



# HUMANE SOCIETY OF KENT COUNTY

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## **Indigo Girls Team with Humane Society To Help Feed Hungry Pets**

(Grand Rapids, MI – June 16, 2009) --- The Humane Society of Kent County and Folk-rock duo, the Indigo Girls, are teaming up to help families feed their pets in these times of economic hardship.

On Wednesday, June 24 the Indigo Girls will be performing at Frederik Meijer Gardens, part of the 2009 Outdoor Summer Concert Series. The Humane Society will be on site accepting pet food donations for their Kibble Konnection program. Individuals can bring donations of new, unused pet food and drop them off at the Humane Society's table before and after the concert.

“We were very excited when the Indigo Girls approached us with the idea of collecting donations for the Kibble Konnection program at their concert,” said Karen Terpstra, Executive Director for the Humane Society. “Our program is funded solely on donations. We need the community's help to continue feeding hungry pets and keep them in their homes.”

The Humane Society of Kent County's Kibble Konnection program offers supplemental pet food once a month to those who qualify, according to income. The demand for the program is high and donations of pet food are essential. Any brand of dry dog or cat food is needed.

“Since the program's launch in March we have helped 450 families and distributed over 15,000 pounds of food,” said Terpstra. “We know it's a tough time for people and we want to support them by helping them keep their pets in their homes, happy and healthy where they belong.”

At each of the Indigo Girls spring/summer concerts they will be holding people and pet food drives in partnership with Rock for a Remedy who already has an established relationship with many food banks across the United States.

“Many food banks are unable to take pet food, and for people on a budget it can be tough to afford food for pets,” said Becky Bodonyi, Political Coordinator for the Indigo Girls. “We know that family pets are going hungry in today's struggling economy and it is our goal to help families in need feed their pets.”

In addition, for those who are unable to attend the concert or do not have tickets to the June 24 show can stop by the Humane Society of Kent County to make a food donation to the Kibble Konnection program and receive an Indigo Girls sticker or patch while supplies last. The Humane Society of Kent County is open for donations Tuesday through Friday from 12 pm to 7 pm and Saturday from 11 am to 4 pm at 3077 Wilson Dr. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534.

**About the Humane Society of Kent County** – Founded in 1883, the Humane Society of Kent County is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the humane treatment and responsible

care of animals in West Michigan through education, example, placement and protection. The Humane Society has many programs in place to help low income pet owners in Kent County including the Pet Care Assistance Program, which helps people with vaccines, pet supplies and low-cost spay and neuter vouchers, and the Kibble Konnection pet food bank program, providing supplemental food on a monthly basis for those who qualify. For more information on the Humane Society of Kent County please visit [www.hskc.org](http://www.hskc.org) or call (616) 453-8900.

**About the Indigo Girls** – Since their formation over two decades ago, ground-breaking folk duo **The Indigo Girls** have become one of America’s most beloved vocal duos. After signing to Epic Records in 1988, they released their critically acclaimed eponymous album to thunderous praise; it remained on the Billboard Hot 100 Chart for 35 weeks, earned double platinum status, received a Grammy nomination for “Best New Artist” and won “Best Contemporary Folk Recording.” They were overnight folk rock icons who continued to live up to the high standards they’d set for themselves: they’ve since released 10 albums, garnered six Grammy nominations, and made numerous appearances on national television shows while consistently playing to enthusiastic audiences.

The duo has balanced their long, successful musical career by supporting numerous social causes – the Indigo Girls don’t just talk the talk; they walk the walk. Having established an intensely dedicated fan base, the duo continues to remain relevant and attract new fans. With their latest release, **Poseidon and the Bitter Bug**, released on their own IG Recordings imprint, **Emily Saliers** and **Amy Ray** have secured their spot as one of the most legendary musical acts of this generation.

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