

## Impact Report

December 2017

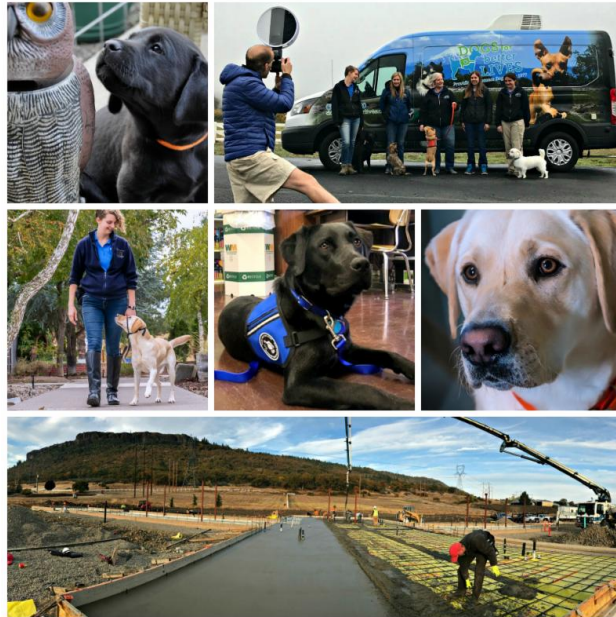
*Your investment in focused training yields life-enhancing results.*

### Wrapping up our 40th Year

What a year this has been! As we look back at 2017, we are thankful for the many successes achieved through your financial support and by our hard-working trainers and staff members. Here are just a few of this year's highlights:

#### **Placements**

This fiscal year beginning in July, your generous support allowed us to professionally train and place 6 Hearing Dogs nationwide, with another 3 dogs soon to be tested for placement. The Adoption Services team found homes for 18 Career Change Dogs, and we performed 16 follow-up visits with clients in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Oregon, Michigan, New York, Alaska, Washington and Tennessee. These visits are crucial to the commitment we make for the lifetime of our clients and dogs!



#### **Second Training Facility**

In November 2016, we broke ground on our 18,852 sq. ft. Second Training Facility that will allow us to train and place even more Assistance Dogs with clients nationwide. This year, much progress has been made in the construction phase, and we are scheduled to move in late spring/early summer.

#### **Puppy Program**

Wynne, our gorgeous yellow Labrador, gave birth to her first litter of pups in August! We are forever grateful to Dogs with Wings for partnering with us in our journey to grow our new puppy program specific to the future Autism Assistance Dog placements.

#### **New Name - Same Compassionate Mission**

On November 1st, we changed our name to Dogs for Better Lives to more adequately speak to the broad scope of work our Assistance Dogs perform.

### Hearing Dog Tiger

Tiger, an adorable Shih Tzu mix, is Josephine's third Hearing Dog from Dogs for Better Lives.

Josephine's smile says it all - she is *thrilled* to



have Tiger by her side as he helps her to be more aware of what's happening around her, especially cars and people approaching from behind.

Congrats Josephine and Tiger on your new partnership!

## Trooper is Changing Lives

Henry and Hearing Dog Trooper have been a team for almost two years. Henry says that Trooper does his sound work perfectly and has made a significant impact in his life.

Trooper alerting to the name call is especially important. Henry's wife Debby added, "Being able to call for Henry after years of not being heard has made a huge difference in *my* life!" Way to go Trooper!



## 2017 #GivingTuesday Gifts Exceeds Expectations!

Celebrated annually on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving.

This year Dogs for Better Lives had a goal of raising \$5,000 to support various projects connected to the **Second Training Facility** that is currently under construction. Everything from benches to trees and sidewalk pavers to dog kennels, the dollars raised nationally will support the need for expansion on campus.

"One of the best ways to get our donors, volunteers, and partners invested and



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November 28, 2017



Ryan Lane, DBL Celebrity Ambassador

collaboratively involved, #GivingTuesday provides a dynamic philanthropic vehicle to fundraise around,” stated Chief Development Officer Harvey Potts.

Dogs for Better Lives raised more than \$6,200, a #GivingTuesday record for Dogs for Better Lives.

Thank you to all those who gave. And, a special thanks to our celebrity ambassador, Ryan Lane, for his social media outreach during our campaign!



From all of us at Dogs for Better Lives, we wish you peace, hope and joy this holiday season.

Thank you for your continued support of what we do to enhance the lives of dogs and people.



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