

# Sandbox Gazette

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The next edition of the Sandbox Gazette has arrived. In this edition we will display the calendar of events, update you about the previous feature cats and introduce new ones, provide a heartwarming story, **notify you about the new date and location of the annual lasagna dinner and auction**, show the tally of the three dollar fund, ask for help, offer the cats' Christmas wish list, identify various ways of making donations to The Tenth Life at year-end and all during the year, show the 2024 original-design Christmas card, offer Christmas gift suggestions, give the information and order blank for the holiday greenery and plants, give the data for the Thanksgiving and Christmas pie sales, tell you about the holiday bazaars, and Christmas bake sale, show the monthly supply donations list, inform you about the past, current and future fund raisers, and give reminders.

## Calendar of Events

Please see these important dates and plan to attend.

\$3.00 Campaign Ongoing	Now
CFC & UW Campaigns Begin	Sept
<b>Lasagna Dinner &amp; Auction</b>	<b>Oct 6<sup>th</sup></b>
Thanksgiving Pie Orders Due	Nov 9 <sup>th</sup>
Wreath & Plant Orders Due	Nov 9 <sup>th</sup>
Thanksgiving Pie Pickup	Nov 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Bazaar/Greenery/Plant Pickup	Nov 30 <sup>th</sup>
Christmas Pie Orders Due	Dec 7 <sup>th</sup>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Bazaar, Pie Sale/Bake Sale	Dec 21 <sup>st</sup>
Pictures with Santa	Cancelled

## Feature Cats

Unfortunately, Beardsley, Junior, and Duke and Bubba from the previous newsletter have not been adopted. They are all wonderful cats that would enrich your life with purring.

The new feature cats are Lucky and Major, Pippa and Chelsea, and Donut. Lucky and Major are two year old orange and white brothers who had a loving home, but the owner had to bring them to us because of a personal hardship. They are truly bonded. Both are short hair and very loving boys. They love to wrestle with each other, but they also love to be petted and sit in laps for hours.



Pippa and Chelsea are sisters who were in a foster home until recently. They are playful, loving, typical kittens. Pippa is a little independent, but loving, and Chelsea is a talker and a lap cat. Both love to cuddle. Pippa is black and Chelsea is tiger and white. Both have short hair and are five months old.

Donut is a year old, short hair tiger who loves every person and every cat. She greets visitors to her room and gives everyone a welcome rub. Donut loves laps and will accept attention as long as anyone gives it to her. She was a stray trying to survive.

All of these wonderful cats are spayed or neutered, tested for viruses, vaccinated, and treated for internal and external parasites. They will give so much love and attention and only ask for pets and laps. Please call for an appointment to visit them or any other cats at The Tenth Life.

## **Heartwarming Story**

Our heartwarming story for this newsletter is about Cletus. He was brought to The Tenth Life by two concerned ladies who witnessed Cletus being abused. It was in a very rough neighborhood, where cruel people and drugs were very prevalent. When he arrived, he was only three months old and had signs of abuse. The women told us that kids had run over him with a bicycle and had held him over a fence to a vicious dog who was trying to kill Cletus. They managed to retrieve him from this terrible treatment and called asking us to take him and save him. He had ulcers on the pads of all four feet and an injury on his hip. It took weeks for him to recover from this abuse, but he was always a sweetheart even with all the medical treatment that he had to endure. He developed into a beautiful, loving kitten that never met a stranger. When he was ready for adoption, he was posted on our Facebook page, and a lady saw his picture and fell in love with him. When she came to see him, she immediately knew that he was her baby. He went home a couple of weeks ago and is already a spoiled baby and so happy to have a safe, loving home. We wish all cats could find a person to love them. We are very happy to have helped this baby survive such terrible abuse and now be loved.

## **Lasagna Dinner and Auction**

We are happy to inform you that the annual lasagna dinner and auction is back on our schedule. The new date is October 6<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion Hall 598 at 5700 Kentshire Road, approximately a block from the intersection of Whipp and Bigger Roads. The hours are 2:00 to 6:00pm with doors opening at 1:00pm to give you an opportunity to preview the auction merchandise. Please plan to arrive early rather than later. Unfortunately, with the number of auction tables that we have, we have to begin closing tables at 3:30pm to have them all closed by approximately 5:30pm. This is earlier than we would like to begin closing, but we do not have a choice. Please plan to arrive in time for you to be able to make all of your bids and enjoy the event. We will begin serving the delicious lasagna dinner beginning at 2:00pm. The dinner will include meat or veggie lasagna,

(vegan lasagna will also be available in limited supply), a salad, breadsticks, dessert and coffee or tea. Soft drinks and bottled water will be available at an additional cost. The admission fee is fifteen dollars per person whether you eat or not. Payments at the event will be cash or check only – no credit cards.

Unfortunately, donations for the auction are still running a little behind. If you have been waiting to donate your new, slightly used or vintage items, please bring them to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation (see hours on back page). If you cannot transport your items, we can arrange for pick-up. We take all types of items, whether they are cat oriented or not. We love having a huge variety of merchandise to offer our customers. Of course, cat oriented items are huge sellers. If you have jewelry or purses that you no longer want or use, please bring them to us for this sale. We can provide an acknowledgement letter for your donations for tax purposes if you wish.

There will be approximately fifty to sixty tables of auction items with many items per table for your shopping pleasure. As always there will be multiple tables of gift cards to every type of business. In addition we will have the tables of merchandise of The Tenth Life to include The Tenth Life apparel, original design Christmas and note cards (including the 2024 Christmas card), a huge selection of catnip toys, and other cat merchandise.

