

# Humane Society for Boone County

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## Surprise Announcement Puts Shelter on Solid Ground

IMI Irving Materials, Inc. Pledges to Donate Concrete for New Animal Shelter

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It was a surprise to even most of the board members of the Humane Society for Boone County.

At Saturday's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fur Ball Fundraiser, local company IMI Irving Materials, Inc. announced they will donate half of the concrete for the brand new Humane Society for Boone County animal shelter free of charge, and pour the other half of the concrete at a greatly reduced rate.

The new 7,000 square foot animal shelter will be built on six acres of donated land in Whitestown, Indiana, just off I-65. Construction will begin on the modern \$1.5 Million facility as soon as all the money is raised for the building, plus three years of operating costs to make sure the new shelter is financially stable as it begins serving abandoned and rescued animals throughout Boone County. Donations from the Fur Ball Fundraiser will be tallied soon, but the event should get the organization very close to being able to break ground on the much-needed shelter.

Currently, the Humane Society for Boone County can only help as many animals as they can fit into the homes of their volunteer fosters. A new shelter will mean they can help many more animals. The Humane Society for Boone County already rescues more than 300 abandoned, neglected and needy animals each year.

“This generous pledge by Mike Browne, the Vice President and General Manager of IMI Irving Materials to provide the foundation for our new shelter means a great deal to our efforts toward animal rescue and welfare.” Said Susan Austin, Humane Society for Boone County Vice President.

“The need is great for a permanent animal shelter here in the fastest growing county in the state.” Said Mike Hancock, Humane Society for Boone County President. “This incredible donation means that we are one big step closer to realizing our goal and taking animal rescue to a new level in Boone County.”

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