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## **Maddie's Fund Awards \$5,000 Innovation Grant to Bark Avenue Foundation To Help Homeless People and Their Pets**

Studio City, CA (May 12, 2017) – [Bark Avenue Foundation](#) is pleased to announce they have received a generous grant from [Maddie's Fund](#) to provide funding for BAF's [Unsheltered People & Their Pets](#) program which provides education, support services, and resources to homeless pet owners in Los Angeles City and County.

“Thanks to the Maddie's Fund Innovation Grant, we will be able to provide much-needed services to homeless people and their pets such as emergency vet care, free spay/neuter, vaccinations, pet care items (collars, leashes, I.D. tags, etc.), dog/cat food, and pet care education,” said Melanie Pozez, founder of Bark Avenue Foundation. “BAF is committed to helping the growing population of homeless people and veterans in the LA area and their beloved pets who are their family, companions, and security during this challenging chapter of their lives,” said Pozez.

The Maddie's Fund Innovation Grant offers up to \$5,000 in funding to implement a new program at shelters and rescue organizations that will advance lifesaving efforts.

To learn about how you can help BAF's Unsheltered People & Their Pets program, please [click here](#).

### **About Bark Avenue Foundation**

*Bark Avenue Foundation's mission is to empower pet owners and local communities to reduce abandoned animal populations through spay/neuter, pet retention and reclamation, and humane education. Since 2004, Bark Avenue Foundation has spayed/neutered over 30,000 pets throughout Los Angeles and the surrounding area. For more information about our life-saving programs, please visit [www.barkavenuefoundation.org](http://www.barkavenuefoundation.org) or via social media at [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or [Instagram](#).*

### **About Maddie's Fund**

*Maddie's Fund® is a family foundation created in 1994 by Workday co-founder Dave Duffield and his wife, Cheryl, who have endowed the Foundation with more than \$300 million. Since then, the Foundation has awarded more than \$187.8 million in grants toward increased community lifesaving, shelter medicine education, and pet adoptions across the U.S. The Duffields named Maddie's Fund after their Miniature Schnauzer Maddie, who always made them laugh and gave them great joy. Maddie was with Dave and Cheryl from 1987 - 1997 and continues to inspire them today. Maddie's Fund is the fulfillment of a [promise](#) to an inspirational dog, investing its resources to create a no-kill nation where every dog and cat is guaranteed a healthy home or habitat. #ThanksToMaddie.*

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