

FY **2022** Annual Report

Nov. 1, 2021 - Oct. 31, 2022



Callie assisting Bob to walk down his front walk and stairs - his first time walking that in 30 years.

A Message from Nancy Teague CEO/FOUNDER

Our 6th year of operation saw much growth, success, and heartwarming moments. Your support truly helps us change lives – one dog at a time.

A sincere, heartfelt thanks to you for your support this year!

We placed 2 service dogs, and 1 Emotional Support dog this year. (See page 4). Callie & Bob, and Danny & Siobhan have magical connections that inspire our dogs to go way beyond the minimum to assist their people. After paper matching a dog to potential recipients, we let our graduating dog choose who they want as their person. We waited almost 6 months, and introduced Danny to many potential recipients, before Danny met Siobhan. His response to her was immediate. With no direction, he dove under her bed and fetched her slipper sock for her. Our gentle, humane, positive only training encourages confidence in our dogs to do more than they were trained to do. We carefully select for dogs that want to work – essential for a service dog.

Intense, instant chemistry between a potential team makes a huge difference in the team's effectiveness. We use the 2nd sentence of our Mission Statement to guide us. "We Champion the nurturing bond between dogs and humans." Letting our dogs choose their person is not as efficient or cost effective as just doing a paper match, but it creates an AWESOME team. It also leads to a very happy dog.

We train our service dogs over 2 years before they're placed. Once placed, we train a recipient and their families (whoever will be also handling our dog) another 6 months to prepare them to pass the Public Access Test. This test, endorsed by the Assistance Dog International Organization, assures the public the service dog team deserves public access. Even with our very lean organization, we're spending \$50K+ per service dog for their care and training before placement, and another \$10K+ in support training the recipient once they're placed. A service dog is a rare, valuable dog. Our highly trained service dogs attract attention and admiration wherever the team goes because of how well trained our dog and team are.



Nancy with Echo, currently a pup-in-training

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for your support!*

OUR MISSION

Our Service Dogs Change Lives.
We Champion the Nurturing Bond Between
Dogs and Humans.

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Our Board
are passionate
about our mission,
and huge Dog Lovers!

***We provide free service dogs for people with physical disabilities
other than blindness. A service dog performs tasks to assist a person
with disabilities that they aren't able to do for themselves.***

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and BBB Accredited.

Your support is making a difference.

Here's the IMPACT our 3 placed dogs have had this year:

CALLIE

- Before Callie, Bob was homebound unless someone accompanied him. Being unsteady on his feet, he needed someone to assist him. Now with Callie, he freely walks the neighborhood, socializing with neighbors.
- With Callie at his side, Bob is now comfortable shopping - even places like Costco with long distances and big shopping carts.
- Bob now frequently eats at a nearby diner. They're given the front table because the diner's owner wants all patrons to see well behaved Callie. Bob drops her leash when they arrive at their table. With no direction from him, Callie settles under the table, out of the way. She remains there until Bob asks her to give the leash to him.
- Callie has become part of the military community, attending area military events with Bob, a navy veteran. At a submarine birthday celebration event, she calmly, slowly helped Bob down 2 steep flights of stairs. There was no bannister, and the stairs weren't regulation height. Bob made it safely to the bottom. Callie was the hero at the event.

Callie has become a treasured member of Bob's extended family. At family gatherings she charms young and old. Family members visit Bob to see Callie (and Bob).



DANNY

- Danny checks in with Siobhan frequently, even when he's playing with a toy, or enjoying other down time activities. He gives her kisses and looks to see if she needs him to do anything for her.
- Danny sleeps next to Siobhan's bed. When she was ill a few days, he sat up, sleepless as he watched over her.
- Danny greets each of Siobhan's aides as they enter the home to start their shift, bringing smiles to their faces.

Danny fetches dropped items, and retrieves Siobhan's slippers, and arm guards. He knows these items' names - both in English and Spanish.

- When Danny is out with Siobhan and one of her aides or parent, people smile at her, and stop to talk about Danny. Before Danny, people usually looked away from her. A few even made unkind comments. Siobhan's trips out in the world now are totally different because of devoted Danny.
- Danny discovered Siobhan's grandmother had fallen in the guestroom in the middle of the night. She was visiting the family. Danny alerted Siobhan's parents, and led them to the guestroom. He saved Siobhan's grandmother hours of laying on a hard floor until she was discovered.



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ELLIE

- Ellie, who was released by us this year, was adopted as a ESA for a woman who was the primary caretaker of her Mother, declining with ALS.
- The first week Ellie was in her new home, the mother's wheelchair was delivered.
- Her daughter sat down and cried at the sight of the wheelchair. Sweet Ellie went to her, and comforted her.
- The mother recently passed. Ellie is helping her daughter deal with the loss of her beloved mother.



By training mixed breed rescue dogs as our service dogs, we show that even the humblest beginnings can lead to greatness for a dog. Whether our dog ends up as a service dog, or as an emotional support dog, the connection between that dog and its person is magical.

