



Orange You Glad?

April 3, 2006 Pomona, NY: Students at St. Augustine's School in New City are celebrating the 140th anniversary of the ASPCA and in doing so are raising funds for Rockland's SPCA, the Hudson Valley Humane Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Children in grades Kindergarten through 8 are participating in the school's "Orange You Glad God Created Animals" campaign with a poster contest, picture contest and the sale of hand made chocolate treats. Additionally, students are encouraged with the spirit of the theme by dressing in orange on Monday, April 10th, the culmination of the event. Proceeds generated by the students will be donated to the Hudson Valley Humane Society in Pomona, NY.

Raymond Mundy, president of the HVHS, Harry Gold of HVHS Humane Law Enforcement and Dolores Schaub and pet partner of HVHS Pet Therapy Program will be in attendance at St. Augustine's to make presentations to the student body. "The HVHS is touched by the genuine concern for animals these students are demonstrating. Kudos to their teachers for encouraging compassion and community-minded thoughtfulness", commented Mr. Mundy. He continued, "It is an honor for us to meet and spend some time with these boys and girls."

"The students are very excited to assist in anyway possible to help animals. Animals show unconditional love. This is our way to show them how much we love and care for God's creatures," said Mrs. Katharine Murphy, Principal of St. Augustine's.

SPCA's are a special classification of animal welfare organizations and only one SPCA can exist in each county in New York State. For Rockland, the HVHS has been the local SPCA since its inception in 1891.

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The HVHS is a private, tax-exempt organization, chartered as a society for prevention of cruelty to animals in New York State and has cared for abandoned, unwanted and abused animals in Rockland County since 1891.