



## The St Louis Six & Friends Are Home!

*The Gentle Barn is set to open in Missouri*

Dittmer, MO (September 2017) – The story of the St. Louis Six which started when a courageous steer led a successful escape for himself and five other cows from a slaughterhouse in St. Louis has evolved into a worldwide campaign for hope. **The Gentle Barn Foundation** stepped in as their last resort and has resulted in the funding to purchase a property close to St. Louis. In less than 24 days, from more than 40 countries and all 50 states across America, The Gentle Barn was able to raise over \$400,000 in an effort to move forward with opening the third Gentle Barn location.

“Having grown up in St. Louis and now returning here to open the next Gentle Barn, I feel closer to fulfilling my life’s dream of opening a Gentle Barn in every state,” says Ellie Laks, Founder of The Gentle Barn. “With the success of our fundraising campaign, The Gentle Barn is going to open its newest location later this month on September 24, 2017 to welcome the St. Louis Six into their new home. We are looking forward to the opportunity to show people the power of these animals to teach the message of hope and compassion.”

With the seamless arrival of Chico and his brothers, and the additions of two pigs and two baby chicks, and a turkey named, Peyton Manning, The Gentle Barn MO is already a lively sanctuary. With the final details in place, Ellie and Jay are ready to introduce The Gentle Barn to the local community and share its message of compassion and respect for all living beings.

“This is such an exciting time for The Gentle Barn Foundation for Ellie, Myself, The Gentle Barn Board, our staff and of course the St Louis Six to be a part of this momentous occasion for bringing Chico and his brothers to their forever home,” says Jay Weiner Co-Founder of The Gentle Barn. “It’s going to be a dream come true to see people interact with the St Louis Six at the new Gentle Barn Missouri.”

The Gentle Barn MO's grand opening will be Sunday, September 24th from 10-2, and will be open every Sunday afterwards. And we are now hosting private tours, all day VIP tours, birthday parties, school field trips, and groups of at risk, inner city, and special needs children. To get more info, tickets, and directions, go to <http://www.gentlebarn.org/missouri/>

### **ABOUT THE GENTLE BARN | [www.gentlebarn.org](http://www.gentlebarn.org)**

The Gentle Barn is a national nonprofit organization, founded in 1999 as a safe haven and place of recovery for severely abused animals. The Gentle Barn offers their unique philosophy of rehabilitating animals and connecting their stories of survival and healing to the personal experiences of inner city, at-risk and special needs children who have suffered physical, mental or emotional trauma. By interacting with The Gentle Barn’s approximate one hundred and fifty animals and taking a hands-on role in their welfare, those who participate in the programs at The Gentle Barn learn empathy, trust and forgiveness. The Gentle Barn is supported by Celebrities such as Ellen Degeneres, Kelly & David Backes, Daisy Fuentes & Richard Marx, Jenna & Channing Tatum, Steve-O, Rikki Rockett of Poison, Pamela Anderson and Hilary Swank.