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**'TIS THE SEASON FOR HOPE AND SERVICE: BUCKS COUNTY COUPLE
CELEBRATE 59 YEARS OF MARRIAGE AND CONTINUE THEIR 20-YEAR
COMMITMENT TO BUILDING A NO-KILL ANIMAL SANCTUARY**

Marilyn & Herb Neiman will be married 59 years on Christmas Eve, and continue their work as animal welfare advocates on the Advisory Council of The Crossings Animal Sanctuary

Washington Crossing, PA, December 2009 – Life hasn't slowed down in their golden years for Marilyn and Herbert Neiman, both in their 80s. They have just been named to the Advisory Council of The Crossings Animal Sanctuary, a nonprofit animal welfare organization committed to building Bucks County's first no-kill animal sanctuary within 5-7 years. Joining their daughter Yvonne, who serves as President for the new organization, the couple will continue to devote their time and effort to helping the dogs and cats of Bucks County.

Marilyn Neiman, 80, a Founder of Hope for the Animals, spent the last 20 years as its full-time volunteer President. Upon his retirement from Rohm & Haas, where he worked for 35 years, Herb Neiman, now 83, also devoted himself to full-time volunteer work for Hope for the Animals. Herb Neiman also served as Vice President of HFA. The couple resigned from Hope for the Animals in November 2009.

“Helping a cause that is important to us is what keeps us going, keeps us young,” says Marilyn Neiman. “When you put your heart into taking care of the animals, it keeps your heart alive.”

“We’re thrilled to have my parents join our Advisory Council”, Yvonne Neiman stated. “Between them, they have over 40 years of experience in animal welfare, and bring with them a wealth of invaluable information to assist and guide us.”

“What I’d like most for my parents’ 65th anniversary“, continued Neiman, “is to present them with a giant pair of scissors, to cut the ribbon at the opening ceremony for Bucks County’s first no-kill animal sanctuary.”

Marilyn and Herb Neiman join 22 other animal welfare leaders, veterinarians, and other experts on CAS’ Advisory Council. As Advisors, the Board of Directors will rely on the Neimans’ experience in running a successful non-profit organization. Also among the Advisors are Faith Maloney and Jana de Peyer, both Founders of Best Friends Animal Sanctuary, the largest and most well-respected no-kill animal sanctuary in the United States.

In addition to building a no-kill sanctuary, The Crossings Animal Sanctuary will sponsor programs and projects to assist financially distressed pet owners. Their first effort, “The Dog and Cat Economic Recovery Project”, will help with veterinary costs for pet owners who have lost their jobs and/or their homes, and will begin in early 2010.

As part of their support of The Crossings Animal Sanctuary, the Neimans will also participate in fund raising activities and efforts to build membership for the new organization. The membership drive for The Crossings Animal Sanctuary is now underway. For those interested in membership or becoming a volunteer, please contact Maria Porambo at info@TheCrossingsAnimalSanctuary.org or call (215) 321-HOPE (4673).

About The Crossings Animal Sanctuary, Inc:

The Crossings Animal Sanctuary, Inc. located in Washington Crossing, PA, is a non-profit, no-kill animal welfare organization begun in February 2009. In addition to building Bucks County’s first no-kill sanctuary, its mission is to provide quality care and a loving home for every dog and cat in Bucks County and the surrounding area.

NOTE TO EDITORS: To schedule an interview with any of the Neimans, please contact Yvonne Neiman at CASYvonne@aol.com or (215) 321-4673.