30 YEARS OF PROVIDING GREATER INDEPENDENCE

Canine Partners for Life

The Publication for the Friends of Canine Partners for Life

Spring 2019
LETTER from the Executive Director

From the hundreds of Canine Partners recipients who live and experience increased independence and a better quality of life, the countless volunteers and donors who support with thousands of hours of their time and generous gifts, to the staff who consistently go above and beyond their duties — we are all CPL and each person has impacted the organization and our ability to grow over the past three decades. The organization has also grown physically since 1989, including relocating to the current 45-acre campus in Cochranny, PA in 1996, renovating and expanding the old farm house to the current 10,000+ sq. ft. Marian S. Ware Program Services Center in 2017, and growing to a current staff size of 27.

Early on in CPL’s history, our founder, Darlene Sullivan, had a vision to serve people with disabilities by providing them with well-trained service dogs. The program she developed is still growing stronger as our community and CPL family continue to donate their time and resources to support our mission. Darlene’s vision, along with the core values and mission that CPL was built on, has become the brick and mortar of our organization.

The range of disabilities we train our service dogs to support has expanded, as well as our programs. In 1990, CPL began placing dogs with people who needed physical assistance or help with support and balance. When CPL received inquiries to place seizure alert dogs and later, cardiac alert dogs, it was in our hearts and mission, to help these individuals so CPL began placing well-trained service and companion dogs. The mission which drives our every decision — increased independence and quality of life for individuals with disabilities — will continue to guide our path over the next 30 years.

CPL is a leader in the assistance dog industry and a strong non-profit organization. How do I define strength? I see the generosity and compassion in our donors. With the leadership of our Board of Directors and our senior management team, we know that CPL has a bright future and we look forward to serving our applicants and graduates with well-trained service and companion dogs. The mission which drives our every decision — increased independence and quality of life for individuals with disabilities — will continue to guide our path over the next 30 years.

Respectfully,

Janie Cramer
Executive Director

30 years, 3 decades, 10,950 days. Canine Partners for Life started as a dream in our Founder, Darlene Sullivan’s, home. Fast forward 30 years and CPL has grown into a national organization that is highly respected and recognized as a leader in the assistance dog industry. Through all the growth and change, CPL’s mission remains at the forefront.

Quickly after CPL’s inception, the demand for service dogs began to grow and our program expanded. We went from placing service dogs with people who have physical disabilities to also placing seizure alert, cardiac alert, and diabetes alert dogs. We expanded our home companion program to include residential companions and courthouse companions. We went from placing a couple dogs per year to holding three Team Training classes per year. And now, the demand is greater than ever. Our waiting list continues to grow as we are constantly finding new ways for service dogs to support people.

To keep up with the growth of our program, our staff needed to expand. We went from one staff member and one volunteer to twenty-seven staff members and over five hundred volunteers! While our staff is busy running the day to day operations, we have volunteers raising puppies, cuddling and walking our dogs, attending socialization trips, assisting with fundraisers, helping in the office and more!

With a larger staff, hundreds of volunteers, and an increased number of applicants, our facility was in desperate need of an upgrade. CPL moved from Darlene’s home to our current property in 1996. The kennel was constructed and opened in 2000 and in 2017, phase one of an $8.5 million Capital Campaign, the Marian S. Ware Program Services Center, was completed. This new building has given us additional office space, private meeting rooms, more handicapped accessible restrooms, and a new whelping area for our breeding program.

All of these additions, from the larger facility to the extra staff to the increased number of graduating teams, results in a larger budget. Currently, CPL operates on an annual budget of $1.7 million. When CPL purchased our current 45 acre property in 1996, we acquired a mortgage but thanks to the incredible support of our donors, we are happy to announce we have paid off that mortgage making us DEBT FREE! 2019 is year to celebrate for many reasons!

