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A WORD

from CPL's Executive Director

Dear Friends,

I hope the New Year has brought you much joy and renewed optimism, as it has here at CPL. **We are grateful for the many achievements in 2022, and look forward to meeting the goals for 2023.** In the first month of this year, we have welcomed 8 snuggly puppies into the CPL family.

In reflection of last year's accomplishments, we welcomed the return to in-person events, which were challenging during the pandemic. Our staff continues to welcome new and former volunteers back to campus, to support the mission. Last year, 12 new partnerships were formed, including 8 full service and 2 home companion teams, 1 courthouse companion and our first medical facility companion placement at Nemours Children's Health (read more about Talon at Nemours, in the following pages). We celebrated the opening of a new CPL Prison Puppy Raising Program at SCI Benner Township, bringing our total number of prisons to six. Some necessary improvements, including our kennel play yard expansion project, which added a new cement yard at the kennel and the installation of a drainage system to decrease the mud on the play yards. This project was completed just before our annual Fall Festival. We were able to raise over \$110,000, during our two fall giving day campaigns – a testament to your continued generosity and support of the CPL mission! I truly value each donation and every volunteer hour that you share with CPL. You enable the organization to change the lives of individuals in need of a service or companion dog and who want to live an independent life. Our mission brings people together, who share a love for helping individuals and their love for dogs. It takes many people to support the work and mission of this organization and I appreciate all you give. Thank you!

As a team, we could not be more excited for the year ahead. In January, we kicked off a rebranding project, which will include a new design of the CPL logo and a redesign of the website. CPL has grown tremendously since our inception more than 30 years ago and we now serve a much more diverse group of people. We want our brand and our logo to be respectful and inclusive of everyone we serve. We look forward to sharing our new logo and website in the coming months. The second phase of the Partnership

for Independence Capital Campaign, is moving forward. We have been making modifications to plans of the proposed Training Center, which are near completion. As soon as the new cost savings are finalized, we will be sharing this with you. We invite you to join us in the coming months as we host the 2023 Spring Team Training, celebrate new partnerships at the Spring Graduation, and come together to enjoy the annual Spring Gala on May 13, 2023. This will be an event you do not want to miss!

We welcome you to visit us on campus – our doors are open!

Warmest Regards,

Janie Cramer



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Executive Director



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TALON

NEMOURS NEWEST STAFF MEMBER

Going to a medical facility can be stressful for people of all ages, but especially children. Some visits to the doctor's office are routine, but most kids are visiting when they are ill or due for vaccines. It's often an environment children are fearful of but the staff at Nemours in Wilmington, DE are working to change that.

Enter **Talon, a 3-year-old Lab/Golden mix.** Talon was placed at Nemours as a facility dog in September 2022. He is the first dog CPL has placed in a medical facility thanks to Dr. Byck, a Pediatrician at Nemours. Dr. Byck always thought having a dog in the office would be beneficial for the children and after learning about CPL and starting the conversation, we were thrilled at the opportunity to expand our program to serve the medical community.

Talon spends his days visiting with patients to help ease their anxiety and make them feel more at home. He can often be found accompanying a patient to an exam room while they see their Pediatrician. He sometimes is brought into a room to help occupy siblings so a parent can focus on the Pediatrician and child being seen. Talon also loves to take walks with kids throughout the office. And, if you are lucky enough to have the last appointment of the day, you may just get to play ball with Talon once he takes his vest off and finishes "working" for the day.



Introducing CPL's 2022 Fall Partnerships



*Indicates a successor placement

Talon has only been with Nemours for 4 months but he has already made a huge impact. Children are more at ease during their appointments. Some kids who previously had a fear of dogs sit and pet Talon. There was even a child who was struggling with some behavioral issues and refused to talk to the Pediatrician yet he suddenly opened up and began speaking when Talon entered the room. In addition to working with patients on a daily basis, Talon has also done rounds in the hospital to visit with pediatric residents who are under a lot of stress. Dr. Byck said, "The biggest impact I wasn't expecting was the difference he makes in the staff. Everyone feels connected to him in some way. The volume of patients has been high this fall and winter and Talon has helped ease the stress and has brought fun and love into our office."

