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## **Local Humane Hero Featured in *Kind News* Magazine *Southwick Teen Has Fostered More Than Three Dozen Kittens***

**Southwick, MA (March 2, 2021)** - Local youth and humane hero, Lilly Barden, is featured in the March/April 2021 edition of *Kind News* magazine. *Kind News* is a children's magazine published by [RedRover](http://RedRover.org), a national animal welfare nonprofit.

At the age of 12, Lilly discovered their love for felines by watching a video of the famous “Kitten Lady” Hannah Shaw rescuing two kittens. They immediately thought how cool that was and decided they wanted to help cats. They went to a nearby shelter, Dakin Humane Society, and signed up to become a foster caregiver volunteer, with their mother’s permission.

Lilly said, “I think the most satisfying part of fostering kittens is when they get homes. Then I know it’s a job well done.”

Lilly has fostered more than 38 kittens since watching the “Kitten Lady” video two years ago. They often foster two to three kittens at a time, and will wake up in the middle of the night to bottle-feed very young kittens. They typically foster kittens between three to five weeks.

“My advice to someone who wants to foster is to look up different fostering shelters and programs to see what best suits you - you may want to foster babies, adults, or sick animals.” Lilly went on to say, “You should also ask the shelter what resources they offer, such as if they supply food or toys.”

“Lilly’s dedication to fostering kittens is inspirational,” said RedRover President and CEO Nicole Forsyth. “It’s so heartwarming to see their passion to help animals in need, and we hope it will inspire more kids their age to volunteer and foster!”

*Kind News* uses articles and short features to highlight issues affecting animals and provides tips for understanding animal behavior and caring for pets. Each issue features a young Humane Hero, game or activity, MUTTS comic strip, Critter Clues, and much more.

Do you know a child who goes above and beyond to show kindness towards animals? Submit a kindness story for a chance to be featured on RedRover’s social media and potentially chosen as a Humane Hero: [kindnews.org/shareyourstory](http://kindnews.org/shareyourstory).

To learn more about Kind News and view Lilly’s feature, visit: [KindNews.org](http://KindNews.org).

### **About *Kind News*:**

*Kind News* magazine™ is an eight-page, full-color RedRover publication that helps children understand animals and think about why treating animals and people with kindness matters. The publication is available in two reading versions: *Kind News, Jr.* for grades K-2 and *Kind News* for grades 3-6, and is distributed five times throughout the school year. The magazine is available in print or as an interactive, digital edition. To learn more visit: [KindNews.org](http://KindNews.org).

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