



Michelle,

Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do on behalf of animal welfare in Marion County. It is truly empowering to know that we have the support and compassion of someone in your position. We are beyond grateful that you have made it a priority to join the fight for feline well-being as well as holding great concern for all animals within the care of the community. At Sheltering Hands, we continue to experience a season of growth in both how many need our assistance and how we are able to respond to that call. Day by day, we are making a bigger impact, and we have to offer you our gratitude in being part of that success. While the purpose of writing you this letter isn't a matter of celebration, we are hoping that you can help our organization find a happy ending to this chapter.

During the evening that hurricane Helene made landfall the shelter vehicle you helped us to acquire was crushed by a falling tree. Fortunately no one was injured in this incident, but it has left us with a challenge moving forward. Resolving the claim for our vehicle will be a lengthy process. The tree that collapsed was on the City of Ocala's right-of-way, and it has been contested by the property management owning the parking area for a number of years. While sorting this out will take some time, the ultimate resolution will still leave us without the funds to procure of a comparable clinic vehicle.

We are in need of a new means of transportation for the clinic, so we're reaching out to see if you can offer us a solution yet again. We are searching for a cargo van or something similar to match our increase in spay/neuter appointments, adoption services, and donation-based revenue programs. While any additional means of mobility would be a godsend, a vehicle with a greater capacity would serve us the best. If you have any further questions, please contact our Media Director Bronson Mosley by email at: bronson@shelteringhands.org

Thank you for your consideration and time, Michelle

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Leslie Hinson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the right of the typed name and title.