



A \$19K Gas Bill Had Us in Crisis Mode

Hundreds of animals took shelter in our facility through the polar vortex winter storm in February which resulted in a gas bill over three times what we had budgeted for. When we opened that bill, we panicked. The much-needed funds we were raising at Paws in the P.A.R.K. were supposed to help get us through the busy summer months when our shelter numbers skyrocket, but now it was looking like that money would be eaten up by one unexpected expense. We turned to you, our community, and your support has been immense. Not only have you donated money, but local artists have stepped forward to give unique pieces for our first ever art auction to benefit the animals. Warm Paws, Warm Hearts was born when local artist Kris Saia asked Grace Clinton of HHHS, "What can I do?" In less than two weeks, Grace pulled together this auction!

**WARM PAWS
WARM HEARTS**

Art Auction benefitting Helping Hands Humane Society

Gallery opening at HHHS and online bidding kick-off Saturday, May 8th at noon

View the artwork, donated by local artists, and bid online Saturday, May 8th - Sunday, May 16th

Gallery Opening & Online Bidding

Join us in the Hill's Room at Helping Hands Humane Society this Saturday, May 8th at noon for our official gallery opening and online bidding kick-off event. Pieces will be available for viewing in person during adoption hours (Mondays-Saturdays 11:30am-6pm, Sundays 1-5pm) through Sunday, May 16th. Online bidding will close Monday, May 17th at 12am. From seasoned artists to Topeka West High School students from just across the street, we love that creatives in our community have come together to help lost and homeless animals by sharing their passion. Get registered at <http://e.givesmart.com/events/IP9> and bid freely to warm their paws while warming your heart! 25 sneak peek items are available for viewing now, and more will be revealed as our gallery opening nears.

