The fundamental goal of a Socially Conscious Community is to create best outcomes for all animals. The responsibilities of Socially Conscious Shelters include:

1. Ensuring every unwanted or homeless pet has a safe place to go for shelter and care
2. Placing every healthy and safe animal
3. Assessing the medical and behavioral needs of homeless animals and ensuring these needs are thoughtfully addressed
4. Alleviating suffering and making appropriate euthanasia decisions
5. Aligning policy with the needs of the community
6. Enhancing the human-animal bond through thoughtful placements and post adoption support
7. Considering the health and wellness of each animal and each community when transferring animals between communities
8. Implementing inclusive policies and practices
9. Fostering a culture of transparency, ethical decision making, mutual respect, continual learning and collaboration