into a room with other cats and she never hissed once. She is so docile and accepting of her new surroundings and the other cats. She needs a home where she can be loved.

Our third kitty for this newsletter is Stormy, who is about eight months old and also came in with a broken, actually crushed, pelvis. **(We had three come in with a broken pelvis in about three weeks.)** He is a short-hair gray boy who is a typical kitten now that his pelvis is

healed. Stormy loves to wrestle with other kittens and sit on the cat tree to do bird watching. He is so loving.

These are all wonderful, affectionate kitties who would love a home. Please call for an appointment.

Heart-Warming Story

Our heart-warming story for this newsletter is about Kit and Kat, sister calicos. They were adopted from The Tenth Life seven years ago at the age of three. Unfortunately, they were recently returned to The Tenth Life. One was scared, and the other one was fine with her new surroundings. The next day a lady came in looking for a new cat. Her kitty had passed away. She looked at all of the cats and liked several, but no one was the cat that she was looking for to adopt. We showed her Kit and Kat and in about five minutes she had decided they were her new cats. They went home and almost immediately adjusted to their new home. She is totally in love with them and has spoiled them completely. We are totally excited for them and appreciative of her adopting two older cats that have tons of love to give. Too many times older cats are overlooked and considered unadoptable. They have so much love to give.

Status of the Three-Dollar Campaign

The three-dollar fund is running significantly ahead of last year. The total is thirty-four thousand six hundred dollars. This is very important as we have lost so many fund raisers this year. We truly appreciate your support. If you have not donated, there is still time. We will still accept donations to this fund. Every penny is so important to the funding of The Tenth Life and the cats we support. Please send your donation today so you do not forget. The cats are counting on your continued support for their well-being and happiness.

Combined Federal and United Way Campaigns

It is that time of year for these fund-raising campaigns to begin. Please remember The Tenth Life when

completing your pledge for these campaigns. For The Tenth Life, the code is **32031 for the Combined Federal Campaign**; however, for the **United Way** effort, you must write in **The Tenth Life Pet Therapy Program**. As always all the funds collected through these campaigns for The Tenth Life go directly for the cats. We do not scoop off some of the funds for administrative costs. They are funded by donations from people who identify their donations for that purpose. We thank everyone who contributed through these two campaigns last year and would appreciate your support again in this year's campaigns. We always send acknowledgement letters to everyone who requests one when we are notified in the spring of the donations from the previous campaign. Thank you for your support of The Tenth Life through these two campaigns.

Holiday Wish List

The cats have worked on this list, but are very conscious of the lost revenue this year because of fund raisers that we could not have or attend. We also realize that many people are or have been out of work and their funding is greatly reduced. Because of this, the holiday wish list has only three wishes this year. We are not asking for donations for any equipment or any other desires. The cats are asking for donations to the general fund, more volunteers, and more sponsors for the cats.

Donations to the general fund keep The Tenth Life in operation. These funds are used for the doctor's pay, utility bills, insurance, repairs, etc. In other words, these funds pretty much pay for everything. Dollars donated to this account go directly for the care of the cats. Of course, everything at The Tenth Life goes directly to the cats' support. Please remember donations to the general fund are tax deductible. With all the missed opportunities for fund raising this year, donations to this fund are the most important request this year. We missed participating in the two Yellow Springs Street Fairs and the Beavercreek Popcorn Festival, all of which were cancelled due to the pandemic. In addition, we had no choice but to cancel our annual lasagna dinner and auction. Finally, the donation cans that we have in several businesses have brought in almost no funding this

year because of businesses having to block off around cash registers with plexiglas and the donation cans not being accessible. Last year, these fund raisers brought in nearly thirty thousand dollars. We have been able to continue with our normal level of support for the cats, but it has been very difficult. For that reason, we truly need your support of donations to the general fund to continue to help as many cats as possible. The cats cannot help that there is a human health crisis that has affected all of us. They still expect to receive the best care that we can give them. Please donate whatever you can. Every penny helps so much.

