

ANNUAL GRATITUDE REPORT



2021



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 world where people with disabilities live free and independent lives. **VALUES** Commitment to Clients • Respect for People • Respect for Dogs • Integrity • Innovation • Teamwork

A Letter From

**Executive Director Jeff Johnson
and Board President Mitch Peterson**

Our amazing team continued to adapt in 2021 to the lingering complications of COVID. In addition to certifying 41 new teams and creating new ways to serve our clients and volunteers both remotely and in person, we completed a five-year strategic plan and began implementing a very ambitious work plan focused on three main goals:

- Better serving our clients and engaging and supporting our volunteers, staff and supporters
- Significantly increasing our profile in Minnesota and Wisconsin and reaching into new communities in our area
- Serving more people with disabilities in creative new ways, including through the placement of facility dogs and skilled home companions

And, as always, we are focused on the unique importance to our organization of each of our five “pillars”: clients, dogs, volunteers, donors and staff.

This is an exciting time for Can Do Canines! Thank you for being part of this chapter in our 32-year history.

Jeff Johnson
Executive
Director



Mitch Peterson
Board President



2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Financial Statements *For the year ended December 31, 2021*

Income Statement for the year ended Dec. 31, 2021

Public Support

Individual and corporate donations	\$	1,374,182
Service club donations		141,428
Foundation grants		489,452
Federated fundraisers		113,028
Earned income—net		10,778
PPP Grant		354,088
Special events—net		284,276
In-kind contributions		<u>46,561</u>

Total public support **2,813,793**

Investment income (loss) 36,919

Net assets released from restrictions —

Total support and revenue **2,850,712**

Expenses

Program expenses 2,338,193

Support services

Management and general 312,639

Fundraising 286,444

Total support services **608,083**

Total expenses **2,946,276**

Increase in net assets (95,564)

Net assets—beginning 5,689,006

Net assets—ending **\$ 5,593,442**

Balance Sheet for the year ended Dec. 31, 2021

Current Assets

Cash and investments \$ 2,965,515

Accounts receivable —

Pledges receivable 121,039

Prepays and inventory 10,528

Total current assets **3,097,082**

Pledges receivable-long term 81,760

Property and Equipment

Vehicles and equipment 210,990

Land and building 3,583,997

Less accumulated depreciation (1,217,310)

Total assets **5,756,519**

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities

Accounts payable—trade 27,507

Accrued expenses 135,570

Deferred revenue —

Total current liabilities **163,077**

Net Assets

Net assets without donor restrictions 3,563,643

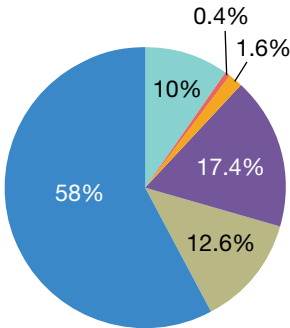
Board designated donor restrictions 1,792,000

Net assets with donor restrictions 237,799

Total net assets **5,593,442**

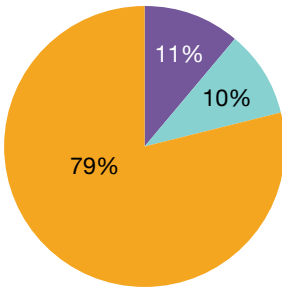
Total liabilities and net assets **\$ 5,756,519**

Revenue



- Donations
- Events
- In-Kind
- Earned Income
- Foundations
- Payroll Protection Program

Expenses



- Programs
- Fundraising
- Management

Oxley's Ears & Four Paws Compensate for What Zachary Has Lost

COMBINATION
SKILLS TEAM

Zachary & Oxley

Zachary was in eighth grade when he contracted bacterial meningitis. Zack had to have his right hand amputated above the wrist, as well as the fingers and thumb on his left hand and both of his legs below the knees. He also lost most of his hearing.

What he didn't lose were his fighting spirit and positive attitude. After being released from the hospital, he and his family began to discuss getting an assistance dog. They soon discovered Can Do Canines, and Zack was matched with a beautiful yellow Labrador Retriever named Oxley, skilled to help with both hearing and mobility tasks.



The training Zack and Oxley have implemented in their lives is far-reaching, given Zack's needs. Although Zack now uses a power chair, has prosthetic legs, uses pincers for grasping and has had cochlear implants placed in his ears, Oxley eagerly complements Zack's life by alerting him to sounds, tugging open doors and picking up and retrieving items.

Recognizing Oxley as "empowering," Zack is not only employed as an assembly worker, but he also volunteers as a custodian at the local fire station and at the community food pantry.

