



2023 Impact Report

Raised \$815,000

Worked with more than 75 volunteers as fosters, sitters and ambassadors

Implemented new five phase training program

Added Emotional Support Animals (ESA) for Veterans

Added part-time staff to assist with managing dog files and volunteer coordination

Dogs

- Brought in 29 dogs for training. Matched 7 service dogs with Veterans
- Resumed training trips (planes, trains and automobiles!) for dogs preparing to be matched
- Placed our first two Emotional Support Animals (ESA) with Veterans
- Created Dog Perfect for Veterans, a 15-week course that helps Veterans with their pet dogs. Can be a conduit to Handler Owner Trained (HOT) service dogs for Veterans.
- Piloted a rescue dog curriculum for Handler Owner Trained
- Piloted a virtual training program

Events

- January: Veterans Day at the Capitol
- Feb: Spring Home Show
- April: Annual Reception at Palmer's Deli
- June: Second Annual Iowa Legislative Slow-Pitch Softball Game hosted by the Greater Des Moines Partnership
- July: Hy-vee Indy Car Weekend
- August: State Fair with partner Mid-American Energy
- September: 3rd Annual Puppy Jake Classic
- November: Veterans Day Events with various groups
- December: Gingerbread House Extravaganza hosted by Leachman Lumber
- Plus, more than 100+ speaking engagements.

Coming in 2024

- Revamped eight-week training program for fosters, sitters
- Recertification process for Assistance Dogs International
- New website and refreshed brand
- Expanded programs for dog/veteran teams
- More dogs!

For a copy of the 2023 990, please visit our website. Our budget is available upon request.