The cats would truly love to have more volunteers. Volunteers are assigned a group of rooms to clean, scoop litter boxes and feed and water the cats. Of course, the assignments are made based on the available time that the volunteer has to donate. We work with the volunteers schedule and our needs. The volunteers choose the time of day that they want to work. Some volunteers come in the morning, some in the afternoon, some in the evening and some on the weekends. The cats really enjoy interacting with the volunteers who clean their rooms. They get extra petting, laps to sit on, and lots of loving conversations. They know when they are loved, especially since some of them have come from such horrible, cruel situations. Being treated nicely is so important to their being ready for a loving home. The cats would love to have more pets and more interesting conversations. They can tell you about their day and their roommates. Please consider volunteering. Most volunteers come in once per week or once every other week. You will know more love than is imaginable in our crazy world. It will be a nice relief from the confusing world that we are experiencing.

The final request is for more sponsors. This is a nice way to support one particular cat and provide financial assistance to The Tenth Life. You can choose your cat to sponsor with a visit to The Tenth Life or we can choose one for you based on your desires. You simply donate ten dollars per month, which can be paid monthly or annually, and your chosen cat will send you a letter that he or she wrote about life before coming to The Tenth Life and at The Tenth Life with a picture that you can admire. It is a very sweet, considerate way to help a

cat in need. The cats that have sponsors are very proud of their special standing in the cat community at The Tenth Life. They have a special friend. You can come and visit your sponsor cat if you would like. Please consider sponsoring a cat and making it feel important.

2020 Christmas Card

The 2020 original-design Christmas card is shown below. We are also offering this year, a variety pack of several of our previous Christmas cards. In both types of card packages there are ten cards and envelopes for five dollars. They will be available at the bazaars or by mail for an extra charge for postage.



Thanks for the Snack!
Hope Your Christmas is Healthy and Happy.

Ideas for Holiday Gifts

You, undoubtedly, have a friend on your gift list who is a cat-lover, but for whom you have no idea for a gift. You can make a donation to The Tenth Life in that person's honor. We will send a gift notification to him or her letting the person know of your generous, thoughtful donation (not amount) in their name to the cats. Your friend will not have another dust-catcher sitting on a shelf or any other item that is appreciated but not needed. You will be applauded for your generosity and creativity. As a contributor, you will also receive an acknowledgement letter for your tax-deductible donation.

Sponsoring a cat for someone on your holiday gift list that loves cats is an innovative gift. The fee is only ten dollars per month. We will send a letter to your gift recipient from the cat that you choose or we choose for you based on your specifications. You will receive a letter for your taxes for the donation. Your friend will have a wonderful gift, and you will have a charitable

donation write off for your taxes, and the cat will have a special someone to love it. The recipient can even come and visit the special kitty.

Our apparel for The Tenth Life, tote bags, note cards, and cat toys make excellent gifts for your cat-loving friends and family and their cats. All of these items and their prices are offered in the current fund raiser section of this newsletter. The items are available at The Tenth Life or by mail for additional postage.

Pictures with Santa

We have talked to the three Pet Supplies Plus stores where we normally do our Pictures with Santa program. However, at this time, neither the stores nor we can be sure about the ability to have this fun event. If we can, there will be signs at the three stores - Beavercreek, Kettering, and Centerville. Also you can call The Tenth Life to ascertain if we are doing the pictures. Sorry for our indecisiveness, but at this time we simply do not know. If we are able, the cost is ten dollars for a Santa picture in a professional picture-frame folder. The dates will be **December 5th and 6th and December 12th and 13th from 1:00-4:00pm** on both Saturday and Sunday. We will do Santa pictures if possible.

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 and roping are coming from the same supplier, and the plants are from 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. Unfortunately, we have had an increase in prices as our supplier lost one of their suppliers and subsequently suffered a price increase. They passed this increase to us as a customer. In addition, the bows were always donated to The Tenth Life by a super supportive floral studio which has closed as the owner passed away. We were

forced to purchase the ribbon and wire for the bows at an additional cost to us. Fortunately, a supporter has offered to make the bows at no charge. We are so sorry to raise our prices, but we must to recoup these increases. Please send your order with payment to The Tenth Life by **November 14th**. Pick up date is **November 28th** from 10:00am-5:00pm. We will have extras of the wreaths and roping, 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 Mehaffie's Pie Peddler. They are nine dollars and fifty cents for the regular pies and ten dollars and fifty cents for the special pies. We need your order for Thanksgiving pies by **November 7th** for pick-up on **November 21st**. For Christmas pies, the orders are needed by **December 5th**, and the pies will be available on **December 19th**. 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.

Holiday Bazaars

The two holiday bazaars at The Tenth Life will be on Saturday, **November 28th and December 19th** from 10:00am-5:00pm. We will have our huge selection of catnip toys, our tote bags, 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 and yourself. If these dates are not convenient, we do leave the displays up between bazaars, and you can shop during our hours of operation.

