



*Celebrating the groundbreaking are (left to right): Emilio Lebolo, Jay Gillespie and Andrée Sweet from Gallo Architects; Paula Aflanian from FHS; Deerfield Beach Mayor Al Capellini; Carol and Steve Ebert and Patricia Pecina from FHS; Bill Gallo from Gallo Architects; and Mark McCartney from JWR Construction Services.*

JWR Construction Services, Inc. joined dozens of Florida Humane Society supporters, volunteers, and sponsors, and as well as local elected officials, at the recent FHS groundbreaking ceremony. The community came together to celebrate the start of construction on the new FHS headquarters and animal care facility.

The Lucille Atwell Foundation donated a parcel of land and \$800,000 in funding (FHS volunteers and supporters have raised an additional \$300,000) to build the exterior shell of the 9,000 s.f. building which will be located at the corner of Powerline Road and Sample Road in Deerfield Beach.

JWR Construction Services is General Contractor for the new building, which will include 18 dog rooms with dog runs and play areas; nine cat rooms; grooming and exam areas; a dog and cat boutique; pet adoption rooms; a conference room; and offices for the volunteer-based organization. The exterior of the building will feature an “Old Florida” design utilizing standing seam metal roofs, hardiplank siding, decorative brackets and colors in a pastel palette. The facility was designed by Gallo Architects & Development Consultants, Inc.

Each year in South Florida, more than 25,000 cats, dogs and other pets are euthanized because they have been abandoned by their owners, picked up by Animal Control, or are simply part of an unwanted litter. At the Florida Humane Society, they believe that all pets deserve a loving home. That's why the FHS is a NO-KILL organization dedicated to saving lives.

For nearly 15 years, the Florida Humane Society has saved thousands of cats, dogs and other companion animals from being euthanized. They've done it by relying on generous corporate and individual supporters and the compassion of volunteers and pet lovers who open their homes to become “foster parents” for the nearly 23,000 animals the FHS has saved and adopted out since 1993.

Sponsorships, room naming, and in-kind donation opportunities are still available. For more information, contact Carol Ebert, President of the Florida Humane Society, by phone at 954.570.9507, by email [floridahumane@aol.com](mailto:floridahumane@aol.com), or visit [www.floridahumane.com](http://www.floridahumane.com).