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CPL
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A WORD

from CPL's Executive Director

Hello CPL family,

The CPL family has shown their patience and understanding over the past year with the challenges of the pandemic. With spring upon us, we can celebrate the first crocus, signs of the daffodils and the nice weather to come. **This spring is bringing great hope to our community, as our friends and family members receive the vaccine and new vaccine distribution sites become available.**

The work toward our mission continues with the support of our donors, the spirit of our volunteers and the work of our dedicated staff and Board of Directors. The CPL puppies are growing and finding fun ways to practice their basic obedience skills in both community puppy homes and in several of our prisons. We are currently holding very small, in-person puppy classes on-site and other classes via Zoom. Since we are expecting two litters of puppies this spring, we are looking for additional puppy homes. If you feel you could help in this role, please contact Diane Henney, our Volunteer Coordinator.

We have slowly started to welcome our volunteers back on campus, beginning with our walkers and socialization handlers. We currently have two walkers per day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Our socialization trips are limited to one trainer and one volunteer to keep everyone safe but we are so grateful to see our volunteers back on campus.

If you do find yourself on campus over the next few months, look up and check out the new Kennel roof! The roofers were challenged this past winter with snow and ice but the team from Scenic Ridge Construction was determined and got the job done! Thank you to each donor who made this project possible.

You may have seen on CPL's social media pages that a few mixed breeds joined our training program over the winter. It's been a goal of ours to incorporate rescue dogs in our program, to increase the number of dogs in training which will ultimately result in new partnerships. It's also giving the dog an amazing second chance in life. So far, we've welcomed two rescues, Leo and Colin, into our program and look forward to adding additional rescues in the future.

I am excited as we look ahead and prepare for new partnerships to form this July during our Summer Team Training. The new teams reflect the continuing work toward our mission, the strength of our organization and the strong commitment of the CPL family. **Thank you for your unwavering support and for joining together to celebrate the achievements of our teams.**



I wish you each a happy and healthy spring and summer.

Jamie Cramer 

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Executive Director

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SUPPORTING OUR TEAMS THROUGH A PANDEMIC

Training doesn't end after a team graduates.

As a team grows together, they seek to learn new skills, strengthen old ones, and adapt to changes. Our Graduate Support Program fortifies all aspects of a service dog partnership, including how to tackle a global pandemic!

As with most activities over the last year, in-person group training classes, personal appointments, and recertifications ceased due to COVID-19 restrictions; and graduate support turned virtual. Christina Billy, CPL's Graduate Support Coordinator, adapted by providing assistance to each team's individual needs via phone, e-mail and over Zoom. A commonly-asked question has been, "How do we keep our dog's mind and body active and keep up with their skills during lock-down?"



Art project completed by Cheyenne & Jedi

Christina has created online activities that challenge our teams, such as an internet scavenger hunt, an informative video on Canine First Aid, tailored dog workout routines, an art project, and so much more. Additionally, she has held Zoom classes, giving the opportunity for teams to meet fellow recipients from all over the country! Our latest Zoom topic, Recertification Q&A, discussed our requirement to certify teams for public access. With teams located in diverse areas of the country, and due to different local regulations and personal comfort levels, teams discussed alternative locations for the test and adaptations to certain tasks.

The connection between service dog teams was further encouraged by use of CPL's Graduate Facebook page, a private page where our graduates can connect with one another. By reaching out with stories, questions, and concerns, fellowship has been strengthened. With so much uncertainty, such communication has been key in ensuring successful partnerships.

INTRODUCING OUR FALL 2020 GRADUATES



MARTHA & CARBON



MAKENA & MADDIE*



PATTI & GRETA



GLORIA & CJ*



KATHERINE & BROOKE



JOHN & EVIE



RICHARD & OTIS

Service dog teams: Martha & Carbon, Gloria & CJ*

Home companion teams: Katherine & Brooke, Richard & Otis, John & Evie, Makena & Maddie*, Patti & Greta

*Indicates a successor placement

NAMING OUR FUTURE HEROES

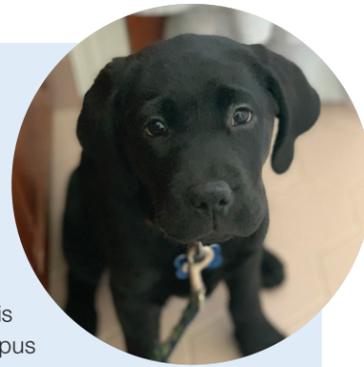
Have you heard about Canine Partners for Life's Puppy Naming Program? Our youngest puppy heroes formally enter CPL's training program when they receive their assigned name. If born at Canine Partners for Life, puppies are identified by their collar color for their first 8 weeks of life, then at their 8-week birthday, we select the next names from the waitlist and determine the best name suited for each puppy.

