



Howard and Judy Tullman, with PAWS dogs Manolo and Manoela

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Alison Ruble, from left, Dave Moore, Mayari Pritzker and Typhanie Collier

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Alexis Fasseas, Wayne Gailis and Ramona Griffin

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Tonya Regas, Stacy Zeilenga, Renata Block, with Godiva, and Nancy Timmers

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Amy and George Burin, with Olive Oil and Addison Kacey

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Benjamin Cottrell, with Max

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PAWS Fur Ball raises funds for rescue animals

The 15th annual PAWS Chicago Fur Ball was held Nov. 18 at the Drake Hotel. More than 700 guests, many with four-legged friends in tow, enjoyed a night of fundraising for the Midwest's largest no-kill shelter.

Longtime supporters and board members Judy and Howard Tullman were honorary co-chairs for the sold-out black-tie event that also featured adoptable PAWS rescue dogs and cats, a buffet, live and silent auctions, entertainment, dancing and a doggy spa.

"As the largest shelter in Chicago, we house more animals on a daily basis than the city pound," said PAWS founder Paula Fasseas. "We have over 500 animals at any one time in our program: 200 are in foster homes, several hundred are in our medical center and 150 are in our adoption center."

Fasseas introduced the Tullmans, who have been involved with PAWS since its inception in 1997, calling them "change-makers" for the organization. They own three rescue dogs, Tramp, Gertie and Molly Pecan. Judy Tullman volunteers at the adoption center every Sunday with fellow board member Bonnie Spurlock. They explain the adoption process to visitors. She also volunteers at Angels With Tails events, Adopt-A-Thons and at the PAWS Medical Center.

Entrepreneur Howard Tullman is CEO of 1871, an incubator for digital startup companies, as well as managing partner of venture fund G2T3V. He said, "We love PAWS for the animals, of course, but mostly for the people who make up the organization. Nothing is better than the opportunity to work hard and be surrounded by passionate, enthusiastic people who are committed to making the city a better and more animal-friendly place, one dog or cat at a time."

The event was co-chaired by Victoria Magnus and Corey and J.P. Marchetti, and netted about \$1.3 million, almost 14 percent of the annual funds required to operate PAWS Chicago's adoption and spay/neuter programs. Since its founding, PAWS has helped to reduce the number of pets killed in the city by 80 percent.

Freelance writer Candace Jordan is involved with many local organizations, including some whose events she covers.

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Cheri Lawrence, with Bentley

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Corey and J.P. Marchetti

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Angie DeMars, Paula Fasseas and Suzie Glickman

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Shelby Stephenson, with Brody

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