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Paws and Claws Cat Rescue Announces its Inaugural Gala & Fifth Year Anniversary

Evanston, IL | February 6, 2025 | Evanston's first feline focused rescue, Paws and Claws Cat Rescue, will be hosting its inaugural gala this year! Mark your calendars and save the date for [The Catalyst Ball](#) on May 17, 2025. The event, to be held at Evanston's landmark venue, The Crystal Ballroom, will coincide with Paws and Claws 5th Year Anniversary.

A letter from the Founder and Executive Director, Ashlynn Boyce:

"A new year is upon us, and with each new year we have the opportunity to set new goals, reach new heights, and make a bigger impact. Paws and Claws Cat Rescue would not be where it is today without the community that has rallied around us in support of the organization and love for the cats we save.

As we grow so does our responsibility to felines at risk, to our community and to continuing to build our ability to meet the great need of vulnerable felines and people seeking community. This event marks the beginning of Paws and Claws stepping into its place as the organization that I always knew it could be.

2025 marks the biggest year for Paws and Claws Cat Rescue. This is the year we celebrate a significant milestone, our 5th anniversary! **2025 marks half a decade since I submitted the paperwork to become an official nonprofit. Half a decade of dedication to rescuing and rehabilitating cats in need.**

We're making 2025 our most impactful year yet.

To commemorate this significant moment in our story, we are excited to host our first-ever gala: **The Catalyst Ball**. This inaugural, lifesaving occasion will be Paws and Claws' most critical fundraising event to date. We will dedicate this evening to celebrating our journey, honoring our supporters, and sharing our vision for the future.

We invite you to **save the date** to join us on Saturday, May 17th, 2025 as we continue to expand our efforts, save more lives, and make a lasting difference in the lives of cats and the people who love them.

For questions or inquires about donating an item to the auction or becoming a sponsor, reach out to our Director of Development, Shanti, at shanti@pawsandclawscatrescue.org

Together we will be a catalyst for saving lives and building community.

With Gratitude, Ashlynn”

Paws and Claws was founded in May of 2020 to save the most vulnerable felines at risk of euthanasia.

A word from Shanti Drake, Paws and Claws' Director of Development:

“When I joined the organization as its first Director of Development in May of this year, I knew right away that something special was happening here. Saving the lives of the most vulnerable felines was one thing - and a critically important thing, not only to these cats and kittens, but to the people brought together and impacted. But beyond this, Paws and Claws was doing something that's needed more - dismantling barriers and dispelling notions of what keeps us apart, and instead cultivating unity in diversity and building community through the saving of these cat's lives, most of whom are facing euthanasia due to human neglect. We're focused on humanity through something that is a neutral and unifying issue: animal welfare.” - Shanti Drake, Director of Development.

To learn more about Paws and Claws Cat Rescue or The Catalyst Ball, please contact Shanti Drake, Director of Development at shanti@pawsandclawscatrescue.org or visit www.pawsandclawscatrescue.org/campaign