

We Need Your Support

Dear Friends,

When you are choosing your 2014, tax-deductible charitable gifts, please consider including Huntsville Pets Helping People, HPHP, or our sister organization Paws 4 Love. We are grateful to all of you who have helped us keep on growing and serving through thick and thin. We are still here at 10 years only because of your past support. Paws 4 Love serves the Liberty/Dayton area. If you want your donation to go to Paws 4 Love, please be sure to designate this when you make your donation.

HPHP is an all-volunteer organization. There are no salaries or compensations.

What do the donations provide?

Utilities: We pay for electricity, water, gas, phone, and the internet.

Rent: The YMCA generously offers the office space without compensation.

Nursing Homes: We provide special occasion celebrations: National Ice Cream Month, Halloween, Christmas, and birthdays. The budget also includes helping individual residents who might have special needs and we help provide items for the Country Store.

We bring our therapy dogs to the schools to provide Reading Education Assistance Dogs® (R.E.A.D.®) that is recognized around the world as the first and foremost reading-with-therapy-dogs program. With more than 4,000 practicing R.E.A.D. teams in 50 states, Canada and the UK, we are proud to be one of their affiliates. Our literacy budget is \$5000+. We provide books, bookmarks, stickers, and incentives to aid with participation in the program. HPHP also provides supplies and gifts of books for our school children and their classrooms.

The Dictionary Project: This will be our first year to participate in The Dictionary Project. Part of your donations will be used to fund this project. Our goal is to provide the tools required to help students become good writers, active readers, and resourceful learners by providing them with their own personal dictionary.

Who Let the Dogs Out?.....at the library! We maintain a monthly reading program for the children in our community at the library, along with donations of books. Our goal is to provide a program that improves children's reading skills by employing a powerful method, reading to a registered therapy dog, in a relaxed, safe, non-judgmental environment. This program comes to the public library every third Monday of the month through the school year. Registration is recommended. If your child would like the opportunity to participate in this program, please call the Library at 936-291-5472.

It is with thanks to our supporters we have come so far and done so well. We need you now more than ever to continue helping our patient/clients our local healthcare facilities, libraries, and schools.

Thanks to you, our animal-assisted therapy services can be there for people of all ages and socio-economic circumstances when they receive devastating diagnoses and injuries. Our four-footed therapists go to hospitals, rehabilitation centers, and even hospice with great sensitivity; they are catalysts, motivators, sources of hope and, inspiration. They take the work out of the work, and the pain out of the pain. Your support is significant and life-changing, because our animals' impact is immediate. Our clients' therapists tell us over and over, year after year, that our therapy animals inspire cooperation, participation and progress that they cannot otherwise elicit from their patients. Very often nothing is more effective.

Please do all you can to make room for Huntsville Pets Helping People or Paws 4 Love in your budget and in your heart. Investing in animal-assisted therapy is a guaranteed return on investment—it brings comfort and joy every time! For more information or to give a gift online, visit our website at <http://www.petshelpingpeople.com/>

With sincere thanks and very best wishes for the New Year!

HPHP and Paws 4 Love therapy teams