



Tony La Russa's  
**Animal  
Rescue  
Foundation**

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**TONY LA RUSSA'S ANIMAL RESCUE FOUNDATION URGES SUPPORT  
FOR NONPROFIT RELIEF IN FEDERAL COVID-19 RECOVERY PACKAGE**

WALNUT CREEK, California – Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF), which like many national charities has already felt the effects of COVID-19 programming and revenue disruptions, joined Charity Navigator and the National Council urging Congress to provide emergency aid to nonprofit organizations.

"The best we can do right now is to ensure we all use our voices to communicate to Congress," says ARF Executive Director Elena Bicker. "Tell your legislators emergency aid should extend assistance to the nonprofit organizations that do so much within our communities but often feel the hit of a tight economy first. Without the assistance of a robust nonprofit influence, communities suffer when needs not addressed by industry or government fall between the cracks and ripple across our daily lives."

Negotiations are ongoing for a comprehensive emergency economic relief package. Nonprofit organizations across the nation have urged Small Business Administration loan provisions for charitable organizations and increased tax incentives for those making charitable donations.

The foundation, which has saved more than 42,000 dogs and cats in its 29-year history and includes multiple programs aimed at reducing the surrender and abandonment of family pets during times of personal and financial crisis, urged citizens to directly voice their support for nonprofit protections to their senate and house representation. Email links for each can be found at [senate.gov](http://senate.gov) and [house.gov](http://house.gov).

"When we come out of the other side of this crisis, it will often be the nonprofit community putting the pieces back together for those in need," Bicker said. "It's time to speak up for our nation's charities today, so we can step up for you tomorrow."

**About Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF)**

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](http://www.arflife.org)

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