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In 1988, Lucky, pictured above, was the first dog we adopted from an animal shelter. She was homeless and was scheduled to be euthanized that day. Lucky served as our demonstration dog for 11 years. She is symbolic of our commitment to save homeless dogs while fulfilling our mission to serve people with disabilities.

Fabulous Gifts Come In Small Packages

Jackie Messengill and Tex

by Shelly Hiemer

When Jackie Messengill moved to downtown Minneapolis, Minn. in 2003, she thought her pet raising days were over. Her small apartment and continued physical deterioration made having another dog seem nearly impossible.

“After my near fatal car accident in 1999, my left leg was amputated and I was left with degenerative arthritis in my back,” Jackie explains. “My doctor warned me that my physical condition would continue to decline and it has. Using crutches for so long has damaged my shoulders. I have cartilage damage to my right knee and muscle tremors.”

Changes in weather sometimes make it hard for Jackie to even get out of bed. All of this has also left her with an anxiety disorder, too. But none of that has dampened her spirit. Jackie’s ready laugh and open heart helped her make friends and find volunteer opportunities in Minneapolis. Her friends describe her as full of life, always helping others



Jackie and Tex

in any way she can.

When a friend suggested that an assistance dog might help Jackie with everyday tasks, she was skeptical. She thought of the big Labradors and German Shepherds she had seen helping people and knew they would not fit into her life or her small apartment. But then she learned about Greg Lawson and his dog, Oreo, a smaller breed Mobility Assist Dog from Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota, and thought again. She said, “I was nervous at first, but everyone at Hearing and Service Dogs was very nice and helped me overcome my fears right away. I fell in love at first sight when I met Tex.”

Tex, a 3-year-old Yorkshire Terrier, may be small in stature but he makes up for his size with confidence. Hearing and Service Dogs staff was sure this little dynamo was a perfect

match for this outgoing, dynamic woman. Jackie commented, “The first time Julianne brought him to my apartment, I was surprised. I watched him work and work until he could pick up the cd she had dropped on the floor and then place it in my lap. I had never seen anything like it before. Seeing the light in his eyes and his little tail straight up, I was hooked.”

Now, Tex eagerly retrieves items Jackie has dropped and brings them to Jackie’s lap. If Jackie is in trouble at home, she tells Tex to “get help”. He runs to the living room and pushes her Life Alert button placed under an end table. Tex has been such an eager student that the pair continues to learn something new every day.

Tex takes his job very seriously and keeps rapt attention on Jackie as they go about their daily lives. She says, “He keeps me going. Having a service dog is a commitment and gives me a reason to get up, even when I don’t feel like it. Just having him here to help and be beside me has made a world of difference. I have never seen anything like it, he is fabulous!” ♥

To meet fabulous teams like Jackie and Tex, join us at the 16th Annual Heel and Wheel fundraising walk on September 26, 2009. Collect pledges and then walk alongside our graduates at this fun event!

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From the Executive Director

Al Peters & AJ

A New Home

Twenty years ago, the "Hearing Dog Program of Minnesota", as we were called then, had just signed a lease on a few hundred square feet of office space on Minnehaha Avenue in South Minneapolis. It was a bold step for an organization with no income, no paid staff and almost no money in the bank. By July of that year we had graduated our very first Hearing Assist Dog, little Annie, who was adopted from the Minneapolis Animal Shelter.

Times have changed. To date we have graduated a total of 280 assistance dog teams! Among them are many Mobility Assist dogs, Autism Assist Dogs, Seizure Assist Dogs and Diabetes Assist Dogs, and of course, Hearing Assist Dogs. With your help, we change people's lives in very positive ways, every day. And now, we have taken a new step forward to assure our ability to meet the growing demand for our services.

I am pleased to announce that on June 25, 2009, Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota purchased a property located at 9440 Science Center Drive in New Hope, Minnesota that includes a twenty-one thousand square foot industrial building on a four-acre site. The new property will provide adequate office space, greatly improved training space, an isolation kennel that will allow us to continue adopting shelter dogs and indoor-outdoor kennel runs to house up to forty dogs-in-training. In addition, a large outdoor exercise area will be available to keep the dogs happy and healthy. We are thrilled with this new opportunity!

Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota will soon be raising money in a capital campaign to pay for the



property, install the kennels and make other needed improvements. This process will include, and depend on, our dedicated volunteers and our generous financial supporters.

Construction will occur in phases, with phase one completed and occupancy begun in Fall 2009. In the end we will have a permanent home for the organization that will include state-of-the-art training and kennel facilities. The new facility will mean more dogs in the hands of those who are now waiting for service and additional forever-homes for more homeless dogs. I invite you to join me in this exciting process!

Twenty Years!

Please join us this fall for two exciting celebrations of 20 years of community service.

First, the *Heel and Wheel for Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota* will be bigger and better than ever. Join us on Saturday September 26, 2009 at Lake Phalen Park for a great day of food, fun and dogs, dogs, dogs! Please see the brochure inserted in this newsletter for details.



New this year is our 20th Anniversary Gala, *The Fetching Ball*, taking place on Saturday, November 7, 2009. The Gala Committee is planning an amazing event. Please see the related article on page 8.



Whether you plan to join the celebration by attending one or both of these great events, please mark your calendar now. I look forward to seeing you this fall. ♥

**Our
new
home!**

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Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people who are deaf, hard of hearing or disabled by creating mutually beneficial partnerships with specially trained dogs.

We envision a future in which every person who needs and wants an assistance dog can have one.

Hearing Dogs are adopted from local animal shelters, placed with deaf or hard-of-hearing clients and specially trained to alert clients to important sounds in their environment. Service Dogs are trained to help people with physical disabilities by pulling their wheelchairs, picking up or carrying objects, opening doors, flipping light switches and performing other daily tasks. Dogs, training and supplies are provided to each client free of charge.

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Sweet Dreams

Austin Motzko and Monte

For Kim Motzko of Circle Pines, Minn., life has been a delicate balancing act. Her son, Austin, is diagnosed autism, and has trouble being in large crowds. "It's been hard to go out in public," Kim explains. "Austin always wants to run to any door he saw other people going in and out of." Austin also didn't like being alone; he always wanted another person in the room with him. For the last three years, Austin had been sleeping in his parent's room.

When a friend suggested Kim consider an Autism Assist Dog, she was interested. She volunteered to work with Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota at the Renaissance Festival to get to know the organization. After that experience, she was ready to apply for an assistance dog for Austin.

Austin was matched with Monte, a 2-year-old yellow labrador retriever. The whole family was surprised by how easy the training process was. Monte picked up commands quickly, even from Austin. He quickly learned to get in and out of the back seat of their small car, a difficult feat for a large dog. Although bringing Monte into their lives was a bit of work, Kim says it was well worth it in the long run. Monte is now an essential part of the family.



Austin and Monte

Today, Austin isn't as anxious as he once was. Monte is always by his side, making him feel comfortable even without his parents in the room. Monte's first night in the Motzko home was the first night Austin slept in his own bed in nine years. Monte has also given the lively little boy a sense of pride and responsibility. Austin feeds, walks, and plays with Monte. It's easy to see the joy in Austin's face when Monte is around.

by Jessi Hiemer

Going out in public is easier for the family as well. Not only will Monte lie down and hold that position if Austin tries to run into a potentially dangerous situation, his presence allows Austin to calm himself by sitting and petting Monte until he is ready to continue an activity with his family. "Monte does exactly what he is supposed to," explains Kim. "I didn't think having him around would change our lives this quickly or effectively."

When looking at the change in Austin, and the day to day lives of the entire family, Kim has this advice for parents in similar situations. "Be patient. It took us a year to bring Monte into our lives, but it was worth the wait. As soon as you see that change in your child, you know you made the right decision." ♥

For information on making other Autism Assist Dog placements possible for those who are waiting, please contact Janet Cobus at 612-729-5986 ext. 153.

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Determined To Help

Paul Kremer and Gator

Paul Kremer has tiny scars on his forehead – the result of falling or hitting things when picking up dropped objects. Now that he's been paired with Gator, an 18-month-old yellow Labrador Retriever, Paul says he expects fewer trips to the emergency room.

Paul, who is retired and lives in an apartment in Sartell, Minn., was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis at 37. He had to quit work in 1992 as the disease progressed. Although his symptoms have become worse, Paul can still drive. He uses crutches and an electric scooter to stay mobile.



