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**Scranton Area Community Foundation to Match Donations Made to  
Indraloka Animal Sanctuary for Newly Rescued Piglets**

Dalton, Penn. — Thanks to a Critical Needs grant from the **Scranton Area Community Foundation**, donations made to **Indraloka Animal Sanctuary**, Dalton, PA, will be matched up to \$2,500, to help pay for increased medical care and housing costs the sanctuary is incurring since rescuing four new piglets this fall. All donations are tax-deductible and can be made on the [Indraloka website](#), [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#). Donations will be matched until January 2, 2024. Funding for this project comes from the Scranton Area Community Foundation’s 2023 Critical Needs grant cycle.

While most animal rescues pose logistical puzzles for the sanctuary, the piglets’ rescues have been particularly challenging.

“We were all set to introduce our two youngest piglets (Duncky and Dory) to the older piglets (Rubi and Sequa) when we got disappointing news. Rubi and Sequa tested positive for the PPRS virus, which is potentially life-threatening and spreads quickly to other pigs. It’s very common in pigs that come from factory farms. While PPRS cannot pass between species, we must keep the piglets who



are infected quarantined, which means creating additional housing for the pigs,” Indraloka founder Indra Lahiri, PhD, says.

In addition to housing, the three female piglets also urgently need to be spayed as soon as possible to minimize complications.

“We are so grateful to the Scranton Area Community Foundation for its support. These piglets had nowhere else to turn. We are the only farm animal sanctuary in the region that is equipped to handle large breed pigs,” Dr. Lahiri says.

Indraloka is a 501(c) nonprofit and all donations made to the sanctuary are tax deductible. Donors can visit the sanctuary for one of its many [events](#) and meet the piglets in person! The sanctuary is inclusive and can welcome other-abled children and adults with advance notice.

To donate to this campaign and have your donation qualified for a match, visit

<https://indraloka.app.neoncrm.com/forms/piglets>.

The Scranton Area Community Foundation makes grants to foster ideas that have the potential to strengthen our community and enrich the lives of the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania. The Foundation responds to community needs and opportunities with grants in such diverse fields as health, education, arts, environment, human services, and civic affairs. **Critical Needs Grants are** made for emergencies or pressing, unanticipated needs to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations.



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**About Indraloka Animal Sanctuary**

Indraloka, a 501(c) nonprofit, provides “heaven on earth” for farm animals that have nowhere else to turn. We hold year-round events that inform, inspire, and empower the community, and help people — especially children — heal from trauma. We advocate for a kind and compassionate lifestyle that protects animals, the earth and our own health. As educators, we offer a wide range of STEAM-based learning programs, summer camps and field trips for children, K-12. The community is invited to tour the sanctuary; reservations are required. Visit us at [Indraloka.org](http://Indraloka.org).

**About the Scranton Area Community Foundation**

The Scranton Area Community Foundation is on a mission to enhance the quality of life for all people in Northeastern Pennsylvania through the development of organized philanthropy. With more than 315 charitable funds, the Scranton Area Community Foundation has served as a steward, grantmaker, charitable resource, and catalyst for change since 1954. The Foundation leads various initiatives including Women in Philanthropy, the Center for Community Leadership and Nonprofit Excellence, NEPA Moves, and the NEPA Animal Welfare Collaborative. Additionally, the Foundation hosts and facilitates NEPA Gives and the NEPA Learning Conference. The Scranton Area Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, tax-exempt organization confirmed in compliance with National Standards of U.S. Community Foundations. More information about the Scranton Area Community Foundation can be found at [www.safdn.org](http://www.safdn.org).