There will be delicious home-made baked goods of all varieties. We are looking for bakers for this sale. You can bring your baked goods to the American Legion on Saturday or Sunday morning beginning at 10:00 am. Our shoppers simply choose their baked goods and make a donation based on their evaluation of a fair price.

There will be many tables of a wide variety of jewelry items. Last year we had eight tables of jewelry at tremendous prices. There were watches, necklaces, bracelets, earrings, pendants etc. We should have a similar offering this year.

Again this year we will be offering a selection of purses of many styles. We hope to receive many more

than we have already received. You will be able to have a fantastic purse at a huge savings.

We will have everything you could possibly want at great prices. For those of you who have attended before, you know the great merchandise that we offer at huge savings. You will not be disappointed with your purchases, but you will be sad if you do not attend.

We will also be looking for sources for donations for soft drinks and the dinner desserts. We have been very fortunate to receive donations from restaurants and supporters for many of these needs in the past.

We need many volunteers to solicit auction items from retailers, work on Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> to set up for the auction, and work the day of the auction (October 6<sup>th</sup>) as servers, table monitors, cleaners of dinner tables, and cleanup and pack-up help at the end of the event. Please contact us if you can offer your assistance in any of these ways.

We promise you will have a wonderful time shopping for great value items and enjoying a delicious lasagna dinner with all the trimmings.

### **The Three-Dollar Campaign Status**

Donations to the three-dollar fund have increased nicely. The current status is twenty-eight thousand dollars. We appreciate donations to this fund to help with purchases of food and litter and medical supplies. The cost of these items has increased so much that this supplemental income is truly needed and appreciated. We thank everyone who has donated, and if you have not done so, please contribute now as there is still time. Thanks for your help.

### **Asking for Help**

The first request 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 is still having some health problems and is not sure how many varieties she can bake for us. She used to bake 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! The cats appreciate your assistance.

### **Cats' Christmas Wish List**

The wish list for this year has six 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. This fund has assisted three cat owners this year with emergency expenses that they would not have been able to afford. Thankfully, this fund helped save these cats. We would like to be able to provide financial help to more people with this care. Your contributions would make this possible. 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 to make it nice for the cats and presentable for visitors.

The fourth 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, liquid 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 fifth 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. Sponsoring a cat is a nice holiday gift for a cat-loving friend or relative. We send a picture and a letter from the cat to you or your gift recipient with the cat's history and life at The Tenth Life. The monthly fee can be paid monthly, or any other way. This is a thoughtful way to help a cat and give a friend or relative a special gift. Call if you have questions about sponsoring.

The final wish is for help to build a fund to purchase a new surgery table. The current one we purchased when we built the health care facility twenty-four years ago. Unfortunately, it will no longer adjust to different heights for the doctor's different needs. The cost will be high but if we start a fund now, we should be able to acquire a new table in the future. Any contribution to this fund will be greatly appreciated.

## **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 anyone 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 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 or even on a one-time basis.

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

As we mentioned in prior newsletters, if you have reached the age where you must take a qualified distribution from an IRA, you can have this distribution





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. The displays are open between bazaars, and you can shop during our hours of operation.

### **Holiday Bake Sale**

The Christmas bake sale is on Saturday, **December 21<sup>st</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 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 sale.

### **Monthly Supply Donations**

The supplies shown below are those that we use on a daily basis. Any can be donated in any month. Thanks!

October	Wipes (Clorox, Lysol, Sam's, etc.)
November	Bleach
December	Postage Stamps

### **Past Fund Raisers**

We have had two recent fund raisers. The first was the mum sale. We sold over three hundred and eighty gorgeous mums provided by Furst Florist and Garden

Center. We earned over thirteen hundred dollars for the cats. The second was the Beavercreek Popcorn Festival. We raised twenty-five hundred 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.

### **Current Fund Raisers**

Our penny fund is still ongoing. Please save pennies or any change for the cats. There is no need to wrap

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 (\$35.00). Sizes are S/M/L/XL/XXL&XXXL. Of course we do not have every size in every color.

We have crocheted catnip mice, fish, turtles, octopi, and tacos (\$5.00), small and large snakes (\$6.00/\$8.00), small and large balls (\$3.00), 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 (\$35.00) 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 for writing personal notes.

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 below for postage**. We know that you will love all of them.

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

Do not forget the annual lasagna dinner and auction on **October 6<sup>th</sup>**. Please visit our booth at the Yellow Springs Street Fair on **October 12<sup>th</sup>**. We should be across from Speedway. Please remember the greenery and plant sale, the Thanksgiving and Christmas pie sales, the Christmas bake sale, and the November and December bazaars. The other future fund raiser is the annual plant sale. The newsletter with the order blank 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, pennies, coupons, and aluminum for the cats. We redeem the ink cartridges for rewards to purchase office supplies. The pennies can be wrapped or not. Coupons for Fresh Step Litter, cat food, paper towels, toilet paper, wipes (Lysol or Clorox), and facial tissue save dollars when we shop for 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 and coupons can be sent to the post office box or brought to The Tenth Life.

### 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 9, 2024 (Thanksgiving) or December 7, 2024 (Christmas)

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

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

Pies available at The Tenth Life on Nov 23, 2024 (Thanksgiving)/ Dec. 21, 2024 (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 9, 2024
- AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP AT THE TENTH LIFE ON NOVEMBER 30, 2024
- 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) @ \$ 15.00 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 # \_\_\_\_\_