Paul and Gator

"Gator's been a real help around here, picking things up for me," Paul says. "As anybody with multiple sclerosis

knows, we drop a lot of stuff."

Paul was initially surprised by the

by Natalie Boike

amount of help Gator has been able to provide; it wasn't even his idea to get a Mobility Assist Dog. One of his two adult sons suggested it, and found Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota on the Internet. "This has been an eye-opening experience. Gator really can help me a lot," Paul said.

Gator's primary task around the apartment is picking things up – items as small as a paper clip or a coin and as large as Paul's crutches. "The crutches are bigger than he is, and clumsy, but he still gets them for me," Paul said.

He sometimes calls Gator "Super Dog" as he encourages him to complete a task. Gator can open doors,

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A Growing Independence

Jayne Hollingshead and Izzy

by Peter Hollingshead

Jayne Hollingshead of Maple Grove, Minn., has been living with deafness for most of her life. She heard about Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota through her veterinarian, who suggested that Jayne consider applying for a Hearing Assist Dog. The veterinarian knew that Jayne has three small children and that a Hearing Assist Dog would alert her to various sounds around the house.

At first, Jayne hesitated to apply for a Hearing Assist Dog, because the family had lost a longtime pet. "At first, the thoughts of having another 'child' in the house seemed like too much to bear," she said. After discussing the idea with her family, Jayne decided to apply. Her three children were elated!

Jayne said the application process was easier than she had expected. Her fears about the amount of work it would take to train a Hearing Dog were calmed when she met Julianne Larsen from Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota. Julianne explained that yes, there was work to be done, but once training starts, the process becomes so much easier. Jayne was matched with Izzy, a 1-year-old Labrador Retriever. The pair started training in February 2009.

Jayne and Izzy worked with field trainer Joan Lisi-McCoy. Izzy was quick to learn; she is a natural at performing her tasks. And with three children in the house, there was plenty of time for play! Even in playing, Izzy would learn.



Jayne and Izzy

Jayne to the doorbell, fire alarm, intruder sounds, tea kettle whistle and oven timer. "Izzy's favorite task is finding me when someone calls for me," Jayne said. "Training has taught me patience and motivated me to find new tasks for Izzy to accomplish." Izzy is so alert that once, when she heard a doorbell on a television program, she wanted to answer the door.

Jayne and Izzy completed sound training and attended obedience school with Joan. The experience taught them to be a working team and led them to start running together. "Izzy perks up when it is time to go for a run. Having Izzy with me on the runs makes me feel more secure, especially when we run in the evening," Jayne says.

Training in public has been a breeze for Izzy and her family. Izzy is always ready to jump into her spot in the

van. "Izzy certainly receives a lot of attention when we are out in public," Jayne said. "At first, I was not used to all of the attention, but now we work together smoothly." The whole family, including the children and Izzy, know that when she wears her cape, she is a working dog who must perform professionally.

Jayne said Izzy has given her a feeling of independence. "I know that when Izzy is here, I will not miss any sounds," she said. "There is a shared confidence and a growing bond between the two of us. Izzy has truly become part of the family." ♥

Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota uses a variety of purebred and mixed breed dogs in our training. We have had great success with donated Labs, like Izzy, and are thankful for breeders like the Lennemans who support our work. To learn more about donating a dog or puppy, visit our website at www.hsdm.org.

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Joan Lisi-McCoy K9 Campus

Senator Franken Learns About Hearing and Service Dogs!



Hearing and Services Dogs of Minnesota welcomed Senator Al Franken on a recent visit. He is pictured here with graduates Ken Stensel and Deb Burke with their Mobility Assist Dogs, Calvin and Pepsi. ♥

Mama Mia!

Don't forget the wine!



How would you like to help Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota just by eating Italian food? Please print the coupon from our website and visit any participating Buca di BEPPO Italian Restaurant anytime on **Thursday, July 30. With the coupon, 20% of your purchase will benefit our organization!**

Visit our website at www.hsdm.org for more information and a list of participating restaurants. ♥

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When you take advantage of payroll deductions to support Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota, you don't even need a stamp—the payroll department at work takes care of everything. A small gift, taken from each paycheck, can amount to a significant contribution to our organization. If your company offers matching funds, we can receive a gift from your employer as well. Hearing and Service Dogs has met all standards of the Charities Review Council so you know your money will be well cared for!

