ANNUAL GRATITUDE REPORT

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.
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 46,561

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
- Prepaids and inventory 10,528

Total current assets 3,097,082

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
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
Row 4
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
Seizure Assist Dogs respond to a person having a seizure by licking their face, retrieving an emergency phone and alerting other family members.
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.

Teams
Top to Bottom
Megan & Raven
Brenda & Joule
Rita & Fidget
Jo & Gladys
Becky & Jasper

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.

Teams
Top to Bottom
Isaac & Boris
Jayden & Paxton
Gideon & Xenith
Paul & Rafi
Giovanni & Pippi
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