The naming program has a waitlist of puppy names which comes from an exclusive opportunity for our most generous supporters. It can take anywhere from 9 months to over a year for a name to come to the top of the list. This is due to the unpredictability of Mother Nature, and when we have puppies born or donated to the breeding program. We encourage namers to select unique and meaningful names for our future heroes. With each name that is submitted we ask for the story behind that name so we can share that with everyone the puppy meets throughout their training, including their human partner when they are matched.

A namer receives milestone updates and photos as the puppy progresses through the two-year training program. This includes

training progress updates at 6 months, 12 months, 18 months and other relevant updates. Once the puppy returns to the kennel, the namer is invited to meet the puppy on campus and again before graduation, if they are matched a photo certificate of the puppy at the end of training. This up-close and personal look into our program is a small way to show our appreciation for an investment in the lives of the people we serve.

CPL's Puppy Naming Program has been in place for many years at the gift level of \$1,000. Beginning July 1, 2021 this exclusive opportunity will increase to \$1,250. **If you are interested in making a leadership gift or have questions about naming a future CPL puppy hero, contact Kirstin Downie, Director of Development and Communications at kdownie@k94life.org or (610) 869-4902 x214.**



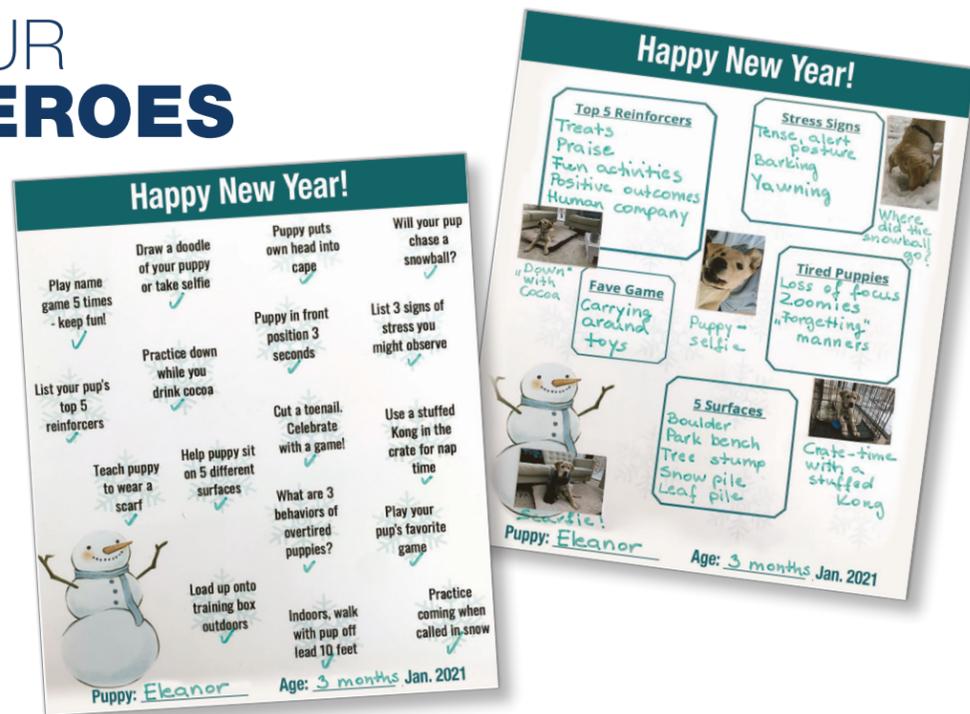
Fenway,
service dog
in training

RAISING OUR FUTURE HEROES

Our volunteer puppy raisers have been busy this year!

In addition to attending puppy classes in small groups on campus and virtually by Zoom, they have been completing monthly challenges. Each challenge is meant to help the puppies and volunteers practice their skills in fun and easy ways during the day. CPL puppy Eleanor completed the January challenge (see photos) and earned a certificate for her puppy raiser to cherish forever! Eleanor's raiser even added photos to the challenge sheet to commemorate this special phase of her life.

