



## Our Path Forward: New Beginnings in the Uco Valley

Dear Friends,  
What a month of incredible momentum and heartwarming new beginnings! Dreams are truly taking shape, one act of care and generosity at a time.

For an exciting new beginning, mark your calendars for **our very first Online Auction this November!** This unique "Gestos que Suman" (Gifts for Good) event will be a fantastic way to support our programs and snag exceptional items and experiences, generously donated by our global and local wine communities. Be sure to catch the conversation with Art & Emily Monaghan about the launch and how to join us in making a positive impact in our community!

Our community's vibrancy shone brightly this month with the inspiring visit from **Rotary Club El Portillo Tunuyán volunteers** from Italy, Germany, Argentina, and Brazil!

They brought incredible energy to our mobile spay and neuter clinic, learning, assisting, and multiplying the joy of giving back. This collaboration truly reminded us that change is multiplied when shared. **Our Spay & Neuter Mobile Unit** continues its incredible work, transforming hundreds of lives through the power of prevention!

And speaking of big dreams, our **Dog Shelter** is making a monumental leap forward! After a reflective pause allowed us to reimagine, we're thrilled to announce a revitalized project, now full steam ahead. This isn't just a new location; it's a completely re-envisioned sanctuary, featuring improved infrastructure optimized for our cool climate and welcoming visiting guests. Breaking ground is exciting, and we look forward to seeing this new reality take shape. Your unwavering belief and generosity make this possible. Every happy bark and successful adoption proves that when our community unites, **hope finds a home.**

Each story, each effort, each donation reminds us that together, we are turning hope into action—and action into real, lasting change.

**WITH HEARTFELT GRATITUDE,**

**Carolyn Gallagher,  
Executive Director  
The Vines Foundation**

## Save the Date! November 8–16. Our First Online Auction

# GIFTS *for* GOOD



This November, join us for our very first Online Auction — a unique opportunity to bid on extraordinary experiences and treasures while supporting a great cause.

Every dollar raised goes directly to supporting our core programs in education, community health, food security and animal welfare.

The auction is a celebration of generosity: donors sharing their time, talents, and treasures; bidders joining from near and far; and a community united by the belief that together, we can transform lives.

When generosity meets purpose, the impact is limitless.

## Your Treasures, Our Community, One Great Cause

### A conversation with Art & Emily Monaghan about the launch of The Vines Foundation's new online auction: Gifts for Good

◆ ***This year, The Vines Foundation is doing something different instead of the Franklin BBQ event. Can you tell us about it?***

– *Emily: While we'll miss gathering at Franklin BBQ, we wanted to create something that allows our entire community to participate — no matter where they are.*

*And when we say entire community, we mean everyone connected to The Vines: friends, family, owners, members, guests, staff, and our local partners in Tunuyán.*

*That's how **Gifts for Good** came to life. **From November 8–16**, our first-ever online auction will let us share the amazing experiences, treasures, and passions that make this community so unique — while supporting a cause we all care about.*



Art and Emily Monaghan are Vines vineyard and villa owners, as well as Global members. They live in Minnesota and have both served on The Vines Foundation board since 2021

◆ **How can people participate?**

- Art: There are four simple ways:

**Share an item or experience** – anything from a hidden getaway to a special talent or private dinner.

**Bid on auction items** – treat yourself or surprise someone you love while giving back.

**Fund-a-Need contributions** – like the “stars” at Franklin BBQ, you can directly fund a specific project.

**Make a direct donation** – give at any level to support our programs in Tunuyán.

◆ **What makes Gifts for Good different from other fundraisers?**

- Art: It’s personal. Instead of just donating, you’re sharing a part of your world — and in return, you might experience something extraordinary from someone else.

- Emily: Our tagline says it best: “Your treasures, our community, one great cause.”



◆ **Can you give us a sneak peek at some of the items?**

- Emily: Absolutely! From East to West, North to South, there’s something for everyone:

• **Boston:** Vineyard owner Eddie Romero and Vines Co-Founder Bryan Driscoll and his family are curating an insider’s weekend with Red Sox box seats, field access, and a private Italian dinner.

• **Pacific Northwest:** Head of Vines Global Frances Lalas will share her access and know-how to create a not-to-be-missed San Juan Islands experience.

• **The Andes:** Trusted Vines Resort outdoor guide Adrian Gutierrez will lead a thrilling trek, complete with authentic tastes and treats.

• **Cabo San Lucas, Mexico:** Vineyard owners Scott and Laura Deskins are opening the doors to Casa Cielo at Pedregal, their stunning 18,000 sq. ft. villa with 9 bedrooms, infinity pool, and breathtaking ocean views — the ultimate group getaway in paradise! These are just a glimpse of the incredible experiences coming together!

◆ **How can someone get involved today?**

- Emily: Donate an item or experience big or small, every contribution matters.

Spread the word and invite friends to join in.

Mark your calendar for November 8–16 to bid and give.

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*Emily Monaghan*

◆ **Final thoughts?**

- Art: This community is remarkable. Gifts for Good celebrates who we are while making a tangible difference.
- Emily: It's about generosity, connection, and joy — and we can't wait to see the memories created and the impact we'll make together.

*“Instead of just donating, you're sharing a part of your world — and in return, you might experience something extraordinary from someone else.” – Art Monaghan*

For more information or to donate an item, email Carolyn Gallagher at: [carolyn.gallagher@vinesfoundation.org](mailto:carolyn.gallagher@vinesfoundation.org)



## Cultural Exchange and Solidarity in Action



This month, we had the joy of welcoming a remarkable group of young exchange students through Rotary Club El Portillo Tunuyán, in partnership with the Municipality of Tunuyán. Coming from Italy, Germany, Brazil, and Argentina, these students embraced the opportunity to live with local host families while engaging in volunteer projects that connected them deeply with the heart of our community.

