

## *GRI receives Athletes for Animals grant*

Garfield's Rescue Inc., a feline rescue, foster and adoption charitable organization, recently announced it has been selected as a recipient of a grant from Athletes for Animals (A4A) for their fall 2020 grant cycle.

GRI is excited to have received national recognition for their lifesaving efforts from such a prestigious organization as A4A, a foundation composed of a united group of athletes that grants funds to animal shelters and rescue groups across North America, reported GRI grant chairman Kaen Peterson.

A4A promotes rescuing and protecting the welfare of homeless pets nationwide. A4A stated "during these unprecedented times, we have seen an even greater need from organizations looking for help," said Peterson. GRI is one of 45 organizations selected nationwide to share in

grant funding from A4A.

GRI was established in March 2020, formed due to an urgent need to humanely reduce the overpopulation of the Northern Neck (NN) region's homeless cat population, she said. GRI operates a spay/neuter/vaccinate, foster-to-adopt program to humanely reduce the number of homeless, community cats in the Northern Neck.

Since its inception, GRI has rescued over 260 homeless cats/kittens for placement in its foster care program. Each cat/kitten in GRI's care receives a regimen of medical care, in addition to the spay/neuter procedure, before being released for adoption with a well-vetted family in a loving home, said Peterson. The cats/kittens receive care in a warm, safe home environment with daily food, fresh water and lots of love.

GRI has a 100% volunteer

workforce relying solely upon donations, fundraising and caring animal welfare organizations such as A4A. The support of the community is critical to GRI's mission to eliminate the suffering of homeless community cats on the Northern Neck.

Donations can be mailed to GRI, at P. O. Box 257, Kilmar-nock, VA. 22482, or visit [www.garfieldsrescue.org](http://www.garfieldsrescue.org) for additional donation options.

GRI also will join millions around the world participating in the GivingTuesday global generosity movement on December 1. GivingTuesday was launched in 2012 as a day that encourages people to do good. Over the past nine years, this idea has inspired hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate and celebrate generosity. Visit GRI's website to learn more about how to participate.