We are accepting volunteer applications from people who are interested in raising puppies! **If you've admired our puppies in person or through our social media accounts, and you're interested in making a difference in someone's life, please reach out to Diane Henney, our Volunteer Coordinator, at dhenney@k94life.org. The first step is to fill out and return a volunteer application.** From there, we will be in touch to guide you through the rest of the process. Our puppies look forward to meeting you!



CANINE PARTNERS FOR LIFE

AUDITED FINANCIAL 2020 OVERVIEW

**Fiscal year numbers (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020)*

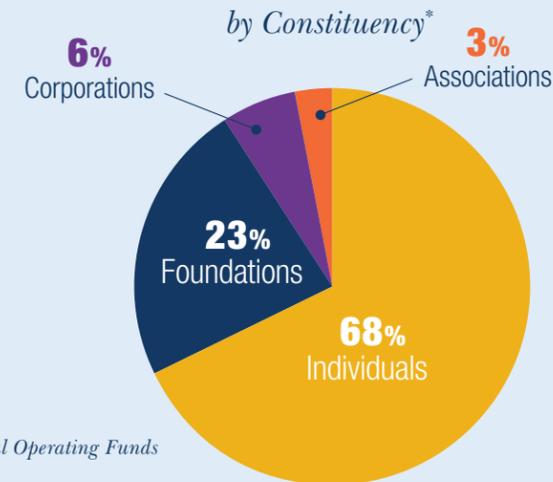
REVENUE

| | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| CONTRIBUTIONS | 1,153,051 |
| SPECIAL EVENTS | 118,981 |
| INVESTMENT INCOME | 17,032 |
| RENT | 8,900 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 1,297,964 |

2020 ACHIEVEMENTS

- 8 SERVICE DOG TEAMS GRADUATED**
- 9 HOME COMPANION TEAMS GRADUATED**
- 1 COURTHOUSE COMPANION TEAM GRADUATED**
- 23 PUPPIES BORN AT CPL**
18 entered the CPL program, 5 went to other accredited service/guide dog organizations
- 3 PUPPIES RECEIVED THROUGH THE ADI BREEDING COLLABORATIVE**
- 8 PUPPIES DONATED/PURCHASED FOR THE CPL PROGRAM**

CONTRIBUTIONS



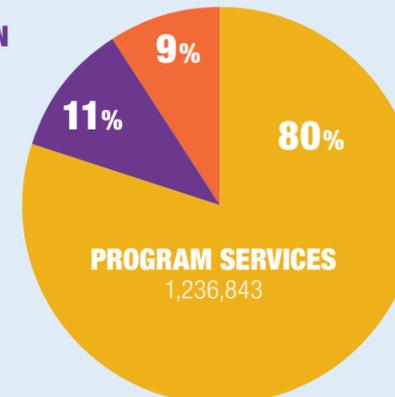
* General Operating Funds

EXPENSES

ADMINISTRATION
177,875

FUNDRAISING
132,398

\$1,547,116



2020 CORPORATE PARTNERS

In 2020, the following corporations have partnered with CPL through monetary donations, event participation and in-kind donations to further our mission and programs.

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The Independence Society

a tradition of giving

Independence Society members belong to a distinctive group of generous and compassionate friends of Canine Partners for Life. Members make an annual leadership financial donation of \$1,000 or more to support CPL's general operations during our fiscal year (July 1 – June 30). Many choose to contribute their support via automated monthly giving.

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

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

The following list was created based on general operating gifts made July 1, 2020 through April 5, 2021.

