

About Bari Mears

Leader of the PACC

As far back as 1999, staunch animal advocate Bari Mears refused to accept the fact that there were many small, struggling rescue groups (with very limited resources) operating in Maricopa County, and that tens of thousands of healthy adoptable animals were still being euthanized. Her vision of uniting and supporting the pet rescue community to create a louder voice for the animals became a reality when the **Phoenix Animal Care Coalition** --- also known as **PACC911** --- was born.



Under her leadership, a volunteer working board of directors conducts a variety of activities to help grow and unite 120+ rescue groups in the community including year 'round adoption events throughout the Valley of the Sun, public education programs and fundraisers.

One of Mears' most enduring legacies is the creation and administration of the **Emergency Medical Fund (EMF)**, a one-of-a-kind financial resource for partner welfare groups that defrays veterinary expenses for lifesaving and enhancing treatments that will make sick or injured animals more adoptable.

And in 2012, the **Lulu's Angel Fund (LAF)** was created, allowing PACC911 to now help the most serious abuse and cruelty cases.

About PACC911

Filling a vital community need, PACC911 brings together over 120 animal welfare organizations throughout Arizona, most of which are within Maricopa County. PACC911 provides opportunities for its partners to work together for the benefit of the animals in five distinct ways:

- **Large Adoptathons:** helping to find loving homes for the animals in the care of partnering groups
- **Medical Assistance:** The Emergency Medical Fund and the new Lulu's Angel Fund helps defray veterinary expenses for sick and abused animals
- **Fundraising:** Bowl-A-Rama has raised over \$2,000,000 for the animals of our community in its first ten years
- **Education:** Our Breaking the Chain program teaches compassion for animals to third grade students
- **Food Bank:** PACC911's Chuck Waggin' Pet Food Pantry assists low income families and the elderly with food for their pets, assuring that they can stay in their homes rather than being relinquished



How You Can Help

Please visit www.PACC911.org to explore how YOU can help make a difference in the lives of homeless animals:

- Volunteer at events or our new store, **RESCUED TREASURES**
- Donate much needed money for programs or gently used clothing for the store
- Purchase PACC911 products
- Share your special services or talents



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Adoptathons

Recognizing that a great many potential pet owners shy away from traditional animal shelters --- believing them to be too noisy and depressing --- **PACC911** conducts upwards of a dozen outdoor adoption events throughout the Valley each year.

Depending on the location and size of the venue, the public enjoys the unique opportunity to select from hundreds of healthy and adoptable dogs, cats, critters, and horses from up to fifty **PACC911** rescue group partners at one time... all in a fun and stress-free setting.

For a complete listing of **PACC911** adoptathons, visit www.PACC911.org.



Between 2004 - mid 2012, **PACC911** Adoptathons have helped place well over 6,800 animals into new homes!

In its first 12 years, **PACC911** has raised nearly \$3,000,000 for the benefit of homeless animals!



Fundraising

PACC911 conducts numerous creative fundraisers to provide both visibility and financial support for their 120+ animal welfare partner groups.

The annual **Bowl-A-Rama for Animal Rescue** has raised over \$2 million in its first ten years with over 90% going directly to **PACC911** partners to help them continue their important, lifesaving work.

PACC911 Founder/President, Bari Mears, has published a number of **popular books** which have generated hundreds of thousands of dollars for animals in need, including *"Pawprints on the Heart"*, *"Part of the Family"*, *"Love Stories of Pets and Their People"*, *"Simply Delicious 1 and 2"*, and *"Ode To Those Who Stand On Four"*.

RESCUED TREASURES

In October 2012, to help fund the **Emergency Medical Fund (EMF)** and **Lulu's Angel Fund (LAF)**, **PACC911** opened **RESCUED TREASURES**, an innovative thrift boutique.

Located on the SW corner of 40th Street and Thunderbird in Phoenix, **RESCUED TREASURES** will carry ladies clothing, accessories, home accents, books, animal boutique items and more. Donations are needed to stock our shelves and volunteers are needed to help work the store.

PACC911 is thrilled to welcome you to **RESCUED TREASURES**, a new way to shop with style at thrift store prices. And best of all, every dollar raised will help save a life!

Financial Assistance

All **PACC911** fundraising proceeds are channeled to our partner organizations through the innovative **Emergency Medical Fund (EMF)**, a one-of-a-kind program that defrays expenses for veterinary treatments that will make sick or injured animals more adoptable. Since 2004, the **EMF** has saved the lives of countless pets, allowing them to become beloved family members.



Since 2004, the **PACC911** **Emergency Medical Fund** has dispensed over \$500,000!

Lulu's Angel Fund (LAF) was created by **PACC911** in January 2012 to encourage our Rescue Partners to claim serious cases of abused, injured and homeless animals needing extraordinary & expensive medical intervention. These animals would face certain euthanization if not for the compassionate response of the rescue community and the funds that **LAF** designates for each of those Rescues' expenses for the animal's rehabilitation.

Thanks to a generous endowment by the Timothy T. Day Foundation, and the welcomed donations of animal advocates, **LAF** has thus far enabled the rescue of eleven critically ill animals, all of which are now living healthy, happy lives in forever homes.

Education & More

PACC911 strives to educate & influence people of all ages and walks of life about responsible pet care and the humane treatment of animals. The benefits and need for spay/neuter are a prime focus.

In addition, our annual art and storytelling contest, **"Breaking The Chain"** program enlightens school-aged children about the need to treat animals with love and respect.



PACC911 works to reduce the causes for the staggering number of homeless and euthanized animals within our community.

CHUCK WAGGIN' PET FOOD PANTRY

Through its food donation program and referral network, **CHUCK WAGGIN' PET FOOD PANTRY** assists families in crisis by providing pet food to those who may not be able to afford it. This innovative program, founded in 2012, helps keep beloved family pets home where they belong, as opposed to being turned into a shelter or rescue organization.