Talon is meeting CPL's mission every day and thanks to him, he has turned a stressful experience into an enjoyable one for hundreds of kids in Delaware.

We are incredibly grateful to the individuals, foundations, corporations and associations who have supported our mission this fiscal year! The following list was created based on gifts made July 1, 2022 to January 20, 2023.

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Many thanks to the corporations, businesses, and associations who currently partner with CPL!

Create a lasting legacy and know that beyond your lifetime, you will change lives.

When you include Canine Partners for Life in your estate plan, you are part of life-changing partnerships. Planned gifts strengthen CPL's financial stability and fuel growth and our ability to support future partnerships. A planned gift can be a gift now or in the future.

Solla's Partners, named for CPL's very first service dog, Solla, is a legacy program established to honor and thank those who have included Canine Partners for Life in their estate plans. Establishing a bequest is as simple as including a sentence in your will such as: ***I give Canine Partners for Life the sum of [desired amount] to be used to benefit CPL, or I give Canine Partners for Life all of my shares of [name] stock or mutual funds to be used for the benefit of CPL.*** You can leave CPL a percentage of the estate or the residue of the estate after all other provisions have been met. Remember, your legacy gift may also honor a loved one, or support a particular CPL program that is meaningful to you.



YES! *I want to join Solla's Partners and change lives by including CPL in my estate plans!*

(Please cut out and return this form using the enclosed envelope)

I plan to or have included CPL in my estate plans.

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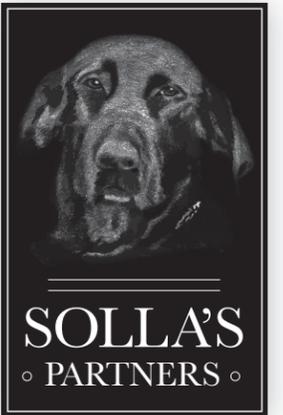
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On behalf of our service and companion dogs and the people whose lives you are impacting, thank you for including Canine Partners for Life in your estate planning.

A financial advisor can help you determine the best way to meet your financial and philanthropic goals. For more information and a confidential conversation about gift planning and Solla's Partners, contact Kirstin Downie, Director of Development and Communications, at kdownie@k94life.org or 610-869-4902 ext. 214. CPL's tax ID number is 23-2580658.



THE DOG HOUSE

You've seen fraternity and sorority houses lining the streets of college towns but have you ever seen a Dog House? **6 students from Lafayette College in Easton, PA live in a home, affectionately referred to as "The Dog House" and work together to raise puppies for Canine Partners for Life!**

CPL and Lafayette College first partnered together in 2017. Lafayette has Living Learning Communities where faculty support student-to-student engagement in campus housing based on an academic curriculum. Currently, 6 students and 2 CPL dogs (Kramer and Wiss Fiss) live in The Dog House. The puppies accompany the students to classes, the library, the café and frequent the Quad to get some fresh air and greet fellow students. Every Sunday, the students meet to plan out the week ahead. They compare schedules to determine which student will take the dog to class each day, provide training sessions, playtime and more.

In addition to on-campus socialization, the dogs are frequent visitors of the restaurants in town and accompany the students to their hometowns on breaks. An advisor from the school, who is also a CPL volunteer, provides weekly training sessions for the students and dogs.

This partnership has been truly valuable for all involved.



Avery & Bando

It gives CPL the opportunity to raise additional puppies for our program and the puppies receive unique socialization opportunities throughout the college campus. The students involved dedicate countless hours to the puppies and gain critical skills they can carry with them after they graduate. Caroline, a current handler in The Dog House shared, "Through this program, I have learned how to effectively work alongside service dogs and translate that into my everyday interactions with non-service dogs. My relationship with my late dog Charlie improved tenfold after learning to see things from a dog's perspective, rather than rationalizing his behavior from a human point of view. Having an animal depend on me has made me far more responsible, organized, and confident in my everyday life. The three years I've spent living in The Dog House and working with the service dogs has helped me grow into a better person."

