Can Do Canines
ANNUAL GRATITUDE REPORT
2019

Celebrating 30 Years
1989-2019
Mission
Can Do Canines is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people with disabilities by creating mutually beneficial partnerships with specially trained dogs.

Vision
We envision a future in which every person who needs and wants an assistance dog can have one.

Values
• Client Commitment
• Teamwork
• Integrity
• Respect for People
• Respect for Animals

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On the Cover
Sgt. Corey Briest and Mobility Assist Dog Quiz, one of our 2019 certified teams.

A Letter From
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALAN PETERS
& BOARD CHAIR MITCH PETERSON

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to share this report of Can Do Canines' accomplishments during 2019. Throughout these pages you’ll see our mission come to life through the stories and words of our graduates. You’ll witness the many people who have helped make Can Do Canines possible. And we hope you’ll be inspired to continue your support.

We celebrated our 30th anniversary during 2019! Thirty years of service to the community is a significant accomplishment. An anniversary video and special logo were created and shared at events and in publications throughout the year. Our 30th Anniversary Gala was made extra special by inviting two-time Emmy award winner Louie Anderson to entertain us. And enclosed with this report is the final part of the celebration: our booklet celebrating highlights of those 30 years.

Most importantly, we celebrated our mission through action. With the help of donors, volunteers, graduates, inmate handlers, and staff, we certified 51 assistance dog teams during 2019—an 11% increase over 2018 and a new record for the organization. We’re proud of Can Do Canines and we hope you are too.

While we celebrate our accomplishments, we must continue to do all we can to shorten our waiting list. The need for assistance dogs is great, so we are striving towards our vision of making sure every person who needs and wants an assistance dog can have one.

We approach 2020 with a great deal of enthusiasm for the opportunities before us and we welcome you to join us on this journey. Your involvement with Can Do Canines gives life to our mission and meaning to our work.

With the support of the community, we have improved the quality of life for hundreds of people with disabilities. We look forward to continuing this important work and thank you for all the ways you contribute.
### 2019 AT A GLANCE

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<th>Heart</th>
<th>Donations from 3,148 people totaled $1,415,538 and helped us match more teams.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Paw</td>
<td>351 Active Working Teams received ongoing training and support from staff.</td>
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<td>813</td>
<td>Volunteers helped us in a variety of ways.</td>
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<td>Dog</td>
<td>Approximately 616,599 hours were clocked by volunteers.</td>
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<td>Bars</td>
<td>214 dogs spent time in at least one of our seven prison programs.</td>
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<td>Bat</td>
<td>Inmate Handlers raised and trained our dogs-in-training.</td>
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#### New Training Technique Implemented

We trained our first dog to respond to a computer talking board for Brea, a 12-year-old with cerebral palsy.

#### Organization Receives Awards

A Diabetes Assist Dog was selected for the Minnesota Veterinary Association Animal Hall of Fame, and Al received the Lasallian Service Award from Saint Mary's University.

#### Our 700th Team Strikes the Perfect Balance

Hearing 12-year-old Aidan speak, you’d never guess he is only in the sixth grade. He is thoughtful, articulate and unusually self-possessed for a middle schooler. Yet these aren’t the only qualities that make this kid unique. He also happens to suffer from a rare form of muscular dystrophy called Charcot-Marie-Tooth (CMT), and the even rarer subset of the disorder, Type 4-C.

That means doing simple things that most people take for granted are extremely difficult and potentially dangerous for Aidan. That’s where Mobility Assist Dog Abbot comes in. Living with Abbot has helped Aidan tremendously—especially when it comes to his balance.

I knew a dog would be able to help Aidan," says Aidan’s mom, Adrienne. "I wasn’t sure everything they would be able to do, though. The depth and breadth of Abbot’s skills are amazing and far surpassed my expectations. He is so smart.”

Aidan and his Mobility Assist Dog, Abbot, are the 700th team brought together through Can Do Canines—a huge milestone, not only for Aidan and Abbot, but for our 30-year-old organization.
“She has changed my life in so, so many ways, it's hard to explain.”

“By having Qeen, I feel safer and have more confidence knowing Qeen will alert me to the sounds.”

“Taylor is a godsend.”

 “[Napa] unlocks something in [Danny] that we knew existed but we couldn’t quite get at.”

“She (essentially) lets Danny be Danny.”

“Chad & Diabetes Assist Dog Taylor

Dawne & Seizure Assist Dog/Mobility Assist Dog Trixie

Janet and Hearing Assist Dog Qeen

Daniel and Autism Assist Dog Napa
Can Do Canines assistance dogs are defined by the type of assistance work they perform for their handler. Can Do Canines trains in five areas:

**Mobility**
Mobility Assist Dogs work with people who have mobility challenges and other needs. They pick up and carry objects, pull wheelchairs, open doors, and help pay at tall counters.

**Hearing**
Hearing Assist Dogs alert a person who is deaf or hard of hearing to sounds by making physical contact with them and leading them to the source of the sound.

**Diabetes**
Diabetes Assist Dogs detect low blood sugar levels by sensing a change in their partner’s breath odor. The dog alerts their partner by making physical contact.

