

2023 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 Ross Thorfinnson

It would be an understatement to say that 2023 was an eventful year at Can Do Canines. Along with certifying 44 amazing new teams, we formed multiple new partnerships, implemented Puppy Program volunteer “Packs” based on geography, purchased a 10-acre facility in New Germany that has become our Whelping and Growth Center, and whelped our first litters of puppies there.

And, as always, our incredible staff found new and innovative ways to provide freedom, independence, and peace of mind to our clients.

In 2024, we will expand our Prison Program in Minnesota, finalize a plan to double the size of our New Hope facility to meet our 40% 10-year growth goal and launch a capital campaign to help us get there. The future is both very busy and very bright for Can Do Canines.

Thank you for your support and the role you play in this exciting time!



Jeff Johnson
Executive Director



Ross Thorfinnson
Board President

2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ross Thorfinnson, President
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Financial Statements | For the year ended December 31, 2023

Income Statement for the year ended Dec. 31, 2023

Public Support

Individual and corporate donations	\$2,492,078
Service club donations	187,207
Foundation grants	664,180
Federated fundraisers	136,689
Earned income—net	25,455
Special events—net	458,995
In-kind contributions	11,387
Total public support	\$3,975,991

Investment income	104,761
Net assets released from restrictions	149,843
Total support and revenue	\$4,230,595

Expenses

Program expenses	2,986,704
Support services	
Management and general	173,564
Fundraising	373,565
Total expenses	\$3,533,833

Increase in net assets	692,119
Net assets—beginning	5,351,978
Net assets—ending	\$6,044,097

Balance Sheet for the year ended Dec. 31, 2023

Current Assets

Cash and investments	2,729,763
Grants and accounts receivable	167,169
Prepays and inventory	15,456
Total current assets	\$2,912,388

Pledges receivable-long term	28,500
Property—net	3,356,083
Total assets	\$6,296,971

Liabilities and Net Assets

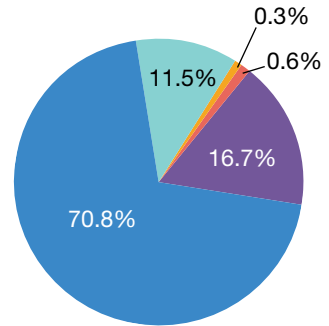
Current Liabilities

Accounts payable—trade	58,193
Accrued expenses	194,681
Total current liabilities	\$252,874

Net Assets

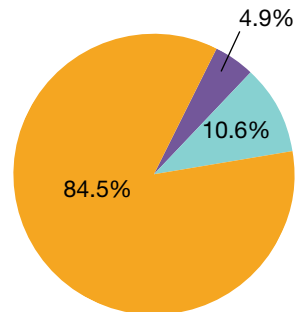
Net assets without donor restrictions	3,788,294
Board designated donor restrictions	2,145,803
Net assets with donor restrictions	110,000
Total net assets	\$6,044,097
Total liabilities and net assets	\$6,296,971

Revenue



- Donations
- Events
- In-Kind
- Earned Income
- Foundations

Expenses



- Programs
- Fundraising
- Management

MOBILITY ASSIST

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.



Addie & Kip



Ben & Jimi



Beth & Ivy



Carol & Reva



Catie & Virgil



David & Niles



Diane & Uzi



Emily & Lewis



Heidi & Kora



Jacob & Peyton



Jim & Moses



Jan & Logan



Karen & Ulla



Levi & Surley



Mark & Titan



Megan & Iggy



Nora & Lambeau



Ruth & Gina



Tabitha & Murphy's Law



Team Iggy



Team Whisper



Tyler & Jiff



Zoë & Winda

AUTISM ASSIST

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.



Alex & Marvel



Charlie & Rully



Ellie & Bonnie



Kiki & Farmer



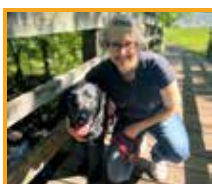
George & Ruth

DIABETES ASSIST

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.



Gretchen & Kori



Heather & Franny

SEIZURE ASSIST

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



Zack & Quartz

COMBINATION SKILLS DOGS

Combination Skills Dogs assist their partners with tasks from at least two of our team types.

Seizure & Mobility



Bethany & Qantas

Hearing & Mobility



Geraldyn & Quinn

Hearing & Mobility



Kim & Trixi

Hearing & Mobility



Sue & Kade

Mobility & Hearing



Tiffany & Ruby

FACILITY DOGS

A facility dog is trained to work at a designated location with a variety of people. Typically this type of dog is placed in a hospital or a rehab center.



Annika, Krista & Riggs



Cala, Ann & Jersey



Nicci, Andrea & Deano



Travis & Ian

HEARING ASSIST

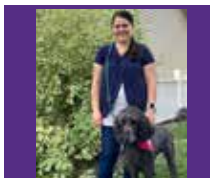
Hearing Assist Dogs alert a person who is deaf or hard of hearing to sounds by making physical contact with them and leading them to the source of the sound.



Barry & Benny



Courtney & Lark



Stephanie & Casanova



Victoria & Siku

WE WHELPED A WHELPING CENTER!

In August 2023, we purchased a property in New Germany, Minnesota—about 45 minutes southwest of our New Hope location. We bought this site, which is in addition to our current facility, to serve as a whelping center.



Whelping is the process of a dog giving birth. Our new Whelping and Growth (WAG) Center is where puppies born into our breeding program spend their first 5-6 weeks of life.

Previously, Can Do Canines volunteers opened up their homes to care for these dogs. Whelping homes welcomed the expectant mom about 10 days before her due date and continued the care through the first several weeks of her puppies' lives. These volunteers provided continuous care to the dog and pups, with Can Do Canines offering 24/7 support through the process.

We opened this WAG Center to ease the burden on volunteers. Now, we can offer shifts at this new location, where the Can Do Canines Breeding Coordinator and three part-time Canine Nursery Assistants office. Dozens of volunteers also help care for the newborn puppies and their mamas.

The WAG Center is a temporary solution to our whelping needs while we move forward with an expansion project at our New Hope site. We plan to add on to the main facility and include a whelping center—along with other space needs (more offices, additional client apartments, etc.), with hopes of having construction completed in 2027.



2023 AT A GLANCE

3,141 people donated a total of **\$2,336,164** and helped us match more teams.

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

596 volunteers helped us in a variety of ways.

Approximately **532,316** hours were clocked by volunteers.

44 new teams were certified in 2023.

281 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. The commitment, talent, and passion our volunteers demonstrate is unparalleled, and the generosity of our financial supporters allows us to continue to place our dogs free of charge to people who need them. Thank you for helping us provide life-changing assistance dogs.

To view a list of volunteers and donors involved in 2023, please visit candocanines.org/2023-volunteers-donors



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On the Cover

Karen with Mobility Assist Dog Ulla,
one of our 2023 certified teams