We are proud to work with Lafayette College and eager to expand our puppy raising program to more college campuses or other similar facilities. **If you or someone you know is interested in starting a program at your school or facility, please contact Amanda Walton, at awalton@k94life.org.**



Kate & Kramer

A TRIBUTE TO ESTHER

The world lost a bright light last April. Like a lot of us, Dr. Esther Ocuin had a passion and special connection to dogs, but Esther was also a compassionate advocate for people and supported both people and dogs in a multitude of ways during her life. Esther was an impressive woman. Born in Israel, she spoke 5 languages, was a veteran of the Israeli Defense Force, and served two tours in the United States Army where she earned the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. A physician by training, Esther was the first female interventional cardiologist at Walter Reed Army Medical Center at a time when women were uncommon, and sometimes unwelcome, in the field. She volunteered at a community clinic serving mostly-unemployed, extremely poor, medically complex uninsured patients of various ethnic minorities. She lived an accomplished life made full by her role as a daughter, wife and mother. When family and friends were asked to describe Esther, the words smart, grace, dignity and great sense of humor were frequently used.

In 2017, Esther was at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC when a chance meeting with a CPL Graduate introduced her to the world of service dogs. Esther's husband, Dr. Jay Ocuin, said when Esther saw the team working she just had to speak to the person and learn more. From that moment she was hooked on the CPL mission, visiting campus, supporting programs and puppies in training. She was honored to be a part of the puppy naming program and was eager to see a dog she named graduate as a service or companion dog. While we lost her before she was able to see that happen, we are honored to carry on her spirit by naming one of our newest service puppies in training, Esther. Puppy Esther is described as very smart, curious, quick and eager to learn, and already devoted to her puppy raiser. **Join us in remembering and celebrating Dr. Esther Ocuin and cheering on service dog in training, Esther!**



DOGS IN KENNEL

Dog	Namer	Puppy Home
Aldan	Alison Brady	Arlene Bincsik/SCI Greene
Bando	Baldwin & Obenaus, Inc	Sharon Webb/Lafayette College/SCI Somerset
Brandee	Undine Fader	Nancy Kelly/MCIJ
Cedric	Barb and Clifford Towson	Mary Beth Mytych/SCI Laurel Highlands
Cheyenne	Joe and Tera Mountain	Andrea Sands/SCI Greene
Chum	Janet Cooper	Jenny Prusisz/MCIJ
Chunk	Lisa Keeley	Jean Rosenbaum/SCI Laurel Highlands
Copper	George and Leah Gower	Judy Zeloye/MCIJ
Colton	Jim Faust	Dorothy Looby/SCI Somerset
Fritzi	Bill and Barbara Denk	Jenny Garten/SCI Greene
Gelsey	Christopher and Mary Jane Beck	Kaleigh Ferko/SCI Greene
Gidget	CPL Staff	Rick and Amy Graver/MCIJ
Gronk	Gina Goldblatt	Christine Coughenour/SCI Somerset
Harry	Karen Kral and John Sherman	Cheryl Jackson/SCI Somerset
Hershey	Don Norton	Donna Sargent/Lafayette College/SCI Somerset
Indee	Becky Bradbeer	Donna Sargent/MCIJ
Izzy	Bill and Carol Morling	Lindsay Reinhold/SCI Benner
Jojo	Elizabeth Forti	Sue and Jose Reyes/SCI Muncy
Marie	Stephanie Rossino	Sue Fleming/SCI Greene
Meadow	Cindi Chamberlain	Paul, Brenda and Jessica DeSaro/MCIJ
Missie	Peter and Joann Stack	Deborah Amspacher/Christine Coughenour/SCI Benner
Pippa	Wesley and Beth Emmons	Lyndsey and Zack Sorg/MCIJ
Rusty	Joanne Brady (Diamond State Line Dance)	Emily Sauer/SCI Somerset
Ziggy	Ann and Barry Kleckner	Glenn and Marianne Moore/SCI Somerset

