



spokane humane society

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Volunteers from Gonzaga University and Rebuilding Together Spokane to clean up The Spokane Humane Society's Big Red Barn on National Rebuild Day this Saturday.

SPOKANE, WA – Spokane Humane Society's campus will be buzzing with volunteers starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 28. That's National Rebuild Day and volunteers from Gonzaga University will join Rebuilding Together Spokane to clean up and repair the big red barn at 6607 N. Havana Street.

"We love our big red barn and we could use it so much more if it was in a bit better shape," said Executive Director Sheila Geraghty.

Over the years the barn has been used for storage and various other purposes, including the annual book fair, and it is in desperate need of a good cleaning and some fresh paint.

"We are super excited about the barn clean up," said Executive Director Sheila Geraghty. "I have volunteered for these projects before – they are game changers."

Students from Gonzaga University are frequent volunteers at the Spokane Humane Society and Saturday about 10 students will spend the noon hours there cleaning, repairing and painting.

Development Director Pia Hallenberg said she was overjoyed when she heard the barn had been picked as a National Rebuild Day project.

"We only had a few days warning, but we pulled together as many volunteers and materials as we could," Hallenberg said. "It's going to be great."

Rebuilding Together Spokane typically focuses its efforts on housing for low-income humans, but chose the barn project because the Spokane Humane Society provides many services, including a pet food bank, for low income families in Spokane County.

On Saturday, volunteers will also tackle gardening projects on the 40-acre campus.

“I’ve been on a cleanup spree,” Hallenberg said. “I can’t wait for this project to get underway.”

The Spokane Humane Society, which was founded in 1897 and is the oldest animal shelter organization in Spokane, is an independent 501C3 non-profit organization. It relies solely on donations, grants and the low fees it charges for its services.

Media: you are welcome any time Saturday – we are hoping for amazing before and after pictures!