



# **MOBILITYDOG**

# **2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

Putting the FUN in FUNctional Independence, as we raise awareness and resources supporting communities with disabilities.



# **OUR MISSION**

MobilityDog advances FUNctional independence for people with disabilities through Service Dogs, education, and empowerment.

### **SERVICE DOG IN TRAINING (SDIT) PUPPY RAISING PROGRAM**

Our volunteer Puppy Raisers introduce our dogs to the world and provide our dogs with lots of love and the critical foundation to be successful Service Dog. We are grateful for their hard work! A Puppy Raiser loves and works with a puppy from 2 months to 19 months and, during this time, teaches it basic obedience, exposes and socializes it to the outside world, and introduces the foundations for key tasks it will learn to perform. The Puppy Raisers meet every Tuesday virtually and the First Saturday of the month in person and participate in classes. A happy puppy makes the best Service Dog! Will you be our next puppy raiser? Call!







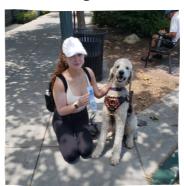


### **SERVICE DOG PROGRAM**

MobilityDog raises, trains, and matches poodles with mobility-impaired individuals. Our poodles are donated by breeders whose priorities are their dogs' health, temperament, working ability, and longevity. A Service Dog (SD) is a living, breathing animal that is our responsibility to care for as they care for their Handlers (the people aided by a Service Dog). Once a Service Dog Team is formed, they continue working monthly with our SD Trainer and attend weekly Puppy Meet Ups and the First Saturday monthly gathering. When the work harness comes off, then it is playtime; playtime is essential! It takes a remarkable canine to become a Service Dog.









# MOBILITYDOG PROGRAMS CONTINUED...

### PAWS THAT EMPOWER AND READING CIRCLE



PAWS that Empower (PAWS) is a workshop-style course starting with a reading circle presentation on Tolerance, Kindness, Compassion, Integrity, Gratitude, Confidence, and Empathy. Following the reading circle, we will share the book and discuss the topic. The students embrace the strength of sharing and understanding others without fear and understand why a Service Dog is an important medical device for people with disabilities. Each workshop has an interactive art project about the lesson to bring home to share. PAWS is one-to-eight- day programming. Call to get started!

## WAG EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY

WAG is "Worthwhile, Awareness, Guidance" workshops. A Service Dog team comes into your business and discusses how to create a user-friendly environment for people with disabilities. We provide interactive workshops exploring what full accessibility means. We present, listen to, and answer questions as we find solutions together. We are asking for equality for all with disabilities. We come to your business, both government and private, in the community settings to answer these questions.



- Is your business ADA Accessible and user-friendly?
- Does your business respect individuals with disabilities?
- Do you allow ADA medical devices (i.e., Service Dogs) to promote their FUNctional independence in your business?
- Do you fall under ADA, FHA, Rehabilitation Act, DOJ, or DOT requirements?
- Is your business prepared in language and entrance for people with disabilities?
- Please call or email us at info@mobilitydog.org to set up an appointment.

### DISABILITY NETWORK & BUILDING COMMUNITY



MobilityDog is not just another Service Dog organization, but rather a community of people who seek to gain the ability in their disability. This sets us apart as an innovative organization. We do not raise Service Dogs to hand them off to their handlers without further contact. MobilityDog combines the best practices of Service Dog training

with creating a community for people with disabilities through Service Dogs, education, and empowerment. This innovative approach makes a dynamic forum for individuals to break through barriers of isolation and build a more user-friendly world, one dog at a time. We meet virtually every Tuesday and in-person the first Saturday of each month. Each of us is a bio-individual; MobilityDog is here to support the journey and make the pathway kinder by choosing wellness and forward mobility adventures.