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through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). Our CFC number is 67285.

If you choose to contribute through payroll deductions, please let us know so we can thank you and recognize your gift in our newsletter. Thank you for your generosity. ♥



Welcome New Staff Member

Michelle Calvert joined Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota on April 22, 2009 as Director of Operations. Michelle finished her master's degree in Nonprofit Management at Hamline University in May. She previously worked in human resources in both profit and nonprofit settings. She has also been involved in volunteering for nonprofit organizations that are related to her interests in the environment and keeping kids safe.

Michelle currently lives in St. Paul. In her spare time she enjoys watching movies, sewing, and spending time with her family and friends. Welcome Shelley! ♥



Paul Kremer and Gator

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retrieve items, fetch the phone in the event of an emergency, and even act as a brace for Paul when he's getting up from chairs or his scooter.

During training, Paul wondered if he'd ever get the commands right. “Gator knew what to do; it was me who was the problem.” Paul explains. “He is so smart. It's absolutely amazing.”

Field trainer Elisabeth Reberk says Gator loves to work. During one training session, Gator was having a hard time navigating the crutches around a table and the kitchen cabinets, because the crutches were longer than the walkway. “It was like watching a cartoon, but eventually he succeeded; he's determined to do things for Paul,” she explains. “To

see them work in unison and see them benefiting each other's lives so much, it's been a privilege to be around.”

Paul emphasizes that he and Gator have become a team. “On top of all his physical skills, his companionship is absolutely wonderful,” he says. “Gator's such a joy to be around. He's such a little lover.”

Paul plans to be more active and take Gator to meetings at the Sartell Lions, where he is a member. Paul says he hopes he and Gator can work with the club to raise money for Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota. Paul says, “Service Dogs are such a big help. If anybody has the wherewithal to give \$50 or \$500, the money is well worth it.”

by Natalie Boike

Paul is also grateful to the children who live in his apartment complex. They helped train Gator and take him on walks for Paul. ♥

Please join us by supporting the vital work of Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota with your generous donation of time, talent or treasure. Visit our website at www.hsdm.org to see how you can help.

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Sandy & Kevin Vance Nigel
The Williams Higgins family Casper
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The Willms family Zoe
The Young family Lars
The Zwack family Wilma

CATCH UP ON THE FETCHING BALL



Dog-ear your calendar for Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009, when we will celebrate the 20th anniversary of Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota! Before you start taking dancing lessons in preparation for a great evening of fun, fundraising and celebration, glance at some of the opportunities to become involved now:

- **Partnerships:** Sponsor a segment of the gala, demonstrate your support of the organization's work, and help us meet growing demands for more assistance dogs. Opportunities range from \$1,000 for a Table Sponsorship to \$15,000 for a Presenting Sponsorship.
- **Silent and Live Auctions:** It might be a cottage in a great vacation spot, airline tickets, a round of golf at a private club, or a basket of goodies for that "Iron Chef" wannabe - donated auction items range in value and are great resources for our fundraising efforts. Our staff will help you with ideas — including grouping or separating items depending on value and theme.
- **Promotion:** Our marketing team is identifying ways to promote the event. If your company or organization has an electronic or print newsletter where we could share information, let us know. We can provide you with details. If you use social-networking sites like Facebook or Twitter, consider including information about our gala on your status reports!

Ticket sales begin in July. For more information, visit www.fetchingball.com. To become a sponsor, or to discuss ideas for potential sponsors, auction items or promotions, please contact Janet Cobus at [jacobus@hsdm.org](mailto:jcobus@hsdm.org) or 612-729-5986 ext.153. ♥

Meet New Board Member Dianne Astry

Dianne Astry joined the board in May of 2009. As a volunteer in many capacities since 2007, she has watched the growth of Hearing and Service Dogs with interest. With a BA in educational psychology, certification in special needs, and history of non-profit management, she is a unique asset to our organization. "I am happy to be a part of the team that helps navigate the future of the organization at this pivotal time."

"I come from a family of veterinarians and special needs educators. It is a perfect blend to appreciate the potential need for this organization's services," Dianne says, "but I have only started to realize the impact Hearing and Service Dogs has had on the lives of so many in our community."

