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## **Local Animal Shelter Emerges Stronger: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Marks Remarkable Rebirth After Devastating Tornado**

**Pasadena, Texas (February 6, 2024)** — In a testament to resilience and community spirit, the Pasadena Animal Shelter will unveil its newly reconstructed facility with a ribbon-cutting ceremony scheduled for February 13, 2024 at 10AM. Media tours will be available after the ribbon-cutting.

"We faced a significant setback, but the outpouring of support from the community, volunteers, and various organizations has been nothing short of extraordinary," said Brandi Bass, Shelter Marketing Specialist. "This ribbon-cutting ceremony is a chance to recognize them, as well as a celebration of our collective efforts to rebuild not just a structure, but a haven for the animals that depend on us."

Damage caused by the January 24, 2023 tornado went far beyond what could be seen from the outside. Comprehensive inspections revealed that the tornado not only severely damaged the roof, but also negatively impacted crucial operating systems within the building. The rebuilding process has been nothing short of a labor of love, with the community rallying together to support the shelter's resurrection.

"We've taken this opportunity to not only rebuild, but also improve our facilities," said Mayor Jeff Wagner. "The new Pasadena Animal Shelter is equipped with upgraded electrical and HVAC systems, new floors, and a new roof which includes a stabilized system with support columns drilled into concrete foundation piers. This reinforces the strength of the roof to better withstand extreme weather."

### **About Pasadena Animal Control & Adoption**

Pasadena Animal Control & Adoption's goal is to ensure that every pet we encounter stays in-or finds-a loving home. Our mission is to provide responsive, efficient, and high-quality animal care and control services while we promote, preserve, and protect public and animal safety through sheltering, pet placement programs, education, and humane law enforcement. Compassion, care, and community guide our work and we strive to be a place where paws and people connect. For more information, visit [www.pasadenashelter.com](http://www.pasadenashelter.com). Follow on Facebook at [Pasadena Animal Shelter](https://www.facebook.com/PasadenaAnimalShelter) and on Instagram [@petspasadenatx](https://www.instagram.com/petspasadenatx) to learn more.