To those who helped make this happen, Zack says, "Thanks for giving me a dog that adores working." His mom, Desiree, agrees. "We appreciate so much that [Can Do Canines assistance dogs are] provided free of charge for people that need them." The reason for her gratitude is clear. She states, "I feel much safer about Zack being home alone because I know he's not alone. There's somebody there that's going to help him, that's going to alert him, that's going to give him the assistance he needs without a person being there."

MOBILITY

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

*Teams
Left to Right*

Row 1

Bella & Uriel
Kimberly & Mazie
Jensen & Xolia

Row 2

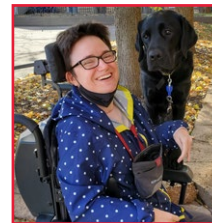
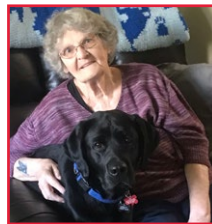
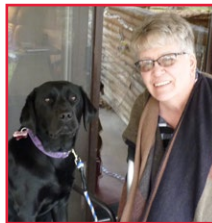
Sue & Whisper
Drake & Flynn
Sammy & Ursa

Row 3

Shelly & Levi
Ann & Frasier
Bennett & Qati

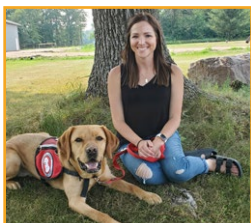
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Tammy & Magnum
Nicole & Astro
Michael & Xander



DIABETES

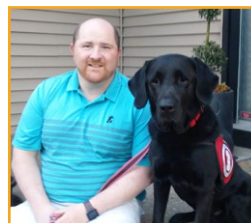
Diabetes Assist Dogs detect low blood sugar levels by sensing a change in their partner's breath odor. The dog alerts their partner by making physical contact.



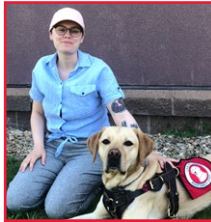
Lindsay & Ulric



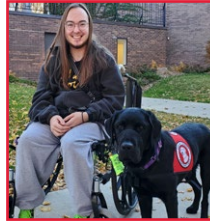
Charity & Fabian



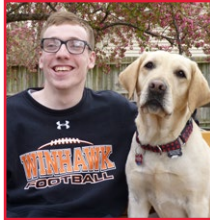
Malcolm & Blaze



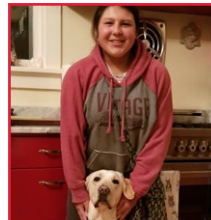
*Teams
Left to Right*
Kara & Fabian
Maya & Uzi
Sadie & Harry



Lisa & Flirt
Gary & Willow
Carden & Viggo



Dane & Lola
Soleil & Gandalf
Amy & Mosby



Jeremy & Pria
Annabelle & Vino
Steve & Quince

SEIZURE

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



Terri & Peaches



Olivia & Clark



Catie & Ryder

HEARING

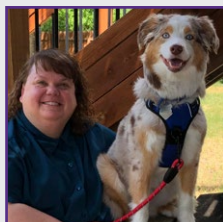
Hearing Assist Dogs alert a person who is deaf or hard of hearing to sounds by making physical contact with them and leading them to the source of the sound.



Megan & Raven



Brenda & Joule
Jo & Gladys

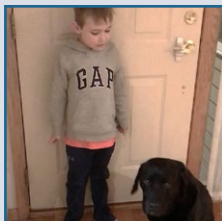
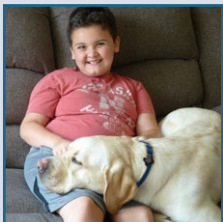
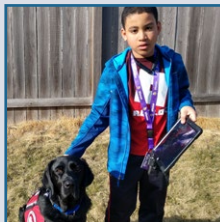


Rita & Fidget
Becky & Jasper

*Teams
Top to
Bottom*

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.



Isaac & Boris



Jayden & Paxton
Paul & Rafi



Gideon & Xenith
Giovanni & Pippi

*Teams
Top to
Bottom*

2021 AT A GLANCE

3,306 people donated a total of **\$1,574,588** and helped us match more teams.

363 active working teams received ongoing training and support from staff.

837 volunteers helped us in a variety of ways.

Approximately **644,733** hours were clocked by volunteers.

41 new teams were certified in 2021.

164 inmate handlers raised and trained our dogs-in-training.



THANK YOU

Can Do Canines relies on volunteers and donors to help make our mission a reality. Every single contributor makes a difference. Thank you for helping us provide life-changing assistance dogs.

To view a list of volunteers and donors involved in 2021, please visit <https://candocanines.org/2021-volunteers-donors>

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On the Cover

Lindsay with Diabetes Assist Dog
Ulric, one of our 2021 certified
teams