DOGS IN HOME COMPANION TRAINING HOMES

Dog	Namer	Puppy Home	Home Companion Home
Chester	Donna Sayah	Lindsay Reinhold/SCI Muncy	Michael Jenkins
Fenway	Gary and Leslie Rowe	Dorothy Looby/SCI Muncy	Leah and Dominic Corrigan
Padamay	Rick and Amy Graver	Jenny Prusisz/SCI Somerset	Angie Patterson and Jack Piper

PUPPY HOMES

Dog	Namer	Puppy Home
Adams	Lynn and Bob Hunger	Lindsay Reinhold
Angel	Lou Petrie	Christine Coughenour/SCI Benner
Barney	The W.J. Barney Foundation, Inc.	Karen Kral and John Sherman/SCI Somerset
Becky	Tillie Page Laird	Penny Vareha/Kim Blatz
Booth	Taylor Kulp	Emily Sauer/SCI Laurel Highlands
Bungee	Liz Ford	Roxanne Kerr
Charles	Fred Hertel	Kristy Douglas
Chaos	SCI Muncy	SCI Somerset
Chewie	Kelly Ripa	Paul, Brenda and Jessica DeSaro/SCI Greene
Churchill	Roderic Showers	Sharon Silverman/SCI Somerset
Esther	Dr. Jay Ocuin	Jenny Prusisz
Frieda	Gloria Lowder	Dorothy Looby
Gaby	Susan Whartnaby	Paul, Brenda and Jessica DeSaro
George	George Veronis	SCI Somerset
Georgia	Ryan Seacrest	Karen Kral and John Sherman/SCI Greene
Halo	Judy Bell	Arlene Bincsik
Ilya	Irene Van der Linden	Jean Rosenbaum/SCI Laurel Highlands
Kato	Vince Melendy	Penny Vareha
Kip	Sarah Marx	Roxanne Kerr/SCI Laurel Highlands
Kokuma	Krystaleve Snow and Devon Miller	Gary and Kim Olsen/SCI Somerset
Kramer	Dan and Sandy Hansen	Kristy Douglas/Lafayette College
Lightning	Al Weber	Susan Fleming/SCI Greene
Maisel	Deborah Holt Weil	Arlene Bincsik/SCI Benner
Mowgli	Janet Hiatt	Kate Butcher
Nelle	Michelle Houser	Jenny Garten
Oak	Matt Van Gordon	Lisa and Alan Treffinger
Ollivander	Kristi and Michael Malloy	Kaleigh Ferko/SCI Somerset
Oscar	Joan Zahnd	Susan Fleming/SCI Laurel Highlands
Q	Caroline Duxbury	Kim and Katie Blatz/SCI Benner
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Splash	Susan Fleming	Donna Sargent/Dorothy Looby/Arlene Bincsik/SCI Laurel Highlands
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Dogs in Training as of January 31, 2023

IN OUR THOUGHTS

- Guy** – Home companion dog to Jack
- Kadince** – Home companion dog to Zak
- Peggy Sue** – Home companion dog to Lydia
- Wynn** – Service dog to Alison
- Zoe** – Home companion dog to Lawrence

Amy M. – Recipient to service dogs Kia and MaGee

Congratulations to our recent retired teams

May the incredible partnerships and adventures with your dog continue into this next phase of retirement.

- Hannah & Saffron**
- Karley & Kaiser**
- Kris & Gus**
- Toni & Bud**



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Saturday, May 13, 2023

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Gala: 7:00-10:00 PM

White Manor Country Club,
831 Providence Road, Malvern, PA, 19355



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