SO, where do we see ourselves in the next 30 years? To start, we are ramping up fundraising to build a brand new, state of the art, Mollie and Minor Barringer Training Center. This building will include a mock apartment to train and practice service skills, an industrial sized kitchen to support special activities and events, additional handicapped restrooms (one with an adult changing station), and a huge new training room, the Gerret and Tatiana Copeland Education Hall. Along with the expansion of our facility, we plan to expand our diabetes alert dog program, increase exposure for our home companion program, address our ever-growing waiting list, and continue to change lives.

It is an honor to be celebrating our 30th anniversary. The incredible growth of this organization and the hundreds of lives we have changed through a partnership with a service or companion dog is in thanks to you, all of you. Thank you for supporting our mission, for donating your time, and for telling your friends and family about CPL. YOU are making the miracle of independence possible each and every day. Here’s to the next 30 years!
WE NEED PUPPY RAISERS!

By raising a puppy for Canine Partners for Life, you are helping to provide independence to an individual in need. We recently made some changes to our puppy raising program to best take advantage of the various developmental stages of the puppies and to offer more flexibility to our volunteer puppy raisers. CPL puppies now start their training in a community home. They stay with the volunteer from 2–5 months of age as this time period is critical for public socialization. At age 5 months, the puppies return to community homes for another three months before moving into the CPL kennel to begin working with our professional trainers. At the end of this two-year journey, we will all celebrate as Action News captures the emotional moments as these dogs meet their forever partners.

The puppies being featured in this series are Bel, Cassie, Gertie, Igor, Maxwell, Rocky and Selma. Videos are uploaded to 6abc’s website weekly and are shown during their news broadcasts at least once per month. To view all of the videos in this series, visit 6abc.com and search for Pupdates.

With this new training program, we are in need of more volunteer puppy raisers! Volunteers are responsible for raising the puppy in accordance with CPL policies and procedures, including housebreaking, crate training, vet visits, reinforcing good manners, teaching basic obedience commands, and socializing the puppy in public locations every day. Puppy raisers! Volunteers are responsible for raising the puppy in accordance with CPL policies and procedures, including housebreaking, crate training, vet visits, reinforcing good manners, teaching basic obedience commands, and socializing the puppy in public locations every day. Puppy homes are also required to attend at least two puppy training classes per month held at CPL. It’s a big responsibility with even bigger rewards! If you are interested in raising a puppy, contact Diane Henney, Volunteer Coordinator, at dhenney@k94life.org.

Pupdates is an exciting series with 6abc Action News, out of Philadelphia, PA. Over the next two years, Action News is following the journey of Kenzie’s seven puppies who were born on September 27, 2018. Camera crews captured the litter just hours after they made their entrance into this world and have been filming ever since. The series chronicles what life is like for a service dog in training and the volunteers who raise them. Viewers see the skills they learn, the places they visit, and more! Action News will continue to document their training as they finish out their first year with volunteers and eventually move into the CPL kennel to begin working with our professional trainers. At the end of this two-year journey, we will all celebrate as Action News captures the emotional moments as these dogs meet their forever partners.

The puppies being featured in this series are Bel, Cassie, Gertie, Igor, Maxwell, Rocky and Selma. Videos are uploaded to 6abc’s website weekly and are shown during their news broadcasts at least once per month. To view all of the videos in this series, visit 6abc.com and search for Pupdates.

Ron raised dogs all his life and has always had a desire to help individuals with disabilities. After four years of planning and intense research, Ron mapped out their route and chose CPL as their beneficiary. On March 9, the pair left the Oregon coast and began their journey. Ron’s goal is to raise $30,000, the cost of one service dog partnership. Each day, they start by walking a couple miles so Onyx can get his exercise and then they finish the remaining miles on the bike. Onyx is pulled in a cart behind Ron’s bicycle, but only when it is safe and the weather allows. You can follow their great adventure on their Facebook page, Onyx’s Great Adventure.

To help support Ron and Onyx, visit k94life.org/ronandonyx.

CPL receives two prestigious awards

Last November, we were honored to receive the 2018 Kennel Club of Philadelphia “Dogs Best Friend Award”. The Kennel Club of Philadelphia created The “Dogs’ Best Friend Award” to inspire and motivate others to contribute to animal welfare in their community, and protect our region’s dogs whose service and companionship are a critical and enriching part of American life. The award was presented to us at The National Dog Show along with a $5,000 donation.