Dianne is currently a consultant with Events and Partnership Development. She and her husband, Doug, live in Eden Prairie, Minn. with Golden retriever, Cooper. They have two grown children and have raised three assistance dogs for Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota. ♥



Dianne and Doug with puppy-in-training Redford

HELP US SOAR!

The training staff at Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota would like to send one representative to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers conference in Oakland CA on October 21, 2009 and a number of people to the Assistance Dogs International conference in June 2010 in Toronto Canada. Educating and enlightening our staff to the developments in our industry is critical to producing more and better Assistance Dogs for those who need them.



Generous individuals have provided tickets to help get us to these conventions in the past. Can you help this time? Donations can be in the form of airline tickets, frequent flyer coupons or monetary contributions to help with hotel and conference fees.

Contact Al Peters at 612-729-5986, ext. 116 or apeters@hsdm.org. Thanks! ♥

Love At First Sight

Jim Sanders and Jester

by Laurie Carlson

Jim Sanders of Winsted, Minn. has always been an active and caring person. With 30+ years in the ministry, he spent 22 of those years as a pastor in the Cedar Avenue / Lake Street area of Minneapolis. He then accepted an executive ministry position in Iowa in 1998. During his time in Iowa he was diagnosed with a rare muscular disease that progresses fairly rapidly. It affects his mobility and ability to breathe, and forced him to retire within a space of two years. He and his wife, Joanne, decided to move back to Minnesota to be closer to family, and settled in Winsted, Minn.

Jim came across Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota's website and he decided to apply for his own Mobility Assist Dog. He expected to endure a long wait, but after his home interview, he was notified that there was dog they wanted him to meet.

When Jim met Jester, a two year old Labradoodle, he said, "I felt an instant bond. There were four people in the room and he came right over to me and put his nose on my knee. That was it." Training began immediately and continued over three months.

Jester is trained to pick up dropped items for Jim, because he loses his breath if he bends over. If he drops an item, like his oxygen hose, Jester will pick it up and bring it to him. If Jim reclines back too far, he can also lose his breath. So Jester is trained to pull



Jim and Jester

Jim forward and 'brace' until Jim is upright again. If Jim needs help, all he needs to do is tell Jester "get help" and Jester will go find Joanne and bring her to Jim. He can also tug open doors and close them afterwards.

Jim says, "Jester is very attuned to me. If my breathing changes in any way, he is right there. He follows me very closely and doesn't leave my side until he's satisfied I'm all right." Jester is also in the process of learning to retrieve a water bottle from the refrigerator and to hit an emergency button so that Jim can be left alone more often.

"All this has made me feel more comfortable," Jim says "and Joanne feels that she can leave my side without worrying about me. I can be more independent. Above all, Jester has become a wonderful companion."

Jester fits very well into the family and is especially careful with their 3 year old granddaughter and 6 month old grandson. Jim and Joanne are very impressed with his behavior around all of the children.

Jim says, "My work was always about people. My involvement was in their daily joys and sorrows. That engagement was always very important to me and, when I had to retire, it left a huge void. Jester has really helped to fill that void." ♥

To help make more dogs like Jester available for people on our waiting list, please visit www.hsdm.org or send a contribution in the return envelope enclosed with this newsletter. Thank you!

THOSE WHO MADE THIS PLACEMENT POSSIBLE

Dog Source
Breeder Lorna Behrns

Veterinary Services
3rd Avenue Pet Hospital

Puppy Raisers
Michelle & Shay Nelson

Foster Home
The Wedul Family

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Laurie Carlson on her 10th anniversary with Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota! Her service was honored with a plaque at the May graduation ceremony. Thank you Laurie. We look forward to many more years! ♥

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

by Janet Cobus

We have many great fundraising ideas this summer. For information on any of the projects listed here, contact Janet Cobus: [jacobus@hsdm.org](mailto:jcobus@hsdm.org) or 612-729-5986, ext. 153.

Minnesota Renaissance Pet Gate-Volunteers Needed

Weekends from August 22 – October 4th

Labor Day, September 7 and Festival Friday, October 2nd

Help raise \$2,500 by working in the Pet Gate and checking in a variety of dogs visiting the festival. Receive free admission



to the festival on the day you work, a \$6.00 fee, contact Patty Wirz at pattywirz@yahoo.com or Janet Cobus at 612-729-5986 ext 153. Sign up now, volunteer slots fill up fast!

