

# 2020 Accomplishments

## Funding

Because of dedicated supporters like you, Porchlight enters 2021 with a reserve of over \$110,000 from generous donations and grants. These funds are currently allocated toward the sanctuary's buildout—animal shelters, well, septic, a tiny caretaker home, and other critical structures—as well as medical funds for future animal residents.

Our end-of-year fundraiser was a tremendous success thanks to your support, raising nearly \$15,000, well-beyond our \$10,000 goal. All along, we've continued to maintain a low overhead thanks to our dedicated volunteers and all-volunteer board. Aside from the minimal costs associated with nonprofit administration, funds raised will directly impact the lives of formerly farmed animals.

## Property and Buildout

In 2020, our vision became a reality as Porchlight obtained a beautiful 15.4-acre property in Louisa County that will provide space for housing chickens, turkeys, sheep, goats, pigs, and cows while being accessible to Richmond, Charlottesville, and all the counties in between.

We hit the ground running as soon as the property was obtained. Donor support along with a grant from the Microsanctuary Resource Center allowed us to construct a coop and aviary that will be a home for future chicken or turkey residents. A separate grant from A Well-Fed World allowed us to construct a garden that we hope will grow food for residents as well as create opportunities to engage with and give back to the community. We fenced in three acres of pasture in December and are working to install a barn and paddock that will house our first large animal residents in 2021. We also obtained well and septic permits, constructed a lean-to for equipment storage, refurbished a shed for volunteer space, and began critical maintenance on our pastures.

## Outreach

While Covid-19 impacted our in-person outreach activities, we reached thousands of people through social media with our mission, vision, and values. We strived for transparency during this important time and shared regular updates on progress and needs.

As we become operational, we look forward to creating online content and hosting in-person educational programs that center on Porchlight's residents and promote compassionate choices as a means to create a better planet. Should the pandemic subside later in the year, we look forward to getting back into the community to meet and interact with anyone interested to learn about our vision.

## Board Development

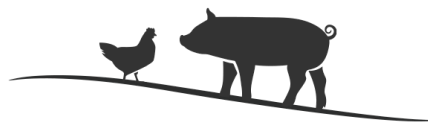
We conducted detailed assessments of our board's current strengths and identified future needs. We engaged non-profit experts to discuss board development and actively sought ways to improve the leadership of our organization for the betterment of the animals we will serve. We're continuing to develop recruitment plans in hopes of welcoming valuable skills and voices to the organization.

## Training and Networking

We continued to develop our animal care and land stewardship skills by interning, shadowing veterinarians, visiting local farmers, volunteering with other sanctuaries, and connecting with local government resources. In preparation for welcoming residents, we have more plans in 2021 to bolster training and skills in key areas of animal care.

## Volunteers

We welcomed an influx of amazing volunteers by holding quarterly virtual volunteer meetings that "opened the doors" to a large community of dedicated supporters. Throughout the second half of 2020, we hosted small groups of volunteers on-site to complete valuable projects, including constructing a food garden, building a safe aviary for future chicken and turkey residents, and maintaining and improving the property. We also began welcoming volunteers who could not make it to the site, plugging them into a range of projects that can be completed remotely. If you'd like to share your time and skills, please fill out our volunteer form at [porchlightsanctuary.org/get-involved](https://porchlightsanctuary.org/get-involved)



## Make a one-time donation or monthly gift!

Your contribution directly supports the creation of our sanctuary and educational programs.

Recurring monthly donations add up quickly and make a huge annual impact while supporting the creation of a permanent home for previously farmed animals.

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If you prefer to give by check or money order, please make payable to **Porchlight Animal Sanctuary** and send to Porchlight Animal Sanctuary, P.O. Box 28592, Henrico, VA 23228.