



August 15, 2024

Mrs. Dorothy Graham, President and Mr. Richard Straesser  
Graham Family Foundation  
544 61<sup>st</sup> Street  
Oakland, California 94609

Dear Dorothy and Richard,

We are grateful for the trust shown by your continued support of vital programs of North Shore Animal League America. You've helped us sustain our work within the preventive care component of the Seniors for Seniors Program, the Olga Graham Fund, and the Mutt-i-grees Curriculum.

Each year, hundreds of services are provided for pets who have been adopted through the Seniors for Seniors Program. \$17,500 of your \$30,000 donation will help us to offset the costs incurred as part of the program's benefits.

For those with financial hardships, \$2,500 of your \$30,000 donation has been apportioned to the Olga Graham Fund, which is a safety net for pets when in need. The balance of your most recent donation, \$10,000, is earmarked for stipends for 16 public schools with Mutt-i-grees Student Ambassadors, as well as general support for the Mutt-i-grees Curriculum.

We thank you for your shared vision of the importance of educating the next generation on the plight of homeless animals. The Yale-developed Mutt-i-grees Curriculum, with its service-learning component, is inspiring students to act for animal rescue, adoptions and, ultimately, no-kill.

Our goal for the 2024/25 academic year is to sustain the Mutt-i-grees-related activities and to engage more high schools in this program. The cultivation of high school students has important benefits, as those students are closer to career planning, and the service learning in animal welfare can help chart a career course that will continue to save lives of homeless animals through the adoption of the no-kill philosophy. Additionally, the older students can take active roles to mentor younger students in their communities, thus strengthening the cycle of student leadership and involvement.

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Another important goal for this year is to conduct Mutt-i-grees Family Socials with libraries as the hosts, since they are community centers encompassing various schools and grade levels. Raising awareness in a multifaceted Family Social brings community members together for meaningful experiences and exploration of the journey from animal homelessness, to rescue, to rehabilitation, to adoption – again, the path of no-kill.

Diana mentioned that you are interested in participating in the Ambassador Town Halls, in which several students participate by providing updates on their projects. It connects students from various geographies, including overseas, through their dedication to saving animals. It would be wonderful to have you join. We will be sure to keep you updated and invite you to future Mutt-i-grees webinars and activities.

You should be proud to know that you are part of the lifesaving cycle of rescue, nurture, adopt, and educate – the cornerstones of our no-kill mission. Thank you for your continued support over the years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. John Stevenson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "S".

J. John Stevenson  
President & CEO