Holiday Bake Sale

The Christmas bake sale is on Saturday, **December 19th** 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 cookies, candy, cakes, and cupcakes for this sale. Unfortunately, our baker in Tennessee has a broken arm and is unable to bake. If you love to bake, the cats could really use your help with the donation of baked goods. The better the variety, the better the sales are for the cats. 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 so that you pay what you feel is a fair price. 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. Do not miss this opportunity to have delicious baked goods.

Need for Masks

For all of these events, we ask that you wear a mask so that all of our customers stay healthy. As always, we will have gloves for our customers to wear while making their selections. We have to assume that this health crisis will not be ended by the time of our events. Let's all work together so that we can have these events for the benefit of the cats and keep everyone healthy.

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 to The Tenth Life and have a deduction for your taxes.

The first way anyone can donate is a direct donation by check or cash to our post office box. The donation can be any amount and is a huge help to the cats' cause.

The second is through our web site. Donations can be made through **Just Giving** by credit card on our web site. There is a button 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 donation that is charged to your credit card. The donation can be any amount. It is easy to do. They charge us a small fee.

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.

Another way is to establish an automatic donation from your checking account if you do on-line banking. You simply register the address information for The Tenth Life located on the back of this newsletter, and the bank will send a check from your checking account. The check can be sent as often as you designate.

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 tax letter.

We are hearing more and more about companies that encourage their employees to make donations 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 to your charity. 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 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 (70 ½) where you may 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.

Monthly Supply Donations

Shown below is the list of supplies that we use on a daily basis. These items can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation. Thank you!.

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| October | Wipes (Any Brand) |
| November | Bleach |
| December | 2021 Cat Calendars |

Past Fund Raisers

Since the last newsletter there has only been one fund raiser, the mum sale. We were excited with the mum sale this year. We sold two hundred and eighty-two mums at a profit of eight hundred dollars compared to one hundred and thirty-five last year. Our original sales this year were about one hundred more than last year, but people who had not ordered came to buy mums and some added to their original order. We made two trips back to Furst for forty-seven additional mums. As always, the mums were huge and gorgeous. We thank Furst Florist and Garden Center for the beautiful plants and their great cooperation. We will offer mums next year.

Current Fund Raisers

We have tickets to the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and Museum that were donated for the auction. There are two single day admissions. As they expire at the end of December, we wanted to offer them to anyone interested in this newsletter. We are sure this would be a great day of fun for Cincinnati Reds' fans. Please call The Tenth Life if you are interested. We would hate for these tickets to be wasted and any funds from them lost.

Please continue saving your Speedy Rewards and transferring them to The Tenth Life on card number 404440 098106. You can transfer your points at the kiosk at any Speedway Station or online at Speedway's website. We obtain visa cards for purchasing supplies.

If you shop on Amazon, please remember to register and purchase through **Amazon Smile**. Please go to **Amazon Smile** and register as a supporter of The Tenth Life. After you have registered, do your shopping, and Amazon will send The Tenth Life a donation of half of a percent for the purchase. This is another easy way to support The Tenth Life.

Please remember to register your Kroger Community Rewards Card as a supporter of The Tenth Life. Our number is **F1935**. If you have not registered to be a supporter of The Tenth Life in their Community Rewards Program and would like to help the cats in this manner, please use this number when registering. With this program, Kroger donates a percentage of all purchases by The Tenth Life supporters. There is no cost to you except for your purchases which you would make anyway. On an average, the cats receive about fifteen hundred dollars per quarter. This is a huge help and costs you nothing. Please continue shopping at Kroger and supporting The Tenth Life.

The Tenth Life also participates in the Dorothy Lane Market Good Neighbor Program. If you register with their stores and purchase at least one thousand dollars, a percentage of your purchases will be donated to the cats. They receive about seven hundred dollars annually.

The cat furniture built by a volunteer is available for your shopping pleasure. We have a book at The Tenth Life showing the different designs. The trees have a large base for stability and are constructed of PVC or sturdy carpet covered wood, and the posts can be covered with carpet or sisal. Prices vary by height and style.

We still have a great selection of beautiful totes (\$20). Some are cat or dog fabric and some are "generic fabric." The generic fabrics are all beautiful and have different designs. The totes have a spacious pouch inside. We have them at The Tenth Life.

