

The *Chicago Tribune* shined the spotlight on the work of [Cynthia Bathurst](#), a [recipient](#) of the [American Veterinary Medical Association](#)'s 2009 [Humane Award](#). in yesterday's edition of the paper. The Birmingham, AL native currently serves as the head of [Safe Humane Chicago](#), a "2-year-old effort to fight violence by promoting compassion for animals as well as people," [as reported by the Mobile Press-Register earlier today](#).

The program works with more than 60 area organizations, including schools and churches and community groups to help get a message of anti-violence out to residents in the city's high-crime areas.

Bathurst has also been [featured on the City of Chicago's website](#) and was [a founder of D.A.W.G.](#)