# 2022 BY THE NUMBERS

1,126

PARTICIPANTS IN PAWS THAT EMPOWER PROGRAM

25

BUSINESSES SERVICED THROUGH THE WAG EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY WORKSHOPS (IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL)

1,525

INDIVIDUALS EDUCATED THROUGH WAG



4

New
Service
Dogs in
Training in
2022

2

New
Officially
Recognized
Service
Dogs in
2022

3

Puppy Raisers in 2022 19

Rescue dogs rehomed 26

Service
Dog/
Handler
Teams
Supported

36

Dogs Donated Since 2018

400

ADULTS SERVED BY READING CIRCLE PROGRAM

156

PEOPLE IMPACTED BY SERVICE DOG PROGRAM

64

MEMBERS OF MOBILITYDOG'S
DISABILITY NETWORK THAT SERVES
THOSE LIVING WITHOUT A SERVICE DOG



**327** 

THERE IS STILL WORK TO DO...

REQUESTS RECEIVED FOR A MOBILITY SERVICE DOG SINCE 2018

# **MOBILITYDOG AND THE COMMUNITY**

ADVOCATING, EDUCATING, RAISING AWARENESS



BEING PART OF THIS COMMUNITY MAKES ME FEEL LESS ALONE AND LESS DIFFERENT.

"Winston, my mobility Service Dog, is truly the best thing that has ever happened to me in my 27 years of life.

"Due to a tethered spinal cord and despite numerous surgeries, I can move my legs but cannot feel them. After years of rehabilitation and physical therapy, I was able to go from using a wheelchair to walking with two canes. Now, with Winston, I can walk holding his harness without any canes. This has changed my life. I feel more confident, safer and protected by his presence. My family is also more comfortable with me going out on my own with Winston at my side. I am more capable because I have one hand free and yet still easily balance myself. Winston is also incredibly strong and able to brace and help me get up when needed. While my journey with Winston is just beginning, I already feel more independent and happier than I ever have been.

"I love walking with Winston in my neighborhood and am walking a lot more. This is improving my physical stamina. And I also love caring for his needs. As someone who has had to depend on others my whole life, caring for Winston is allowing me to grow in responsibility and as a person.

"The Mobility Service Dog-West Coast Project community has been a blessing to me and my family. The motto "Be Kind, Do Good" fits every person who works and volunteers with the organization. And I love connecting with other handlers who have faced challenges like me. Being part of this community makes me feel less alone and less different.

I honestly have not stopped smiling since Winston came into my life. I am so grateful."

- Isabelle Oldham

# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

4% SPONSORSHIPS

**5% EVENTS** 

**12% GRANTS** 

13% DONATIONS

**66% IN-KIND** 

**FUNDING SOURCES** 

NEARLY ALL COSTS GO TOWARDS DOGS/PROGRAMS

> 89% SDIT/SD PROGRAMS

> > **6% OVERHEAD**

3%

2%

FUNDRAISING EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

**EXPENSES** 

# WE NEED OODLES TO RAISE OUR POODLES

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# **2022 AWARDS**



The Albertsons Companies
Foundations provided a
\$15,000 grant to help
MobilityDog continue
advancing functional
independence for the
mobility- disabled
community.



The Walmart Community
Grants Team chose
MobilityDog to receive a
\$5,000 grant recognizing
its commitment to giving
back to the community.



# MOBILITYDOG'S MAJOR DONORS







Major Donors embody the generosity that supports the MobilityDog vision and are recognized when their cumulative gifts exceed \$50,000.00 in one fiscal year. We are eternally grateful to our 2022 major donors who have directly and significantly impacted our mission.

# **MEET OUR TEAM**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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MobilityDog gratefully acknowledges each of the generous donations received in 2022. Each gift we received went directly towards puppy raising, training, and placing a mobility Service Dog with a mobility-impaired individual. Your donation makes a huge difference in the lives of our dogs and humans. We are sincerely appreciative of each of our donors. Our work would not be possible without your support.

# **2022 LIST OF DONORS**

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# 354 LIVES DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY OUR SERVICE DOGS...





















AND THE COMMUNITY KEEPS GROWING!



With deep gratitude to Olivia.

MobilityDog carries your laughter, love, and light forever in our hearts.

September 26, 1941 ~ August 8, 2022

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