We have a wonderful selection of short (\$15) and long-sleeve (\$20) t-shirts, polo shirts (\$25) and sweatshirts (\$25) in a variety of colors. They are available in S/M/L/XL/XXL&XXXL. We do not have all sizes in all colors. However, we have a new shipment coming before the holidays. Postage is extra.

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| T-shirts, Polos, Sweatshirts & Tote Bags | \$5 |
| Catnip Toys & Christmas or Note Cards | \$3 |
| Pet Hair Magnets & Furminators, | \$5 |

Our selection of catnip toys includes crocheted catnip mice, fish, birds, and octopi (\$3), snakes (\$5), small and large balls (\$2), catnip door hangers (a crocheted ball on the end of a crocheted hanger) (\$5). There are also catnip mats (\$10) and bags of dried catnip (\$3). We also have a new style of toys made of soft fleece with embroidered pet designs (\$4).

Pet Hair Magnets (\$15), and Furminators (\$25) 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 (\$5) would make excellent Christmas gifts for your cat-loving friends. There are ten cards and envelopes. The entire front of the card is a cat face, and the inside is blank.

These items make excellent presents 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 for postage.**

Future Fund Raisers

The only future fund raiser to address now is the annual plant sale. The newsletter with the order blank will be sent in January. Plants will be provided by Furst.

Reminders

Please continue saving any type of aluminum, pennies, ink cartridges, Fresh Step Paw Points, and coupons. They all help with our funding.

Hours of Operation:

4:00-7:00pm Monday-Thursday
3:00-6:00pm Friday
10:30am-5:00pm on Saturday
12:30-5:00pm on Sunday

Phone Number:

(937) 376-5550

Address

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

Website:

thetenthlife.org

Have you changed to email delivery of your newsletter?



The Tenth Life Pie Sale



Orders, with payment, must be received by November 7, 2020
 (Thanksgiving) or December 5, 2020 (Christmas)

Type of Pie (\$9.50 each)

Qty-Thanks Xmas \$

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| Apple | _____ |
| Cherry | _____ |
| Peach | _____ |
| Dutch Apple | _____ |
| Pecan | _____ |
| Blueberry | _____ |
| Coconut Cream | _____ |
| Chocolate Cream | _____ |
| Lemon Meringue | _____ |

Totals

Name _____

Telephone # _____

Pies available at The Tenth Life on Nov 21, 2020
 (Thanksgiving)/ Dec. 19, 2020 (Christmas)



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CHRISTMAS GREENERY



- THE TENTH LIFE HAS CHRISTMAS WREATHS, WHITE PINE ROPING, AND PLANTS.
- MIXED WESTERN (16", 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).
- WREATH STANDS FOR GRAVES AVAILABLE IN TWO SIZES - 24" and 30".
- WHITE PINE ROPING CUT TO DESIRED LENGTH.
- CYCLAMEN AND CHRISTMAS CACTUS IN 4" AND 6" POTS. AND IN 8" HANGING BASKETS.
- ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE TENTH LIFE BY NOVEMBER 14, 2020
- AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP AT THE TENTH LIFE ON NOVEMBER 28, 2020
- 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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| _____ 16" MIXED WESTERN @ \$21.00 EACH | \$ _____ |
| _____ 22" MIXED WESTERN @ \$25.00 EACH | \$ _____ |
| _____ 30" MIXED WESTERN @ \$31.00 EACH | \$ _____ |
| _____ ROPING @ \$.80 PER FOOT(CUT TO LENGTH) | \$ _____ |
| _____ CYCLAMEN (4" Pot) @ \$6.00 EACH | \$ _____ |
| _____ CHRISTMAS CACTUS (4" Pot) @ \$6.00 EACH | \$ _____ |
| _____ CYCLAMEN (6" Pot) @ \$11.00 EACH | \$ _____ |
| _____ CHRISTMAS CACTUS(6" Pot) @ \$11.00 EACH | \$ _____ |
| _____ CYCLAMEN (8" Basket) @ \$15.00 EACH | \$ _____ |
| _____ CACTUS (8" Basket) @\$15.00 EACH | \$ _____ |
| _____ WREATH STAND 24" @\$4.00 EACH | \$ _____ |
| _____ WREATH STAND 30" @\$6.00 EACH | \$ _____ |
| TOTAL | \$ _____ |

NAME _____ TELEPHONE # _____