

Annual Report

July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015



Matching Dreams with Companions

Founded in Louisville in 2003, Paws with Purpose, Inc. is Louisville's only non-profit organization dedicated to providing assistance dogs as partners to children and adults with physical disabilities or other special needs. The dogs provide comfort and companionship, help break down social barriers and perform many skilled tasks which help their partners lead more independent lives. PWP is proud to provide these highly skilled companions to persons living in the Louisville and Southern Indiana area free of charge.

The training of an assistance dog is a lengthy, committed and loving process. The dogs spend up to two years living and training through a very special program with a select group of inmates at the Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women during the week. Volunteers take the dogs to their homes for weekend socialization in the outside world. Along with basic obedience skills and proper public behavior, the dogs are taught skills such as opening and closing doors and refrigerators, helping with laundry, retrieving dropped items, carrying items, tugging to remove clothing, walking next to wheelchairs and wearing a brace to assist a recipient with balance and walking.

It takes a special dog with a special temperament to become an assistance dog and each dog is individually trained to work with specific types of partners based on their natural interest and skills.

2014-2015 Programs:

- Weekly training session for PwP dogs at St. Andrews Episcopal Church
- Continuing with monthly visits to Kosair Children's Hospital and Frazier Rehab with puppies in training and therapy dogs
- Continuing our participation in the Resilient Families Project at Hotel Louisville in partnership with the University of Louisville
- PNC sponsoring the Paws with Purpose Therapy Dogs
- Presentations at many schools, churches and civic groups

Season Highlights:

- Placement of four assistance dogs.
- PwP joins the Assistance Dog International (ADI) Breeding Cooperative
- ADI accreditation audit scheduled for October 2015
- PWP hosted Bea, a breeder dog from Guide Dog Foundation to whelp a litter of puppies in Louisville. Whelping was sponsored by the MDRT Foundation
- Initiated VA Pet Assist program
- Successful Fundraisers:
 - "Puttin on the Dog" at The Olmsted
 - Trivia Night at St Andrews Episcopal Church
 - California Pizza Kitchen
 - PWP was chosen as nonprofit for "Corkestra" event
 - PWP continues to be part of Community Health Charities
- Media Attention:
 - Graduation at KCIW covered by WDRB
 - Feature article highlighting PWP in the Courier-Journal
 - Evening news highlighting Friday "dog day" at Audubon Hospital

Exhibitor Booths:

- Health Fair at St. Stephen Martyr
- Mighty Kindness Earth Day
- Norton Neuro Science Institute
- Monthly at Moochie and Company
- Bellarmine and Spalding Finals Week Pet Therapy
- Youth Alert Event at Jeff. Comm. Coll.
- Upper Highland Neighborhood Festival
- Norton Commons Fall Festival
- LIBA Spring Festival

Board of Directors - 2015

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Financial Report July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Beginning Net Assets, 7-1-14 \$ 68,012

Revenues:

Grants	40,698
Donations	56,885
Fundraising events	35,240
Miscellaneous Income	<u>2,093</u>
Total Revenues:	134,916

Expenses:

Program Services	67,557
Administrative	11,714
Fundraising	<u>2,682</u>
Total Expenses:	<u>81,953</u>

Net Revenue in Excess of Expenses for the Year \$ 52,963

Ending Net Assets, 6-30-15 \$ 120,975



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