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ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY PROMOTES ANIMAL WELL-BEING THROUGH ENDOWED FUND

CUMBERLAND, Md. (Feb. 26, 2019) –After 60 years of providing spay and neutering services for animal members of low-income families and animal health outreach, the Animal Welfare Society of Allegany County is closing its doors but not giving up its mission.

The Animal Welfare Society, through its creation of an endowed fund at Allegany College of Maryland (ACM), will promote animal wellness by educating future generations of area veterinary assistants.

For Allegany County Welfare Society President Peggy McDaniel, the significant donation allows the nonprofit to live on in perpetuity. “We are pleased to support an institution with a long history of educating and training those who are passionate about caring for animals. By endowing this fund, our organization’s name and mission continue to help others within our community,” explained McDaniel.

The Animal Welfare Society has been serving the Cumberland area since 1956. Its donation to the ACM Foundation will generate scholarships for students enrolled in the Vet Assistant program at the College and provide for the purchase of necessary supplies and program equipment

The College’s Vet Assistant program, established in 1999 and offered through the ACM Center for Continuing Education and Workforce Development, is an intensive 24-week certificate program that prepares graduates for entry-level positions in the animal health industry. Offered biennially, the majority of program graduates find work in local veterinary offices, frequently through connections they have made as part of their 22 hours of required volunteer work. In 2019, the Vet Assistant program will graduate 12 individuals.

“It’s an honor to help such an invaluable organization establish a lasting legacy,” said David Jones, vice president of Advancement and Community Relations at ACM and executive director of the ACM Foundation. “We’re

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grateful to the Animal Welfare Society for their generosity and their investment in our students.”

The Animal Welfare Society of Allegany County Fund within the ACM Foundation accepts additional donations from community residents whose passion is animal welfare and protection. To make a gift or to inquire about the fund, please contact the ACM Foundation at 301-784-5200 or email sforeman@allegany.edu.

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