



## IMPACT REPORT

# 2023

**One Person.  
One Dog.  
Partners in Life.**

### A message from our Executive Director

We celebrate a year of unwavering commitment to our mission of enhancing the lives of Coloradans with disabilities through partnerships with highly trained service dogs. Throughout the year, we have seen remarkable success stories unfold as our dedicated team worked tirelessly to train and match assistance dogs with their ideal partner, providing not just practical assistance but also fostering profound emotional connections.

"To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often." - Winston Churchill.



2023 can certainly be summed up by change. We have added additional staff to improve the quality of our training, to acknowledge and assist the work of our volunteers, and to create a better overall experience for our client applicants and graduates. We also made the commitment to remove the fee associated with placing a service dog for an individual living with a disability. We are committed to eliminating any financial hurdle that would prevent a person from receiving the assistance they may need. We aim to build off the positive changes made last year in an effort to always inch closer to the impossible heights of perfection.

We continue to strengthen relationships within the community and want to express our gratitude to our donors, volunteers, and sponsors who have played an instrumental role in making the successes of the past year possible. As we reflect on these recent accomplishments, we renew our dedication in 2024 to advancing our mission. We look forward to continuing to make a positive difference in the lives of individuals with a disability by matching them with our amazing service dogs.

Kyle Lephart, Executive Director



## By The Numbers

**41,477** Volunteer Hours

**2,980** Lives touched by our facility dogs

**92** Inquiries for a service dog

**24** Active working dog teams



## Notable Projects

**Eliminated the placement fee for mobility support dogs**

**Created a breeding program and whelped a litter**

**Welcomed a new Executive Director and staff**

**Attended disability rights and sensitivity training**

**Returned to Mile High Living on Denver 7**

**Eliminated costs to our puppy raisers for basic care**

## Details

Made our dogs more accessible to Coloradans who need them

Trained a breeding team and whelped a litter of 6 pups

Hired an Executive Director, a Puppy Program Coordinator, a Client Services Manager and a Service Dog Trainer

Welcomed the Division of Disability Rights, Denver, for staff training

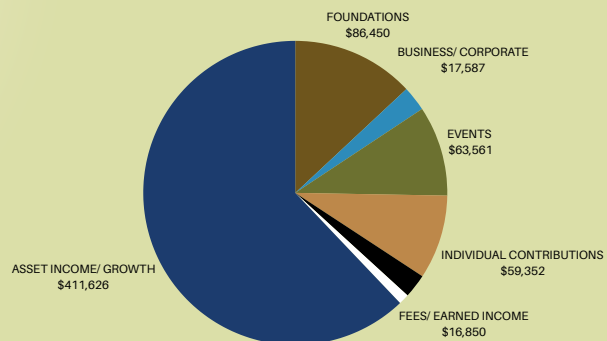
One of our service pups in training, Niko, was named the Mile High Service Pup

Began covering the costs of spay/neuter surgery, vaccines and other routine care

## Goals

- Increase the number of client applicants
- Place more mobility support dogs
- Increase the number of dogs in our program
- Eliminate travel costs to pick up puppies
- Begin socialization and training at birth
- Expand our services to train and place more service dogs
- Increase our ability to fundraise
- Ensure our clients and dogs receive the best training and care
- Encourage continuing education for our staff
- Create an accessible, welcoming environment for staff, clients, and volunteers
- Increase awareness of our mission in the community
- Promote events and news with a monthly update on our Mile High Service Pup
- Make puppy raising and volunteering more accessible
- Increase the number of puppy raiser homes, dogs in the program and dogs eventually placed

**Total Revenue:**  
**\$662,822.38**



**Total Expenses:**  
**\$495,086.91**

**Total Assets:**  
**\$3,317,922.58**



# EMPLOYEES AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**Kyle Lephart**  
Executive Director



**Kat von Vorys**  
Lead Service Dog Trainer



**Bridget Domenighini**  
Development Director



**Miki Brewington**  
Client Services Manager



**Jessie Lausé**  
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## We couldn't have done it without your generous support!


We're so grateful for you - our wonderful volunteers, donors and supporters. We can't wait to work with you to place more mobility and facility dogs in 2024!

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