CPL also received 2nd place in a contest with the American Builders and Contractors Association where the craftsmanship and general construction of our new Marian S. Ware Program Services Center was judged. This is a very prestigious honor and we want to extend a huge thank you to C. Raymond Davis & Sons for the incredible work on this building and to all of our supporters who made this project possible.
GIVING THE GIFT OF INDEPENDENCE

WHAT LEGACY WILL YOU LEAVE BEHIND?

I’ve witnessed the incredible bonds that have been formed by service teams over the past few years. Belonging to Solla’s Partners means that I can play a role in uniting an amazing dog with a very special person.

– Kristie Bruno, Solla’s Partners Member

Everyone has the capacity to leave a lasting legacy and no gift is too small to make an impact.

We need generous, forward-thinking friends like you, to ensure future generations of canine partners have the chance to provide greater independence to their human companions – opening doors for them to new beginnings, new opportunities, and new adventures.

Solla’s Partners (named for Solla, the very first CPL service dog) was established to recognize and thank those who have included Canine Partners for Life in their estate plans.

WAYS TO GIVE

• A bequest in your will or living trust
• Create a donor advised fund, a charitable lead trust, charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust
• Name CPL as a beneficiary of retirement plan assets, life insurance, bank accounts or investment accounts

Talk to your financial or legal advisor for guidance on the best planned gift option for you.

SOLLA’S PARTNERS

Legal Name: Canine Partners for Life, Inc.
Tax ID number: 23-2580658
Mailing address: 334 Faggs Manor Road Cochransville, PA 19330

Contact for More Information: Kirstin Downie
Director of Development and Communications
(610) 869-4902 x214 kdownie@k94life.org

2018 CORPORATE PARTNERS

In 2018, the following corporations have partnered with CPL through monetary donations, event participation, in-kind donations, and providing meeting spaces as well as outreach opportunities to further our mission and programs.

$30,000+
Novo Nordisk, Inc.
West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc.

$15,000 – $29,999
Kremer Eye Center

$5,000 – $14,999
Kennel Club of Philadelphia
NRG
MSA Security
Intelliverse Systems, Inc.
SEI Investments

$2,500 – $4,999
Citrin Cooperman & Company, LLP
Toyota Financial Services

$1,000 – $2,499
C. Raymond Davis & Sons
Concord Pet Foods & Supplies
P.J. Fitzpatrick, Inc.

$500 – $999
Verizon Foundation
Camp Bow Wow
Fiore Design

Corporations providing in-kind donations:

Above and Beyond Standards
American Airlines
The Art of Roasting
Boehringer Ingelheim (previously Merital)

Baldwin & Obenauf, Inc.
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Boehmkin Ingehem

Challenger

B. W. W. Boyer

Franklin Mint

Grebner Animal Environmental Control

Herr Angus Farm

Inquirer

On the Roll, Inc.

Pharmaceutical Animal

GiggyBites

Pawz

The Philadelphia

Marketplace & Bakery Inc.

Wyeth Meadows

P.J. Fitzpatrick, Inc.

Complete Pet Care

Verizon Foundation

C. Raymond

Camp Bow Wow

Herr Angus Farm

Corporations/Associations

9

11%

12%

5%

5%

12%

11%

28%

61%

1%

11%
The Independence Society
a tradition of giving

Independence Society members belong to a distinctive family of generous and compassionate friends of Canine Partners for Life. Members make an annual leadership commitment of $1,000 or more to support CPL’s general operations during our fiscal year.* Many choose to contribute their support via automated monthly giving.

Members receive special invitations to exclusive member events throughout the year, and are also invited to provide ongoing feedback and guidance pertaining to the future of CPL.

We are incredibly grateful to our 2018-19 Independence Society members for their belief in our mission!

The following list was created based on general operating gifts made July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. For a full list of 2017-18 Independence Society members, please visit www.k94life.org/give/independencesociety.

