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## **SUPPORT POURS IN FOR WAGS PROGRAM**

### **Pet project receives cash & nearly a ton of supplies.**



(Ferndale) Just in time for the holidays, two groups of volunteers have replenished the supplies and coffers for WAGS - Wonderful Animals Giving Support, the program at the Michigan AIDS Coalition that provides support and supplies for the pets of people living with HIV in southeast Michigan.

Student volunteers at Macomb Community College collected nearly 2,000 pounds of pet food, blankets, dog supplies and cat toys and delivered them to the MAC office in Ferndale to be distributed to low income persons living with HIV/AIDS. The bags of supplies are going out to the six dozen WAGS clients during the months of November and December.

This past weekend, Jeffrey Seconder and a group of volunteers held a show and fundraiser at Detroit's Malebox bar on E. 7 mile Road and raised over \$2,200 for the WAGS program. This fourth annual event occurred over seven hours and featured dozens of female impersonators and other talent to a full house. Bill Beathum of the Malebox donated all of the cover and tips from the night to the MAC program.

"The generosity and caring of so many people in the region never cease to amaze us here," said Craig Covey, Chief Operating Officer of the Michigan AIDS Coalition. "And it always manages to provide us the ability to increase our efforts during the holidays."

Project Coordinator Adi Garza added: "We know that animal companions add to the quality of life of our clients, and we

want to particularly help our low income friends keep their loving pets healthy and happy."

WAGS is a program of the Michigan AIDS Coalition, a statewide HIV AIDS prevention education, advocacy, and funding organization with offices in Detroit and Ferndale.

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