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## Fast Facts 2025

### Our Mission

Raising funds, resources, and awareness for life-saving animal organizations in our community

- Fundraising is achieved through 2 events per year: 8<sup>th</sup> annual Fur Ball (April 2025) and 19<sup>th</sup> Bowl-4-Animal Rescue (August 2025)
- Resources include in-kind donations through collection drives, and coalition building in animal welfare community.
- We support and empower community organizations that educate about, advocate for, and celebrate animal welfare, including those that focus on essential human-animal services (e.g., pet therapy).

### Our Founders

**Professional Bowlers Aleta Sill and Michelle Mullen.** Aleta Sill, First Lady \$1,000,000 Bowler, Michigan Sports Hall of Famer and Detroit Dream Team Legendary Athlete; and Michelle Mullen, 4-time PWBA Champion, USBC Gold Coach, and author of *Bowling Fundamentals*.

### Our Story

Aleta and Michelle have a lifelong passion for helping animals in need and burning desire to remain a voice for those who cannot speak. They began in 2006 with the first Bowl-4-Animal Rescue.

Over the years, community friends came out in full force to “raise a paw” for their vital work. As a result, in 2016 they created the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, now called Michigan Animal Welfare Foundation.

### Board of Directors

President, Michelle Mullen

- YourBowlingCoach.com

Vice President, Aleta Sill

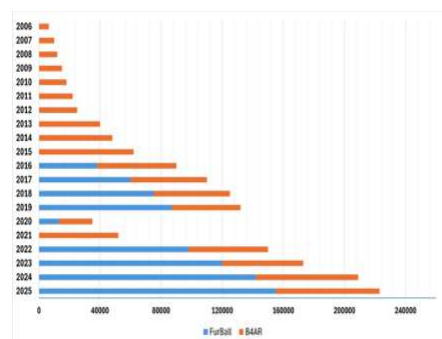
- Aleta Sill’s Bowling World

Secretary, Barbara Mattison  
Lori Stefek

- Stefek’s Auctioneers and Appraisers

Bob Breitman

- CIO/Serial Entrepreneur/IT Consultant/CISSP Certified



**Funds raised:** over \$1.57M thru '25

### Strength in Numbers

MIAWF is a grass roots, 100% volunteer-driven organization, with a dedicated team that works year-round. ALL proceeds benefit local animal welfare organizations.

### FROM MICHELLE

“I couldn’t get this involved or work as hard for any other cause. I think about those less fortunate animals out there every day and know that we can do more, together, with our wonderful community of friends than we could possibly do ourselves to help them.”

### Groups We Support

We support up to 4 animal welfare organizations each year, which provides a win-win-win scenario for all MIAWF partners. After careful evaluation, we choose those that rate high for sheltering practices, fiscal management, accountability, and transparency.

### Our 2025 beneficiaries:

- Blue Star Service Dogs
- Cat Tail Acres
- Friends of Detroit Animal Care and Control
- Underdog Rescue Ranch