VISIONARIES – $50,000 & above
Mr. Russell W. Coe**

PUPPY PATRONS $1,000 - $2,499
Mr. and Mrs. James O. Atkinson
Mr. and Mrs. Eric C. Anderson*+
Mr. Robert Anciello, Jr.
Barnard and Helen Bakker*+
Mr. and Mrs. James R. Beers
Mrs. Allison E. Brady
Ms. Catherine M. Burkett
Mr. and Mrs. John F. Collins
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis P. Cruse
The Denis Family
Ms. Edith Edson*+
Ms. Kathleen M. Eiseley*+
Carol W. Ellis
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald J. Ford
Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Galle
Mr. Irving R. Garber*+
Ms. Gise Goldblatt
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Goldblatt
Mr. and Mrs. George Gower
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy R. Hall
Tori Hansen and Charlotte Hartmann-Hansen
Mrs. Ruth S. Hopper*+
Mr. and Mrs. Hal F. Key
Dr. Janet K. Johnston
Mr. and Mrs. Barry E. Kleckner
Mr. Keith Knauss
Ms. Ellen M. Laidon
Lannie Lipsman Charitable Fund
Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Meyer
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick L. Messina, Jr.*+
Mr. and Mrs. Jay Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Mosaphar*+
Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Moran
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morley
Ms. Susan Mulhonnery and Mr. David W. Lane
Ms. Rosemary G. Naves
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen C. Neff*+
Dr. Jay and Esther Oconal
Mr. and Mrs. David K. Olinger
Mr. and Mrs. Ben M. Olson, Jr.
Mr. Frankie C. Paauw
Ms. Nancy Pelet
Mr. and Mrs. Philip S. Reece*+
Dr. and Mrs. Graham D. Reeves*+
Mr. Edward M. Resovsky*+
Ms. Rachel Roth
Mr. and Mrs. John K. Saer, Jr.*+
Ms. Alison Sampoh
Ms. Donna L. Sayed*+
Dr. and Mrs. Steven Stryzynski
Mr. and Mrs. John C. Sundquist*+
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Swarr
Ms. Irene van der Linden*+
Ms. Jessica Van Meter
Ms. Irene van der Linden*+
Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Monaghan*
Mr. and Mrs. Philip S. Reece*+
Ms. Nancy Pelet
Mr. and Mrs. Philip S. Reece*+
Dr. and Mrs. Graham D. Reeves*+
Mr. Edward M. Resovsky*+
Ms. Rachel Roth
Mr. and Mrs. John K. Saer, Jr.*+
Ms. Alison Sampoh
Ms. Donna L. Sayed*+
Dr. and Mrs. Steven Stryzynski
Mr. and Mrs. John C. Sundquist*+
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Swarr
Ms. Irene van der Linden*+
Ms. Jessica Van Meter
Ms. Jennifer Weese
Ms. Debbie H. Wall
LT Col William R. Whirl, USAF RETD*+
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas E. Woirik
Mr. Michael Wood
Mrs. Shirley Worden
Mr. Michael Wood
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas E. Wojcik
LTC William R. Wirth, USAF RETD.*+
Ms. Jennifer Weese
Ms. Jessica Van Meter
Ms. Irene van der Linden*+
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Swarr
Ms. Irene van der Linden*+
Mr. and Mrs. John K. Saer, Jr.*+
Ms. Alison Sampoh
Ms. Donna L. Sayed*+
Dr. and Mrs. Steven Stryzynski
Mr. and Mrs. John C. Sundquist*+
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Swarr
Ms. Irene van der Linden*+
Ms. Jessica Van Meter
Ms. Jennifer Weese
Ms. Debbie H. Wall
LT Col William R. Whirl, USAF RETD*+
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas E. Woirik
Mr. Michael Wood
Mrs. Shirley Worden
Mr. Michael Wood
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas E. Wojcik
LTC William R. Wirth, USAF RETD.*+

Thank you for another successful Giving Tuesday. We received donations from more than 250 members of the CPL community and the Board of Directors which totaled $64,409! Thanks to your generosity, we exceeded our goal and raised enough money to provide service dogs to two more individuals in need.