Yum Yum – It's Chocolate Time

Everyone loves a good chocolate bar! Would you help us sell our World's Finest Chocolate bars? You can check out a box of 50 (cost \$25.00) and sell them for \$1.00 each. The organization earns .50 for each bar sold. They are delicious! They will be available at the Heel and Wheel walk on September 26 or in our office. Call now to reserve your box!

A Great Garage Sale - Got Stuff?

On Saturday August 15th, volunteer Jennifer Burt is holding a garage sale in Minnetonka. 100% of the sales will

be donated to Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota. She is looking for your gently used goods: books, CDs, DVDs, small appliances, clothes, kitchen ware, etc. If you have anything to donate, please contact her at reliantjennifer@yahoo.com or 612-805-1300.



If you would like to host a garage sale on your own and donate the proceeds, let us know! Check out our "Great Garage Sale" kit on our website at www.hsdm.org on the "News and Events" page, or call the office to receive a kit through the mail. It is complete with helpful tips on how to create a successful sale and plenty of Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota information to give to your customers.

Dunn Bros Coffee is giving back 10% of your net bean and beverage sales proceeds to Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota when you use



your Community Giving Roastmaster Rewards card. Contact Jessica Nadeau to receive your card today: jnadeau@hsdm.org or 612-729-5986, Ext 152.

2009 Phon-a-thon a Ringing Success, but "Boy am I tired"

A wonderful group of 53 callers placed 2,631 calls for Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota during an eight-day period in May and June. We raised \$21,420 in pledges from 258 contributors and \$1,645 from who have sent in a contribution from our "missed you" mailing". Thank you to all our volunteer callers for giving a few hours of your valuable time and many generous donors for contributing this year. Great job everyone!



Special Events Fundraising Committee -

Monday, August 10 – 6:00-7:30 pm

The Special Events Fundraising Committee needs YOU! We are getting a jumpstart on event and fun activity planning for 2010. For more information and to RSVP call our office or contact Sharon Steinbrecher at ss.prc@hotmail.com or contact Janet Cobus at 612-729-5986 ext. 153. ♥

June 9th Saint Paul Saints Game

\$615 raised and 123 tickets were sold! Starting with Wally LaBerge and his Autism Assist Dog, Newman, throwing out the first pitch, we all had a great time and the Saints won the game! Thanks to Sharon Steinbrecher for organizing this effort again this year and to everyone that bought a ticket!



Volunteer Spotlight

by Laurie Carlson

Sara Braziller has been a long time supporter of Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota. Beginning as a contributor in 1992, Sara next served as a board member for two years during the 1990's and then rejoined the board in January, 2007. Across the years, she has remained very involved in special projects with board members and staff.

Sara has also helped out with numerous events, staffed our booth and sold candy bars throughout the years. She has also spoken on behalf of the organization at our Tails to Tell tours and helped make phone calls during our last two Phone a Thon fundraising events. Her outgoing and friendly personality makes her a natural when talking to people about our mission!

In addition, Sara has been a Table Captain for four years at our annual Tails of Independence event and graciously hosted a Table Captain gathering in her home. She is always thinking of new ways to improve the organization or to raise public awareness about our work.

Sara is an independent consultant and adjunct faculty for the University of St. Thomas where she specializes in



Sara and ?

improving companies' operations with process improvement tools and methodologies such as Lean and Six Sigma. Sara lives in Eagan with her husband John and Samoyed, Katie.

We are truly fortunate to have Sara Braziller as a volunteer with Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota and would like to express our sincere appreciation for all of her hard work. Thank you Sara! ♥

What about you?

Are you willing to give the gift of time? We need help in the following areas:

- Puppy raisers (14 to 16 month commitment)
- Short-term dog foster home (2 to 4 weeks)
- Breeder host family – dog lives with you while having puppies for the organization; you get to keep the dog after she is retired (approximately two to three years).
- Heel and Wheel committee – join us in planning this popular event. Lots of different areas to volunteer your time and talents.
- Special events fundraising committee – help think up new ideas for raising funds!
- Twenty year anniversary committee – help plan our big gala this fall.

Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Laurie Carlson, for more details in volunteer opportunities at lcarlson@hsdm.org or 612-729-5986 ext. 113.

PLANNED GIVING WORKSHOP

Doing Well, Doing Good – October 22, 2009, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Making the most of your money in these economic times can be tough. Making the most of your charitable donations can be even tougher. On October 22, Hearing and Service Dogs of MN will host a charitable planned giving workshop titled, “Doing Well, Doing Good”.

The goal of this educational workshop is to help donors understand the benefits of including charitable giving in their financial plans, and to provide them with the latest information to make the most of their charitable gifts and do well for themselves in the process.

“Doing Well, Doing Good” will address issues such as:

- The importance of planned giving and how it supports Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota.
- How to include charitable planned giving in your financial plans while still providing for your own financial security as well as that of your family.
- Ways to leverage your charitable gifts to make the best use of your resources to help the people and causes you care about most.
- Pros and cons of various giving strategies such as including Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota in your will, issues to be aware of when including a charity as beneficiary in your retirement plan, and whether or not a charitable trust makes sense for your situation.
- How charitable planned giving can reduce your taxes, increase your cash flow and provide financial support for Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota.

The “Doing Well, Doing Good” charitable planned giving workshop has been specifically created for Hearing and Service Dogs of MN, and will be presented by an independent Certified Financial Planner. Keep an eye out for more information regarding location. ♥



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Wish List

- Dog Supplies**
 - Chuck-its (for clients to toss tennis balls)
 - Medium new metal dog bowls
 - Healthy Dog treats!! (small)
 - Pupperoni treats
- Frontline** Flea and Tick Preventative
- Plastic "Playschool" benches and table
- Kongs, Nylabones (large & puppy-size)**
- Dog leashes, 6' narrow width cotton
- Donated veterinary services
- Gentle Leaders & Haltis, sizes M & L
- Purebred puppies
- New dog grooming supplies
- Kitty Litter
- 5/8" adjustable 10"-16" collars
- Gift cards to pet supply stores
- Fish oil Capsules
- electronics**
- LCD computer monitors, 17" or larger**
- Palm Treo Smartphone for Verizon
- Plastic dog crates (large and extra large)
- Dog grooming services**
- 25' or longer extension cords
- Home Theater** system for meeting room
- Mac G4 or newer computers, laptop**
- LCD projector
- 7'+ wide portable video screen**
- Camcorder, Digital
- Adobe InDesign CS4, Illustrator, Photoshop, Adobe Writer (all for Mac)
- Automotive**
- Small wagon/hatch-back for delivering dogs
- Full size utility van
- Mini Van
- Automotive GPS devices
- Gasoline cards
- Auto repair/maintenance
- Miscellaneous**
- 8-1/2 x 11 copy paper
- Newer wheelchairs, manual Quickie-type
- 1st-class stamps
- Bleach, Formula 409 cleaner
- Gift cards to office supply stores
- Bunn Coffee Maker
- Mop heads for string mops
- Laundry detergent
- Building Materials**
- Sheet rock
- Roof-top HVAC units
- Fiberglass exterior doors
- Metal industrial doors
- Commercial plumbing fixtures
- Skylights
- Commercial thermo pane windows
- Commercial tile floor covering
- Commercial dog kennels
- Chain link fencing-4' and 8'

Gift certificates for home improvement stores
special thanks to all of you who previously supplied us with wish list items! You made our wishes come true! ♥

Upcoming Events

- August 1** Tail to Tell tour, 10:00 am
- September 20** Collision Center Golf Tournament
- September 26** Heel and Wheel Walk 10:30 am, Phalen Park, St. Paul, Minnesota
- October 15** Tail to Tell tour, 7:00 pm
- November 7** A Fetching Ball 20th Anniversary Gala, 5:30 – 11:00 pm
Minneapolis Marriott Southwest
Minnetonka, Minnesota
- November 14** Graduation. Location TBA

* All Tails to Tell tours take place at our facility, located at 2537 25th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55406. Please call our office at 612-729-5986 or 612-729-5914 (tty) to reserve a spot.

16TH ANNUAL HEEL AND WHEEL WALK
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 - PHALEN PARK

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A Heel and Wheel brochure is enclosed in the center of this issue of Tails from Minnesota! ♥