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**For Immediate Release**

**AWS Opens PAWS, a New Pet Boutique in Downtown Hobart**

Friday, June 27, 2008 – Hobart, IN – AWS, a human services agency providing services to individuals with disabilities, is opening a pet boutique, PAWS, this Tuesday, July 1 at 10 am. The store is located at 310 Main Street in downtown Hobart. AWS provides residential, vocational and recreational services to people with disabilities.

PAWS, will be run by AWS staff and clients. At the store, clients will be able to develop job skills and refine social skills. The store will sell a wide variety of pet-related items including toys, chews, leashes and collars, bowls, pet food and grooming supplies, as well as items for pet owners such as picture frames, puzzles, mugs and coffee beans, cookbooks and much more. Although the store officially opens on July 1, PAWS will hold a grand opening celebration on July 4 @ 10 am.

Store hours for PAWS are Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10 am – 5 pm, Thursday 10 am – 6 pm and Saturday 10 am – 2 pm. A portion of proceeds from all sales will help support social and recreational activities for people with disabilities.

Founded in 1960, the mission of AWS is to help children and adults with disabilities live as independently as possible, be included in society and function at their maximum potential. AWS annually serves more than 7,000 people throughout Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Missouri.

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