SAVE THE DATE FOR
Canine Partners for Life
#GIVINGTUESDAY
on Tuesday, December 3, 2019!

For more information about how to become a member of the Independence Society, please contact Kirstin Downie, Director of Developments, at 610-869-4902 ext. 214 or kdownie@k94life.org.

*Founding member **Deceased
HEATHER & PHILIP
Philip's sloppy kisses make a bad day good, his stare keeps me from harm's way, and his gentle tugs give me momentum to keep going!

NATASHA & LANCE
Lance has given me the independence to do things I haven't done before without my parents worrying.

KELLIE & BASIE
I don't have the fear of tripping and falling anymore. Basie and I go out on our own. He's by my side through good and bad days. He's answered my prayers.

GINA & KONA
Thank you for partnering me with four wonderful dogs who have been/currently are my arms and legs and the wings that let me fly to lead an independent life.

NEW SERVICE DOG TEAMS
What can I even say about Malcom? He came into my life all tail wags and gentle wiggles and changed everything; my life has done a complete 180. My social life is flourishing, my health is more stable, and it's all because of my little miracle at the end of the leash. Thanks buddy!

Both Zern and I are enjoying a wonderful partnership working as a team. Our journey together has only just begun but he has truly restored my freedom in life from my disability. Thank you, Zern and CPL.

*Indicates a successor placement
One of the fun places we went to with Rocky, a service dog in training, was on a college tour to Villanova. The tour started with a presentation about the college in a large room filled with several hundred people. Rocky practiced “down” throughout the presentation and was relaxed and patient. We then broke into groups and set out to tour the campus. Aside from the large number of students and visitors walking around on campus, there were also lots of other distractions like construction, loud noises, walking in and out of several buildings and up and down flights of stairs in a tight formation. It was amazing to see how well Rocky focused on his handler, maintaining eye contact and keeping pace whether we were moving swiftly or standing around listening to the tour guide. Rocky has really good energy and loves practicing the skills he has learned. He had a lot of admirers on campus that day but was great about staying focused on his work throughout the tour. He was about 4 1/2 months when we went on this tour and we are excited to see all the great things we will accomplish over the next several months!

– Kendall, Rocky’s Volunteer Puppy Raiser

In October, Frodo and I went to Tennessee for a week long family reunion. We had a great time hiking, going out to eat and walking through different towns. At the beginning of November I got a job as a cashier at Rite Aid. We usually take an Uber or Lyft to work and due to this, several new people have met Frodo and learned how he helps me. People usually have a lot of questions which I am happy to answer. Many people have even said, “Wow that is awesome!” and “That is unbelievable!” Especially when I say that he has alerted me up to an hour in advance of my seizures.

– Lauren

In our program, the puppies are exposed to a variety of environments during their first year of training. This helps the dogs get comfortable around different sights, sounds and smells. This spring, Maura, who is in training to become a service dog, visited Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty with her puppy raisers!

– Lauren

After working her whole life, from puppy training to formal training to being partnered with me in 2012 as a mobility assistance dog, Mina retired on January 1, 2019. Mina is now reaping the benefits of retirement. She is sleeping all day with her “sister” Bugs (the cat), playing in the yard or on play dates. She lives the good life! Mina’s new motto is “Happy Retirement! There is no business like ‘No Business’!”

– Sue

On January 3, 2019 Kortney got married! She said, “We had a very small church wedding. Everything was perfect! We had a beautiful snow that day. Of course, CorKey walked me down the aisle along with my dad. He was a very good boy during the ceremony and even wore a bow tie that we borrowed from another CPL team!”

