

# 2017 Annual Report

January 1, 2017 - December 30, 2017



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 and PTSD combat related Veterans. 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.

## 2018 Events:

Spina Bifida Symposium/Camp  
WEEBELO Cub Scouting Den Presentation  
Bellarmine Students Stress Relief Therapy Visit  
Morning Pointe Senior Living Center Visits  
The Vanguard Academy Presentation  
Wilkerson Elementary Field Day  
Yew Dell Gardens Dog Nights  
ARC of Greater Louisville Info Fair  
U of L Nonprofit Fair  
Louisville FC Veterans Night  
MDA Walk & Fall Festival  
The Youth Detention Services, Read to the Dog Program  
Price Elementary "Back to School" event  
YUM! Field Day event  
Give for Good Day on 4th Street Live  
Paws with Purpose Give for Good Day at The Champagnery  
GE Chili Cook off Event  
Oldham County High School Cross Country Team Meet and Greet  
Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels Good Works Program Event  
Tully Elementary Read to the Dog Program  
Kidz Club Monthly Read with the Dog Visits  
Greater Louisville Realtors Presentation  
Norton Hospital & Norton Children's Hospital Therapy Visits  
P.E.O Presentation  
Goshen Elementary School Presentation  
KY Spina Bifida Clinic  
LIBA Expo  
Holy Spirit Community Resource Event  
Frankfort Avenue Easter Parade  
Manual High School Presentation

## Season Highlights:

- Placement of four assistance dogs.
- VA Pet Assist program
- **Successful Fundraisers:**
  - Trivia Night at St Andrews Episcopal Church
  - PWP Annual Walk-A-Thon
  - Village Anchor PWP Night
  - LeMoo PWP Night

## Board of Directors - 2017

Sheilah Abramson-Miles, President  
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## Financial Report

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**Beginning Net Assets, 1-1-2017 \$181,236**

### Revenues:

Grants & Donations	155,829
Fundraising events	25,168
Miscellaneous Income	7,893
<b>Total Revenues:</b>	<b>188,890</b>

### Expenses:

Program Services	92,691
Administrative	23,142
Fundraising	19,490
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>135,323</b>

**Net Revenue in Excess of Expenses for the Year 53,567**

**Ending Net Assets, 12-31-17 \$234,803**



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