



HELPING PAWS
ASSISTANCE DOGS

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IMPACTFUL PAWS
BIANNUAL REPORT

HELPING PAWS HAPPENINGS:

What's New & What's Next

OUR NEW LOCATION IN EDEN PRARIE

Helping Paws has relocated to a larger facility in Eden Prairie, expanding by 3,000 square feet in preparation for our breeding program expansion. Construction and remodeling began in January 2024 and was completed in March 2024. After a successful move and unpacking in April 2024, classes resumed at our new facility.

On May 5, 2024, we hosted a grand opening that saw hundreds of our community members celebrating the life-changing assistance dogs we provide. Eden Prairie Mayor, Ron Case, even declared it Helping Paws Day in Eden Prairie!



MORE DOGS, MORE IMPACT!

At Helping Paws, we witness the profound impact service dogs have on individuals and communities daily. Our More Dogs, More Impact – The Helping Paws Breeding Program Expansion program aims to expand our Breeding Program from 6 to 15 dogs, addressing the urgent need of our three-year waitlist. This expansion will quadruple the number of individuals receiving life-changing service dogs each year. To kick off our public campaign, the KAHR Foundation generously provided a \$100,000 challenge match. To unlock the match, we must raise the initial \$100,000 in community giving by December 31, 2024! For more information, visit helpingpaws.org/moredogsmoreimpact

OUR FIRST LABRADOR LITTER IN THREE YEARS

We are thrilled to be breeding our first Labrador litter in 3 years. Our Lab puppies are expected to go home to their Foster Home Trainers in August and we are excited to see their abilities come to fruition! These puppies represent the future of Helping Paws, bringing hope and assistance to those in need.

-Alyssa Golob, Executive Director



"My service dog, *Georgy*, has become an integral part of all facets of my life... She knows when I am feeling anxiety; she knows when I am experiencing nightmares/terrors, and so much more."



CHANGING LIVES

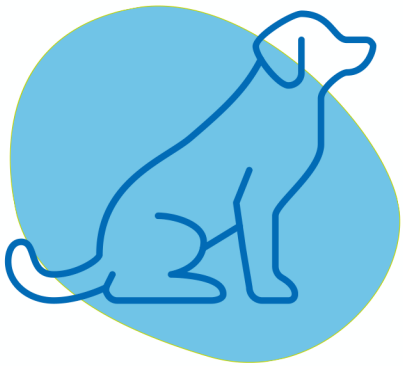
One Paw at a Time

7 Puppies Born

16,100 Hours of Training

50 Dogs in Training

infinity & beyond! Dog Treats Eaten



3 ASSISTANCE DOGS PLACED WITH VETERANS

3 ASSISTANCE DOGS PLACED WITH INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

55 Foster Home Trainers and Caretaker Home volunteers caring for life-changing assistance dogs

70 check-in appointments with graduates and their assistance dogs





Herbie's Impact

"A 7th grade student refused to go to class for multiple hours and became very upset when his parents were called to come pick him up. The student had refused to use verbal communication all morning and would not communicate using words.

At this point Herbie entered the room. The student's entire demeanor immediately changed, and he smiled for the first time all day! He immediately started petting and interacting with Herbie, and he changed from extremely upset to relaxed and calm... **The impact of a support animal cannot be overstated;** Herbie's presence and engagement with this student completely changed his mood and de-escalated a tense morning for this student. Since that day, the student has been making continuous improvements with going to and engaging in class during the school day. Herbie is amazing!"

-FALCON RIDGE SCHOOL COUNSELOR

THANK YOU

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your continued support. Your generosity makes a lasting impact on the lives of those we serve, and we are honored to partner with you!



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