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Hudson Valley Pet Food Pantry gets support from Oregon trust

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From left: Hudson Valley Pet Food Pantry President Susan Katz and Pantry Director Kathy Ferri, display \$5,000 check granted by the Banfield Charitable Trust.

The Hudson Valley Pet Food Pantry recently received a \$5,000 grant from the Portland, Ore.-based Banfield Charitable Trust in support of the pantry's mission of providing pet food for those facing economic hardship.

The grant "will be of tremendous help as we expand to meet the growing demand for our services in the current economic climate," said Susan Katz, president and founder of the pantry, which relocated from Valhalla to White Plains last year. "We are grateful for their generosity and proud to have been recognized for trying to keep pets at home and out of shelters, or abandoned."

Part of the Banfield Charitable Trust's mission is to support programs that help keep people and pets together. Since its inception in 2011 the pantry has saved an estimated 1,100 animals from being surrendered to shelters by owners who could not longer afford to feed them, distributing more than 32,000 pounds of pet food. The pantry currently provides food to 220 families and individuals a month. Kathy Ferri, pantry director, said the grant will allow the pantry to resume accepting new clients. Visit www.hvpetfoodpantry.org or call 914-907-3487 or 914-907-3433 to apply for services or find out about volunteering or making a donation.