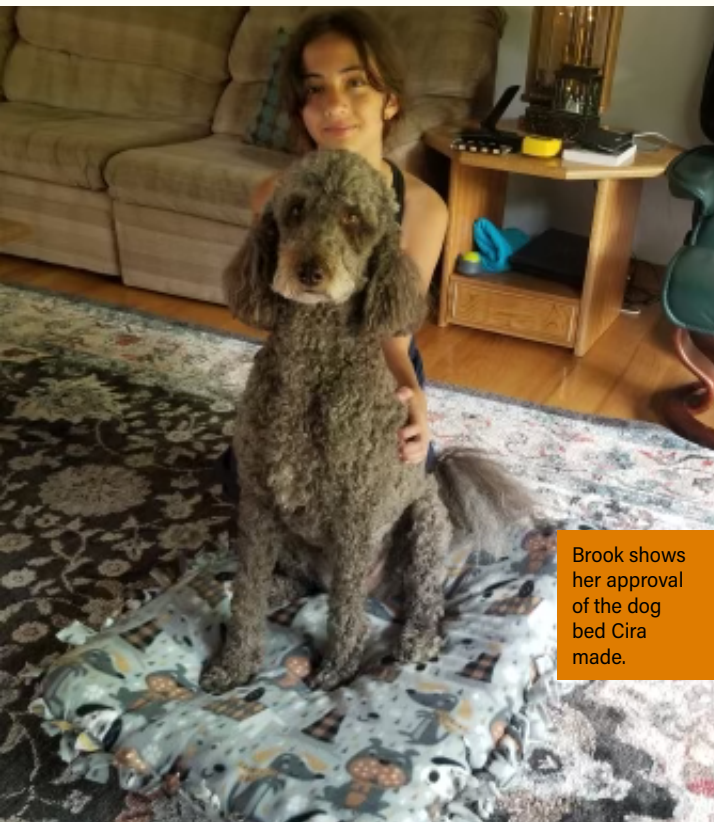
VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization. Here's 2 of our outstanding volunteers.

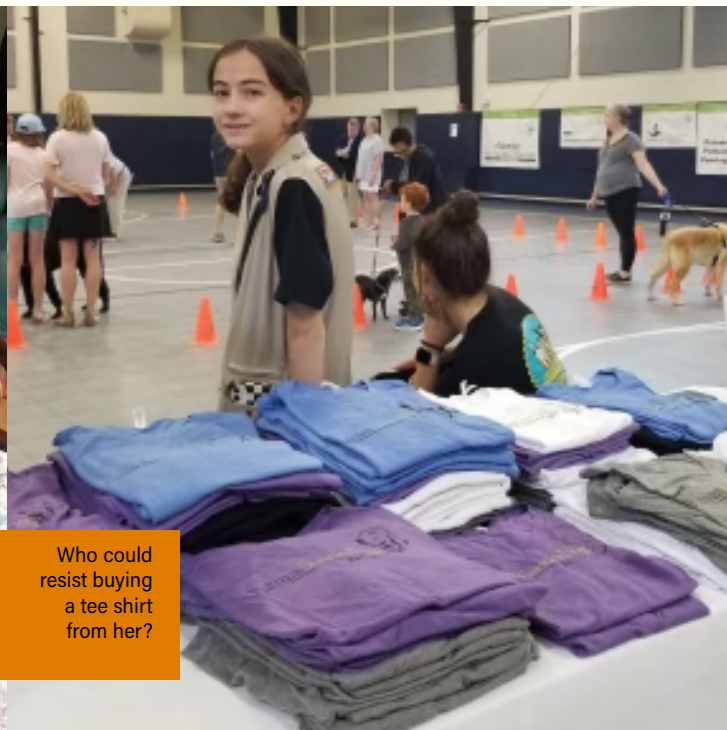
CIRA

RECIPIENT OF IN-HOME SERVICE DOG BROOK

We placed Brook with Cira 2 years ago as Cira's in-home service dog. Brook slept with Cira her first night, relieving Cira's mother or sister that role. Their bond has deepened, and the ways Brook assists Cira have expanded over time. This year Cira fundraised \$500 to purchase supplies from our wish list. For the 2nd year in a row, she sold a LOT of tee shirts at our Funminster Dog Show Event. Cira studied how dog beds are constructed, learned how to design and sew them, and made 5 large dog beds for our pups! In addition, she purchased 4 more she donated to us. Because of her support of our organization and cause, Cira earned a Girl Scout Silver Award – one of the highest awards a Girl Scout can earn. This award shows Cira is a leader, who is organized, determined, and dedicated to improving your community. She definitely is!



Brook shows her approval of the dog bed Cira made.



Who could resist buying a tee shirt from her?

JANET

CURRENTLY RAISING OUR 2ND PUP

Small Janet raised our largest dog yet, 92lb Danny, who we placed this year to assist Siobhan. Danny excelled under the gentle, committed guidance of Janet. She learned a lot from our trainers while raising Danny. Janet always says yes to anything we need her to do, and does it in her typical, excellent way. After she turned in Danny for Formal Training, she did short term care of 4 other Putnam Service Dogs' pups, contributing to their journey. Now Janet is raising Eddie. She plunged into that with Janet's gusto. At 13 months old, Eddie is showing great promise. Janet's diligent efforts and love have been a big part of who Eddie is. To honor Janet's contributions to our organization and cause, we awarded Janet our Stephen Fournier Volunteer Award in September of this year.