Their first experience was with our mobile spay and neuter clinic, a program led by The Vines Foundation together with the Municipality of Tunuyán. The students assisted with registrations, helped families as they received their pets after surgery, and witnessed firsthand how prevention transforms the lives of animals while creating healthier, more compassionate neighborhoods

Among the volunteers were: **Marta Bertoli (Italy), Zara Kraiger (Germany), Benno Wrede (Germany), Thalea Kleimann (Germany), Ciara Schmidt (Germany), Antonio Felipe Fagundes Borges Canela (Brazil) and from Argentina: Sofía Colli, Benicio Valladares, Luján Díaz, Sofía Liz Perea, Lucrecia Elizabeth Sosa Torfe and Carla Valdez.**

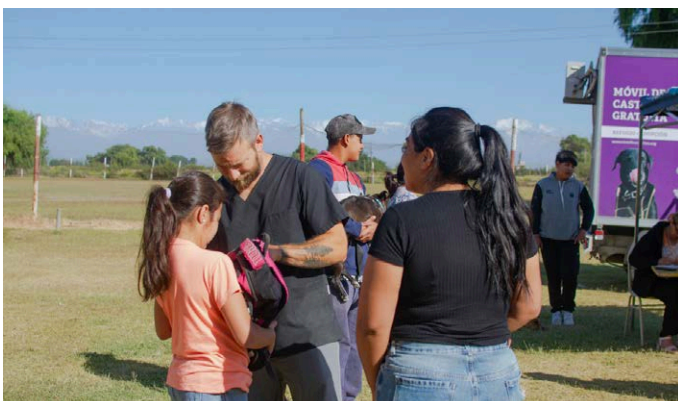
And their journey doesn't stop there. Next, they will continue volunteering in our community meal programs—serving warm meals, sharing laughter, and leading creative activities with children. These experiences are not only moments of service, but also powerful opportunities to build bridges across cultures and leave lasting impressions that go far beyond their time in Tunuyán.

At its core, Rotary's exchange program reflects a truth we deeply believe in: real change happens when it is shared. By bringing together families, young people, and local organizations, we are creating more than just opportunities for learning—we are shaping a stronger, more caring, and more united Uco Valley.

And thanks to the energy, kindness, and commitment of these students, once again Tunuyán shows us that compassion speaks every language.



## Spay & Neuter Mobile Unit: Turning Numbers into Real Change



Just over a year ago, we launched our free spay and neuter mobile unit, in partnership with the Municipality of Tunuyán. What began as a dream project has become one of the most powerful tools to improve both public health and the lives of animals.

In these past 12 months, we have achieved:

- More than **2300 free sterilization surgeries**
- **Reached 800 families** across different neighborhoods
- Significantly **reduced the risk of unwanted litters**
- **Prevented diseases** and improved the quality of life for dogs and cats.

Each number tells a real story: a family that now has a healthy, cared-for pet; a female dog that will no longer suffer through litter on the streets; a calmer, safer neighborhood. And behind every surgery lies the conviction that prevention is the most humane and effective way to transform the reality of animals and the community.

## A New Beginning: Where Hope Finds a Home

Our long-held dream for The Vines Dog Shelter is taking a monumental leap forward! Faced with the necessary relocation of our current shelter due to the ongoing construction of Alma Mater Winery by Santiago Achaval and Pablo Martorell, we seized the opportunity to engage our community and reimagine a truly ideal space. Our vision converged on a new sanctuary designed for healing, rehabilitation, welcoming visitors, protecting from cooler environmental conditions, and fostering deeper social connections for both animals and people.



Current Animal Shelter, built in Feb 2021



New Shelter Design by Federico Velazco (render)

We're thrilled to announce this revitalized project is now in full swing! This transformation wouldn't be possible without the incredibly generous donations from our dog-loving community, who upon learning about the urgency to relocate, immediately stepped forward to support us.



Arq. Federico Velazco, Manuel Rodrigo Maya, and Ricardo Figuls

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**And a very special note of gratitude to Jon Staenberg, whose land donation is making the construction of a new home for the dog shelter possible.**

This new site is far more than just a different location; it's a completely re-envisioned sanctuary, purpose-built to prepare every dog to thrive in their adoptive home. Our upgraded shelter will feature solid walls strategically placed to hedge against the chilly south wind, raised roofs designed to welcome the northern sun, and two spacious play areas to comfortably separate puppies from mature dogs. Furthermore, it will provide an enhanced, well-equipped environment for our dedicated caregivers and volunteers, inviting more engagement and fostering healthy, playful moments. This thoughtful design also includes spaces for public interaction, allowing visitors to connect with the dogs, participate in their care, and experience the profound bond between humans and animals, making the shelter a true community hub.

Leading this transformative design is **Federico Velazco**, a talented local architect whose university thesis focused specifically on animal rehabilitation shelters. With his expertise, we're already moving forward with soil movement, detailed design plans for a 150m<sup>2</sup> structure, and thoughtfully considered landscaping that together promise a safe, functional, and truly transformative space for all to enjoy. Your unwavering belief and the remarkable generosity of our entire community make this dream a reality. Every happy bark and successful adoption proves that when we unite, hope finds a home.



The backhoe beginning the earthmoving work

*If our work speaks to you, share our posts and stories with others. Every new person who discovers what we do is a potential partner in change—and together, we can continue to improve lives across the Uco Valley. Let's grow this movement. One voice, one share, one action at a time.*

**¡Gracias!**

