



## **Best Friends Animal Society Lauds Winnick Family Foundation for Its Support of Navajo Nation Veterinary Care and Youth Education Programs**

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Los Angeles, CA (PRWeb) December 13, 2010 – The Best Friends Animal Society of Kanab, Utah has lauded the Winnick Family Foundation for its support of the Society’s veterinary services and youth education programs within the Navaho Nation.

Anne Mejia, co-founder of Best Friends Animal Society in Kanab, said: “We very much appreciate the support received for our work from the [Winnick Foundation](#). Through your generous help, you have once again touched the lives of the animals and people of the Navaho Nation.”

The Best Friends Animal Society is dedicated to the humane treatment and medical care of small pets and stray animals. In 2010, the Society’s program, supported in part by a Winnick Family Foundation grant, has provided treatment for more than 200 at-risk animals and given more than 4,000 pounds of animal food and nourishment to pet-owning Navaho families in need.

A humane education program sponsored by the Society in 2010 worked with ninety teens at Monument Valley High School interested in becoming veterinarians or veterinary-medicine technicians. Working with the program, the young students arranged a free spay-neuter day that saw twenty cats and dogs fixed and vaccinated, found permanent homes for 50 abandoned, free-roaming dogs and set up three runs into remote areas to rescue dogs in danger.

[Gary Winnick](#), founder and chairman of Pacific Capital Group, said: “The Best Friends Animal Society in Kanab is doing remarkable work and setting a standard for the humane treatment of small animals across the vast territory of the Navaho Nation. We are very proud to support Society’s work and delighted that it has been able to not only care for at-risk animals but to encourage young Navahos to enter veterinary medicine.”

### **About the Winnick Family Foundation**

The [Winnick Family Foundation](#) encourages project-specific programs but also selectively supports capital campaigns and unrestricted gifts to grantee organizations. There is a preference for projects in Los Angeles and New York – or for those having an international component.

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Foundation naming grants include:

- Winnick Family Clinical Research Institute at Cedars Sinai Hospital
- Winnick House at the C.W. Post campus of Long Island University
- Arnold S. Winnick Student Center at the C.W. Post campus of Long Island University
- Winnick International Conference Center at the Simon Wiesenthal Center / Jerusalem
- Winnick Children's Zoo in Los Angeles
- Winnick Faculty Scholar at the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University
- Winnick Hall at the Skirball Cultural Center
- Arnold & Blanche Winnick Popular Library and Karen Winnick Children's Gallery at the Los Angeles Central Library
- Winnick Hillel House at Syracuse University
- Winnick Board Room at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City
- Winnick Winners Mentoring Program for the Los Angeles Unified School District
- Winnick Fellows at UCLA School of Medicine
- Winnick Gallery at Yeshiva University Museum, Center for Jewish History

Karen and [Gary Winnick](#) and the Foundation have endowed university and high school literacy and scholarship programs at Brown University, at Mrs. Winnick's alma mater Syracuse University, and at Gary Winnick's alma mater, Long Island University.

They have also funded the transformation of the on-campus C.W. Post mansion administrative center – renamed Winnick House – as well as the main cafeteria which is now named in honor of Mr. Winnick's late father.

In California, the Foundation has supported educational programs at the California Science Center, the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, KOREH L.A., the Los Angeles Zoo, L.A.'s Best Afterschool Program, the Wonder of Reading, the Fulfillment Fund and Noah's Ark at the Skirball Center.

Among the many other Foundation grantees are the Special Olympics, The Center for Jewish History, Children's Scholarship Fund, Partnership for Better Schools, Teach for America, The Gettysburg Foundation, The National Parks Foundation, Best Friends Animal Society, The Los Angeles Police Foundation, Shoah Foundation, and the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard University.

The Foundation also supports charities operating outside the United States, including the International Medical Corps, Flora and Fauna, World Wildlife Fund, the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, the Israel Museum, the Israel Philharmonic, the Jerusalem Zoo, Heifer

International and the Bloomfield Science Museum at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. For more information on the Foundation and its work, visit <http://www.winnickfamilyfoundation.com> on the Web.

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