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

DOGS IN KENNEL

| Dog | Namer | Puppy Home |
|---------|-----------------------------|---|
| Bo | Katie Krumm Johnson | SCI Somerset |
| Doris | Allan and Erin Lynn | SCI Albion/SCI Laurel Highlands |
| Fitz | Joanne Peranteau | Dorothy Looby/SCI Huntingdon/SCI Laurel Highlands |
| Frankie | Sandy Coombes | David and Terry Way/Lafayette College |
| Happy | Helen Wong | SCI Laurel Highlands |
| Jersey | The Alkhas Family | Cindi Chamberlain and Buck Bullen/SCI Muncy |
| Leo | Atco Lions Club | N/A |
| Liam | Richard Litchford | Jean Rosenbaum/MCIJ |
| Lily | Dave Osberg | Donna Sargent/SCI Huntingdon |
| Marty | Town North Woman's Club | Lisa and Alan Treffinger/MCIJ |
| Orrie | Gerret and Tatiana Copeland | Sue Fleming/SCI Laurel Highlands |
| Pappy | Beverly Niestroy | SCI Albion/SCI Laurel Highlands |
| Popeye | Cathy Burkert | SCI Smithfield |
| Rayne | Liz Ford | SCI Somerset |
| Saxer | Rosemary Navas | Hajnalka Halasz/MCIJ |
| Sonar | Hal and Mary Parker Lamm | SCI Cambridge Springs |
| Stormy | CPL Staff | Georgeanna Magno/SCI Huntingdon |
| Sunny | John and Jill Sundquist | SCI Laurel Highlands |
| Talon | N/A | Cindi Chamberlain and Buck Bullen/MCIJ |
| Tessa | Elizabeth Derr | SCI Somerset (Breeder Home - Liz Ford) |
| Wylie | John and Jeanette Collins | Christine Coughenour/MCIJ |

DOGS IN HOME COMPANION TRAINING HOMES

| Dog | Namer | Puppy Home | Home Companion Home |
|--------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Bell | 6abc Action News | Sue and Jose Reyes/MCIJ | Keith Knauss |
| Hope | Jan D'Arcy | Lisa MacArthur | Arlene Bincsik |
| Ortley | Guy and Becky Malick | SCI Greene | John and Grace Gosnay |
| Quinn | Quinn Knittel | Nancy and Michelle Kelly/MCIJ | Michael Jenkins |

PUPPY HOMES

| Dog | Namer | Puppy Home |
|----------|------------------------------|--|
| Bellevue | Susan Mulrooney | Barb Moore/SCI Laurel Highlands |
| Blue | Tom and Cleo Bowe | Karen Kral and John Sherman |
| Braver | Carol Gaston | Jenny Garten |
| Coffey | Keith Knauss | Cindi Chamberlain and Buck Bullen/MCIJ |
| Colin | Ellen and Paul Romano | Jean Rosenbaum |
| Dodger | Kellie Carpenter | Julie Gerhardt |
| Eleanor | Jeff and Stephanie Gorris | Hajnalka Halasz |
| Fenway | Gary and Leslie Rowe | Dorothy Looby |
| Frank | Avon Grove Lions Club | Jan and Bruce Moore/SCI Greene |
| Grizz | Ruly and Stephanie Carpenter | Sharon Webb/SCI Laurel Highlands |
| Laddie | Jay and Esther Ocuin | Georgene Glah/SCI Greene |
| Lulu | Alice Buschman | Rick and Amy Graver/SCI Muncy |
| Maya | Janet and Jim Kane | Mike and Didi Schubach/SCI Muncy |
| Mike | Nancy Pelet | Glenn Moore/SCI Somerset |
| Minzi | Michael and Linda Wood | Marlise, Kendall and Jamie Alkhas/SCI Laurel Highlands |
| Necco | Leslie Ginn | Kim and Katie Blatz/MCIJ |
| Phydeaux | Nancy Evans | Lisa and Alan Treffinger/SCI Greene |
| Pickle | Alessia Siracusano | Barb Dealy/MCIJ |
| PJ | Patty Jazayeri | Gary and Kim Olsen/SCI Muncy |
| Rascal | Edward Goldenberg | Sue Fleming/SCI Greene |
| Trevor | Jackie Bradley | Donna Sargent/MCIJ |

Dogs in Training as of April 1, 2021

IN OUR THOUGHTS

Adele – Retired service dog to Marty
Ardo – Home companion dog to Bobby
Ed – Retired service dog to Cynthia
Elwood – Service dog to Gillian
Gusto – Retired Service dog to Bernadette
Jessey – Home companion dog to Emily
Leslie – Home companion dog to Kate
Marjorie – Retired service dog to Dan
Pookie – Home companion dog to Lillian
Puck – Home Companion dog to Aaron
Ruthie – Home companion dog to Conor
Sara – Home companion dog to Lauren

Elizabeth D. – CPL Volunteer
Brandi G. – Recipient to service dog Sandy
Michael H. – Recipient to home companion dog Harley
Marilyn M. – Recipient to home companion dog Melko
Joseph P. – Recipient to home companion dog Spirit
Lee P. – Recipient to service dog Usul



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