Janet with
Danny, her
1st pup she's
raised.



Janet with
Eddie, her
2nd pup
she's raising.



Janet receiving her Volunteer Award with her nephew, Head Trainer Jeff Fritz, and CEO Nancy Teague.

Calling All Dog Lovers

**APPLY
HERE**

Our puppy raisers are indispensable to our creating well trained, well socialized, loving service dogs for people in need. You have the power to change lives – 1 dog at a time. Live with a great dog for 6, 12, or 18 months. Raise and train them in basic obedience under the guidance of our trainers. You will live with a great dog, and learn a LOT about dogs.

OUR EVENTS THIS YEAR

Happy winners of their new designer handbag



2nd Annual POCKETBOOK BINGO

December 2021 (two dates)

Four Brothers Restaurant, Mahopac, NY
& Salem Golf Club, North Salem

Attendees ate a delicious pasta dinner, then played 10 games of bingo to win gorgeous new designer handbags. Fun evening!

4th Annual FUNMINSTER DOG SHOW

August, 2022

Proud owners showed off their best friend at the Patterson Recreation Center. They competed to win a trophy or ribbons in 8 fun categories – **Best Tail, Shaggiest Coat, Best Ears,** etc. Lots of smiles. A great dog day!



Some Fuminster attendees proudly showing off their best friend



6th Annual GOLF TOURNAMENT

September, 2022

We had 95 golfers support us. Our tournament was held at Centennial Golf Club, Carmel. Beautiful weather. Delicious lunch. Great time!



Golf Chair John Schlick (below)

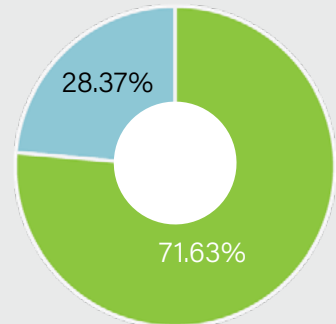


FINANCIALS FOR FY22

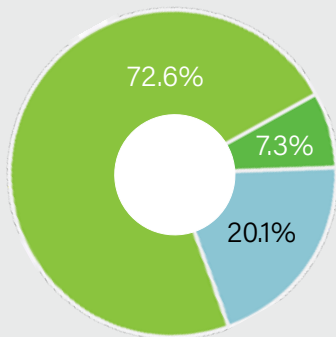
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REVENUE

Contributions, Events, & Interest	\$ 278,910
In-Kind Donations	\$ 110,450
Total Revenue	\$ 389,360



EXPENSES



Program	\$ 204,944
Management & General	\$ 20,457
Fundraising & Events	\$ 56,638
Total Expenses	\$ 282,084

Total Assets	\$ 122,524
Liabilities	14,482
Net Assets	\$ 108,042
(\$32,055 Unrestricted, \$75,987 Restricted)	

WE PLACED 2 SERVICE DOGS AND 1 EMOTIONAL SUPPORT DOG IN FY22.*

**We train our service dogs over 2 years, at a cost of over \$50K/dog. Once placed, we train our service dog recipient, and their families at a cost of \$10K/dog, to ensure the success of the placement. Despite our great care in selection, only 40% of our dogs graduate. Schools who breed their dogs generally average a 25-33% success rate.*

Thanks to You -

FY22 was a year of growth and progress for Putnam Service Dogs

1. A new website with a more current look, more user friendly
2. A wonderful new video about Putnam Service Dogs that's on our website Home Page. It summarizes who we are and what we do.
3. Computerization of our database – a software program created specifically for service dog schools. The program is highly endorsed by the Assistance Dogs International(ADI).
4. Our trainers attended the ADI Annual conference attending seminars and socializing with other service dog schools' trainers.
5. FY22 Revenues grew 24% over FY21.

Your support has the power to change lives - 1 dog at a time.

<i>We thank our supporters! Here's what your donation buys:</i>	\$60	Supplies & toys
	\$125	1 hr. of training
	\$300	Vet visit
	\$600	1 month of training
	\$1,250	1 week of Formal Training
	\$2,500	Naming a pup
	\$5,000	Training & care of a pup's first 6 months
	\$10,000	Training a recipient once a dog is placed

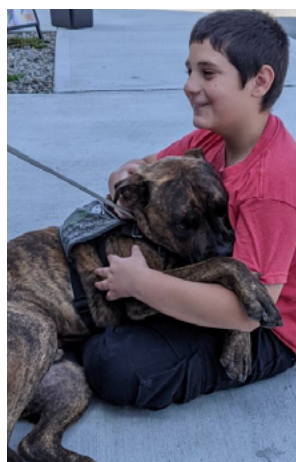
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**LEGACY
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THE MAGIC OF OUR DOGS

You can donate a boat, car tractor, etc to us.
And donate using your Designated Brokerage Account.