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Newtown Mom Coming to Washington DC

What:

Opportunity to interview Jenny Hubbard and Dr. Katy Nelson about their work to create an animal sanctuary in Newtown, CT.

Interview opportunities:

Jenny Hubbard, mother of 6-year-old Catherine Violet Hubbard: Catherine was one of the 20 children and six adults slain on Dec. 14, 2012, in Newtown, CT, at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Jenny is pleased to talk about her daughter, Catherine, The Animal Sanctuary in Newtown, CT, that they are building in Catherine's honor, how her family is coping with this tragic loss and their plans for the future. She will not, however, be addressing questions of gun control or other legislative topics.

Dr. Katy Nelson, Host of "The Pet Show with Dr. Katy" on Washington, D.C.'s News Channel 8: Nelson's son is the same age as Catherine. After reading an article on the Hubbards in People magazine earlier this year, she decided that she had to find some way to help Catherine's dream come true. She is now working diligently to use her corporate and personal contacts within the animal world to find groups interested in supporting the Hubbards and The Animal Sanctuary.

Where:

Residence Inn Arlington Capital View
2850 South Potomac Avenue
Arlington, VA 22202

www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/wasry-residence-inn-arlington-capital-view/

When:

10 a.m. Wednesday, June 12, 2013

The hotel will provide a setting to conduct full interviews, as well as video, audio and photo opportunities. Continental breakfast will be served.

Please RSVP to Dr. Katy at drkaty@thepetshow.tv if you plan to attend.

How Catherine's Legacy Will Change The Lives of Animals and People in Newtown

On Dec. 14, 2012, a gunman entered Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT, and took the lives of 20 innocent children and six adults. The unthinkable had happened. And for people everywhere, the world stopped.



One of the victims was 6-year-old Catherine Violet Hubbard, a beautiful child who will be remembered for her love of all animals and her constant smile.

To honor their child, the Hubbard family requested that donations in memory of their daughter go directly to The Animal Center in Newtown, an all-volunteer, nonprofit

organization dedicated to animal rescue and welfare.

In early 2013, the Hubbard family and The Animal Center announced plans to build The Catherine Violet Hubbard Animal Sanctuary, a place where all creatures, great and small, can know the touch of a kind hand and be safe from harm.

The Animal Center's longtime vision of creating a sanctuary resonated deeply with Catherine's parents, Jenny and Matt Hubbard.

"Catherine loved all animals," the Hubbards said. "She would chase down strangers just to pet their dogs, squeal with delight as butterflies landed on her arm and sit for hours watching baby birds in a nest. We would overhear her whispering to insects and animals ... her words: Tell all your friends that I'm kind." [View the Hubbard's family statement.](#)

The Animal Center can think of no greater tribute to this young child than creating an animal sanctuary in her name.

"For all of us who love animals, Catherine is a kindred spirit and we will do whatever it takes to make her dream a reality," said Harmony Verna, vice president of The Animal Center. "This sanctuary will be a place where neglected, abused or homeless animals can get a second chance at life, a place for children and adults to connect with animals and the natural world. Animals have an amazing capacity to love and heal the human spirit. We hope Catherine will think it is the most beautiful place on Earth."

The Hubbards fully embrace the hope and goodness this sanctuary symbolizes. "Whenever a kitten purrs from a loving touch, whenever a dog nuzzles into a child's hand, whenever a butterfly dances between flowers, Catherine's smile will be there."