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ARF Ranked Top Celebrity-Related Charity on Charity Navigator

Organization receives ninth consecutive 4-Star “exceptional” rating

WALNUT CREEK, California – June 7, 2016 – Tony La Russa’s Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) has been ranked Number One on the list of Top Ten Celebrity-Related Charities from Charity Navigator, the nation’s largest independent charity evaluator. ARF has also been awarded the highest 4-Star rating from Charity Navigator for the ninth consecutive year.

Michael Thatcher, President and Chief Executive Officer of Charity Navigator, writes: “We are proud to announce Tony La Russa’s Animal Rescue Foundation has earned our ninth consecutive 4-Star rating. This is our highest possible rating and indicates [ARF] adheres to sector best practices and executes its mission in a financially efficient way...Only 1% of charities we evaluate have received at least 9 consecutive 4-Star evaluations, indicating [ARF] outperforms most other charities in America. This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator sets [ARF] apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness.”

Upon learning of this achievement, Co-Founder and Chairman of the Board Tony La Russa remarked: “We are honored to be recognized by Charity Navigator. ARF’s high rating is the result of the commitment of my family, donors, staff, and volunteers. We are joined together in ARF’s mission to bring animals and people together, and celebrate this important acknowledgement.”

Charity Navigator bases its ratings on measurements of sound financial management and commitment to accountability and transparency to guide charitable giving. This remarkable accomplishment could not be achieved by ARF without the tireless hours contributed by more than 600 dedicated volunteers intensely involved in every aspect of ARF’s work.

ARF’s core mission is the rescue of dogs and cats who have run out of time at public shelters, giving them a chance at life until a new home can be found. ARF couples this focus with innovative programs strengthening the human-animal bond for children, seniors, veterans, and people in disadvantaged circumstances. Through ARF, people experience the unconditional love and acceptance of dogs and cats to fulfill a mission of “People Rescuing Animals...Animals Rescuing People...”® www.arflife.org

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