**Autism**
Autism Assist Dogs keep children with autism safe in public settings and help them experience the world more fully by offering comfort and assurance. These special dogs also serve as a social bridge between the family and the public.

**Seizure**
Seizure Assist Dogs respond to a person having a seizure by licking their face, retrieving an emergency phone, and alerting other family members.
### Financial Statements

For the year ended December 31, 2019

#### Income Statement for the year ended December 31, 2019

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<th>Public Support</th>
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<td>Individual and corporate donations</td>
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<td>Service club donations</td>
<td>183,398</td>
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<td>Foundation grants</td>
<td>477,832</td>
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<td>Federated fundraisers</td>
<td>116,511</td>
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<td>Earned Income—net</td>
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<td>Special events—net</td>
<td>399,662</td>
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<td>In-kind contributions</td>
<td>76,878</td>
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**Total public support**

| Revenue                                      | 2,590,022   |

**Investment income (loss)**

| Investment income (loss)                      | 21,278      |

**Net assets released from restrictions**

| Net assets released from restrictions         | -           |

**Total support and revenue**

| Total support and revenue                     | 2,611,300   |

#### Expenses

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<td>Program expenses</td>
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<td>Support services</td>
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<td>Management and general</td>
<td>177,408</td>
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<td>Fundraising</td>
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**Total support services**

| Total support services                        | 2,709,213  |

**Increase in net assets**

| Increase in net assets                        | (97,902)   |

**Net assets—beginning**

| Net assets—beginning                          | $5,726,078 |

**Net assets—ending**

| Net assets—ending                             | $5,628,176 |

#### Balance Sheet for the year ended December 31, 2019

**Current Assets**

| Current Assets                                |            |
| Cash and investments                          | $2,698,480 |
| Accounts Receivable                           | 1,920      |
| Pledges receivable                            | 161,444    |
| Prepaid and inventory                         | 5,273      |

**Total current assets**

| Total current assets                          | 2,867,117  |

**Property and Equipment**

| Property and Equipment                        |            |
| Vehicles and equipment                        | 210,990    |
| Land and building                             | 3,489,031  |
| Less accumulated depreciation                 | (1,019,353) |

**Total assets**

| Total assets                                  | 5,817,330  |

**Liabilities and Net Assets**

| Liabilities and Net Assets                    |            |
| Current Liabilities                           |            |
| Accounts payable—trade                        | 51,206     |
| Accrued expenses                              | 137,848    |
| Deferred revenue                              | 0          |

**Total current liabilities**

| Total current liabilities                     | 189,154    |

| Net Assets                                    |            |
| Net assets without donor restrictions          | 3,583,187  |
| Board designated donor restrictions           | 1,614,000  |
| Net assets with donor restrictions            | 420,989    |

**Total net assets**

| Total net assets                              | 5,628,176  |

**Total liabilities and net assets**

| Total liabilities and net assets              | $5,628,176 |

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*Also a Mobility Assist Dog*
Can Do Canines relies on volunteers to help make our mission a reality. Every single volunteer makes a difference, whether they’re a Puppy Raiser, an office volunteer, or an event volunteer—they all help to change lives.

Some volunteer needs are greater than others. Our in-demand volunteer positions are below:

### Puppy Raiser
Take a future assistance dog into your home for 12-18 months. Work with the puppy on basic obedience and socialization. Attend at least one Can Do Canines training or outing each month and take the puppy out in public during the week.

### Prison Foster
Help provide important socialization for our puppies raised in prison by bringing them into your home on weekends. Practice house manners, go on walks in your neighborhood, and socialize them to things the puppy does not experience in prison.

### Event Help
Whether greeting guests, running a game, or helping with set up and tear down, we couldn’t do it without our fantastic event crew. We host three major fundraisers a year and three team graduations. Consider joining our event team!

Volunteers are a vital asset to completing our mission at Can Do Canines. Their commitment, talent, and passion are unparalleled. Thank you all for sharing your time and enthusiasm with us! Puppy Program Volunteers are noted with a 🌟 beside their name. These outstanding individuals help in a variety of ways: Breeder Hosts, Whelping Homes, Great Start Homes, Short and Long-Term Fosters, Prison Fosters, and Puppy Raisers. Each play an integral part in the success of our assistance dogs.

2019 Volunteers

Volunteers are noted beside their name. These outstanding individuals help in a variety of ways: Breeder Hosts, Whelping Homes, Great Start Homes, Short and Long-Term Fosters, Prison Fosters, and Puppy Raisers.
Generous contributors like you have made Can Do Canines the leading assistance dog training program in the Midwest! Your financial support is a critical part of the process of finding, training, and placing high-quality assistance dogs with people who deserve them. Thank you!
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Legacy Club

The Legacy Club honors two groups of generous individuals: those who, while living, inform Can Do Canines of their intentions to include us in their will or planned giving device, and those who have passed on (indicated with a D) and already made bequests to further our work. We are grateful for their faith in Can Do Canines.

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We collect and maintain the following types of donor information:
- Contact information: name, organization, complete address, phone number, email address;
- Payment information: credit card number and expiration date, and billing information;
- Requests to receive periodic updates: e.g., to individuals who request it, we will send periodic mailings and/or emails related to Can Do Canines events, newsletters, and general or specific fundraising events or appeals.

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