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City to Host Celebration, Ribbon-Cutting for New Animal Shelter Facility on Thursday, October 20

Waco, Texas (October 17, 2016) – City officials, the Humane Society of Central Texas, animal shelter staff and animal welfare partners invite the public and members of the media to come celebrate the Animal Shelter Renovation Grand Opening Ceremony on Thursday, October 20 at 10:30 a.m. at the shelter at 2032 Circle Road.

City workers, community volunteers, Humane Society, Animal Shelter staff workers, the Animal Birth Control Clinic, and a host of concerned passionate citizens have joined hands to raise awareness, funds, and help in the fight to bring our Central Texas shelter to a no-kill status. Their support and dedication in this journey has helped our city to achieve the dream of a no-kill status, and has made the new updated shelter facility a reality.

To celebrate these achievements, guests will hear briefly from City Manager Dale Fisseler, Mayor Kyle Deaver, former Mayor Malcolm Duncan, Jr., Deputy City Manager Wiley Stem and Humane Society board members in a special ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new facility.

The new facility will now have full-time Director Delfi Messinger at its helm, along with full-time veterinarian, Dr. Ronald Epps, ensuring the health and safety of every shelter pet. With new climate-controlled kennels, a new Humane Society Central Texas Adoption Center, dog play courtyard area and other upgrades, this regional Animal Shelter, serving 15 cities and McLennan County, is well-positioned to continue achieving and maintaining a ‘no-kill’ status. The shelter’s state-of-the art features are already making a healthier, happier environment for the animals in our community that are awaiting their forever homes.

The hard work of City of Waco staff and the Humane Society of Central Texas helped the shelter maintain a 90% average live-exit rate for over a year, even during several months of construction. That’s certainly an achievement about which every McLennan County citizen can feel proud!

After the ceremony, there will be tours of the facility and refreshments.

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