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## Wynne's New Litter

We are thrilled to announce that Wynne, our beautiful yellow Labrador, gave birth to her first litter of 4 boys and 4 girls - all happy and healthy. Thank you [Dogs with Wings](#) for giving us Wynne to help us grow our puppy program!



## Fancy Provides Comfort & Companionship

Life can be difficult when children become the victims of crime and face adult situations early on. That's why Dogs for the Deaf is proud to be one link in the chain of helping to comfort and heal through the placement of Fancy, [Program Assistance Dog](#), with Catherine Zern, Therapist at The Child Advocacy Center in Medford, Oregon.

The [Child Advocacy Center's](#) (CAC) vision is to *build communities where children are safe, families are strong, and child victims become children again.*

Since her placement in 2016, Fancy plays a significant role in helping children heal while giving them the courage to talk about their past wounds.

When a child first enters the CAC waiting room, Fancy greets them to help comfort them while bringing a sense of normalcy in the midst of difficult situations. Fancy serves as a calming distraction to help pass the time while the children are at the Center, which sometimes can be for several hours. The children love to cuddle with her, pet her soft ears and take her for walks, and Fancy encourages them to play and forget their troubles for a time.

As part of the child advocacy process, children are required to go into a Grand Jury hearing alone to



speak for themselves. Although the Grand Jury strives to make the process friendly and non-threatening, it can cause extreme anxiety for the child. The District Attorney may ask the child if they would like Fancy to accompany them into the Grand Jury room, and more often than not, the child is relieved to have a "friend" walk through those doors with them.

Fancy not only helps the children, she also helps the CAC staff manage the daily stresses of their important work through her calm and caring presence. Catherine noted, "Although there is a lot of sadness, there is a lot of hope because of Fancy and all the good people that care and work really hard to change things."



## Project Ripple Kids: Hometown Heroes



A terrific group of children, otherwise known as "Ripplers" of the Project Ripple Organization, hosted a Dog Walk earlier this year benefiting Dogs for the Deaf, raising over \$5,000.

The Ripplers, ages 18 and under, worked on every part of the event starting from its grassroots in 2016, to its successful debut early this year. Over 200 people and their fur-buddies joined in the walk, located at Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park in San Dimas, California. The fun-filled morning included a 2-mile lake view walk, entertainment, a hot dog lunch, dog kissing/photo booth, raffles, and vendors.

The kids also contributed to the cause by personally reaching out to the deaf community through learning and performing ASL.

Rippler Annie, age 12, working the event remarked, "This was my first dog walk experience and it was amazing watching all of the people coming out to support this event for such a good cause." Rippler Max, age 14, shared, "It was unique to actually be the "hosts" of such a big event that created a ripple effect to a broader group of people than we have before."

Dogs for the Deaf Ambassador and actor Ryan Lane, brought his dog Zero and his family to support the kids and their mighty efforts.

Project Ripple Organization is a non-profit family ministry created to enlighten, enrich, and encourage children to help others less fortunate. Outreach events are organized for the children to Serve-Shine-Share. Director Tammy Brighton-Craig noted, "Our belief is that any child can make a difference in their community. It's so important to nurture their compassion for others." Learn more about Project Ripple at [www.projectripple.org](http://www.projectripple.org).

## Reno Assists Shirley in South Carolina

This summer, [Certified Hearing Dog](#) Reno was placed with Shirley in South Carolina to help her with sound awareness, especially at night when her hearing aids are out.

Reno has already attended numerous HOA and Tourism Board meetings, and has recently joined Shirley at Paint Night events at the art studio that she rents out to local artists.

Reno is a terrier mix and came to us from Southern Oregon Humane Society. Congrats Shirley and Reno on your recent match!



*Dogs for the Deaf's mission is to professionally train dogs to help people and enhance lives while maintaining a lifelong commitment to all dogs we rescue or breed and the people we serve.*

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