– Kortney and CorKey

Canine Partners for Life | Spring 2019
**DOGS IN KENNEL**

- Bear: Bill and Kate Buza
- Blaise: Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation, Inc.
- Brooke: Judy Fox
- Donley: The Fallen Angels Foundation, Inc.
- Ella: Dave and Carolyn Osborne
- Eliza: John C. Koch Foundation
- Elyor: Jeff and Stephanie Gorr
- Greta: Muggie and Walter Farley
- Haven: Cindy Chamberlain and Buck Bullen
- Jay: Erin O’Brian and Smokey Stout
- JD: The Buffen Family
- Jodi: Milby and Robert Hughte
- John: John Crimmins Foundation
- Moby: Bob and Joan Terwilliger
- Natalia: Julo O’Store
- Sawyer: CPL Staff
- Stuart: Tom and Jen Madden
- Sunny: John and Jill Sundquist
- Toré: Rotary Club of Bethlehem Morning Star
- Tupper: Donna Sayag

**PUPPY NAMER**

- Puppy Home: CPL
- Puppy Home: MCIJ
- Puppy Home: SCI

**Dog Namer**

- Puppy Home: Home Companion
- Puppy Home: Home
- Puppy Home: Companion

**Visit**

To view our entire wish list, choose Canine Partners for Life and Amazon will donate .5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases back to CPL!

To date, CPL has received $3,836.04 from AmazonSmile!

---

**VETERINARY SPONSORS**

- Albion Animal Center
- Animal Hospital of Waterford
- Animal Medical Center
- Cambria Veterinary Care
- Centreville Veterinary Hospital
- Colebrook Manor Animal Hospital
- Conneaut Lake Veterinary Hospital
- Creshview Animal Clinic
- Easton Animal Hospital
- French Creek Veterinary Hospital
- Greene Pastures Veterinary Hospital
- Longwood Veterinary Center
- Loyalsock Animal Hospital
- Mahvern Veterinary Hospital
- Metzger Animal Hospital
- Richland Veterinary Hospital
- State College Veterinary Hospital
- Sugartown Veterinary Hospital
- Sylvan Veterinary Hospital
- Twinbrook Veterinary Hospital
- VCA Bridgeport
- Waynesburg Animal Hospital
- Windcrest Animal Hospital

**VETERINARY SPONSORS**

- Alpena Animal Center
- Animal Hospital of Waterford
- Animal Medical Center
- Cambria Veterinary Care
- Centreville Veterinary Hospital
- Colebrook Manor Animal Hospital
- Conneaut Lake Veterinary Hospital
- Creshview Animal Clinic
- Easton Animal Hospital
- French Creek Veterinary Hospital
- Greene Pastures Veterinary Hospital
- Longwood Veterinary Center
- Loyalsock Animal Hospital
- Mahvern Veterinary Hospital
- Metzger Animal Hospital
- Richland Veterinary Hospital
- State College Veterinary Hospital
- Sugartown Veterinary Hospital
- Sylvan Veterinary Hospital
- Twinbrook Veterinary Hospital
- VCA Bridgeport
- Waynesburg Animal Hospital
- Windcrest Animal Hospital

**SPONSORS**

- Veterinary Sponsors as of March 15, 2019

---

**SPONSORS**

- Veterinary Sponsors as of March 15, 2019

---

**PUPPY WISH LIST**

- Small Training Treats
- Office Supplies
- Postage Stamps
- Paper Towels
- Clorox Wipes
- Simple Green Cleaner
- Gift Certificates to Dog Supply Stores
- Gift Certificates to Staples
- Office Supplies
- Simple Green Cleaner

**Thank you to the ADI North American Breeding Cooperative for donating puppies to our program.**

**Dogs in Training as of March 15, 2019**
SAVE THE DATE
for Canine Partners for Life’s annual
OPEN HOUSE & COW BINGO!

This year we are celebrating our 30th anniversary!

SATURDAY
SEPT. 14
2019

12 – 4 pm
CPL’s Campus
334 Faggs Manor Road
Cochranville, PA 19330

Free admission! All ages welcome! Something to do for the whole family!

A FUN-FILLED DAY FEATURING:

Puppy Kissing Booth
Kennel Tours
CPL Mission Booths

Unique Vendors
Food Trucks
Puppy Races

Kid’s Corner
Meet and Greet
Service Dog Recipients

And...

A chance to win $5,000 by participating in our COW BINGO!

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Jessica Dyrek, Special Events Coordinator, at 610-869-4902 x225.