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# lifeline

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**CPL**  
Canine Partners for Life

# 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.

*Janie Cramer*



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Executive Director

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\* CPL service dog recipient

# 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\*



RICHARD & OTIS



KATHERINE & BROOKE



JOHN & EVIE

**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

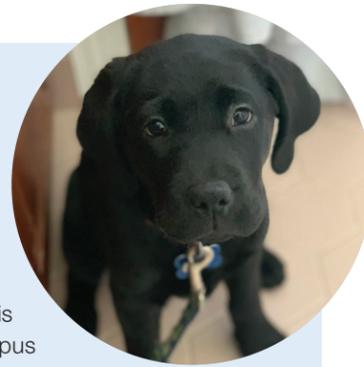
**Have you heard about Canine Partners for Life's Puppy Naming Program?** Our youngest puppy heroes formally enter CPL's training program when they receive their assigned name. If born at Canine Partners for Life, puppies are identified by their collar color for their first 8 weeks of life, then at their 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](mailto:kdownie@k94life.org) or (610) 869-4902 x214.**



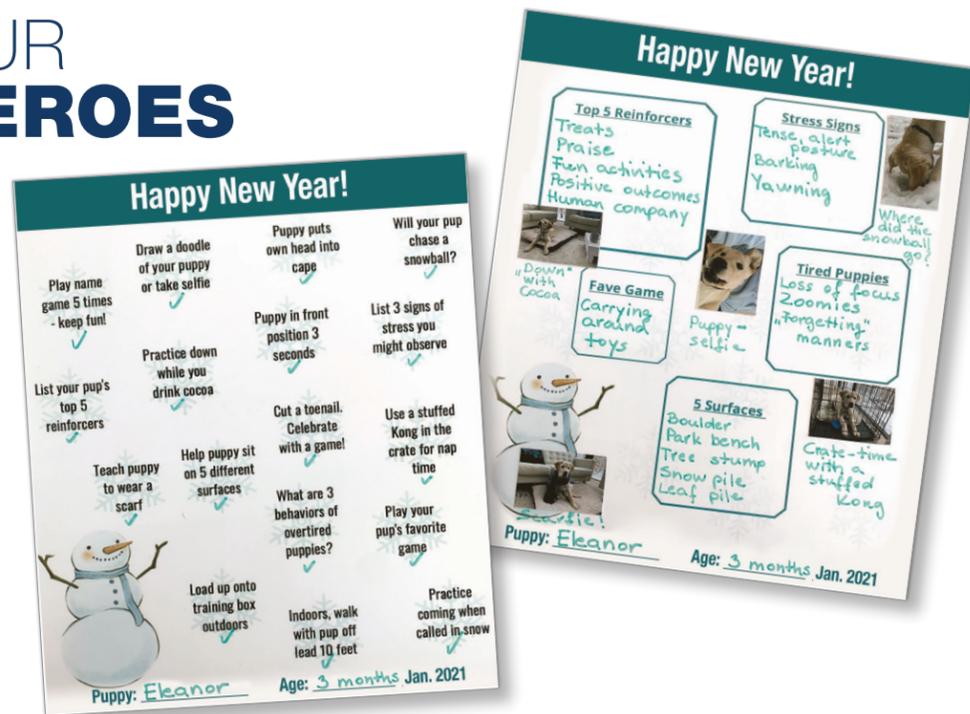
**Fenway,**  
service dog  
in training

# 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](mailto: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)*

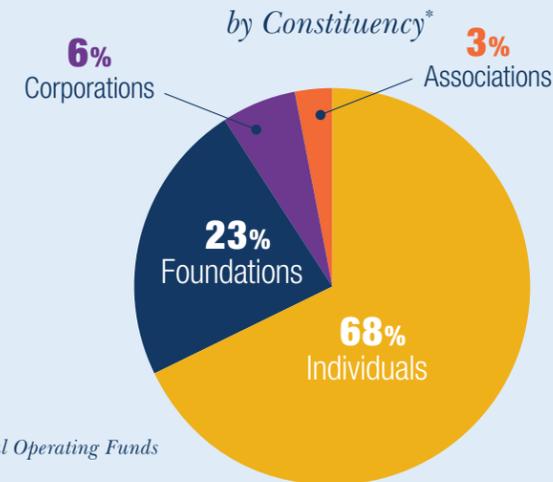
## REVENUE

CONTRIBUTIONS	1,153,051
SPECIAL EVENTS	118,981
INVESTMENT INCOME	17,032
RENT	8,900
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>1,297,964</b>

## 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



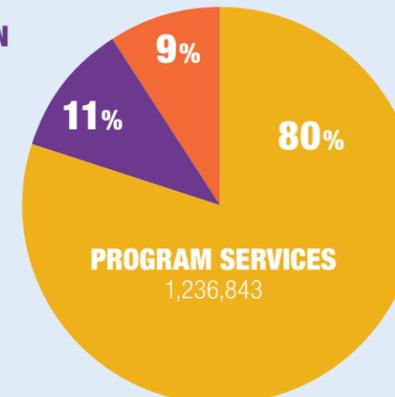
\* General Operating Funds

## 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.*

**\$30,000+**  
West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc.

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**Corporations providing in-kind donations:**  
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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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## 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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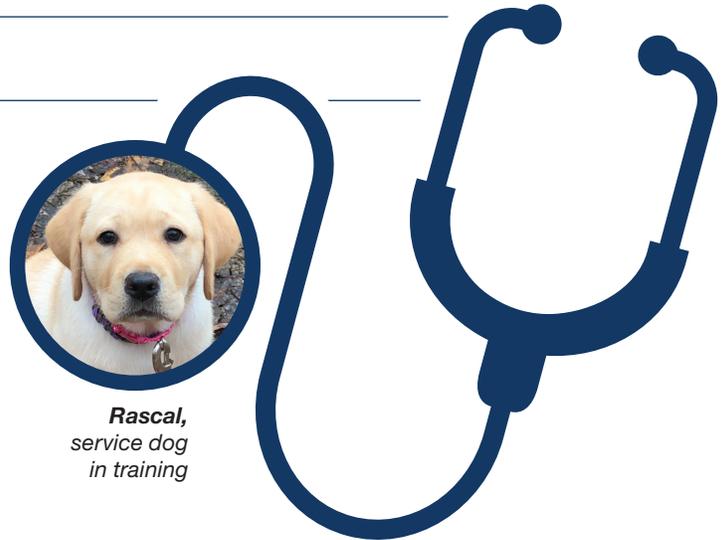
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**Rascal,**  
*service dog  
in training*

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