

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2016**







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#### MISSION STATEMENT

#### Helping Hands Healing Paws



Frankie and Andy's Place is a unique combination of senior dog shelter and emotional healing center for troubled humans. A beautiful log cabin, nestled in a picturesque Barrow County woodland setting, Frankie and Andy's Place is home to a small number of gentle, loving senior dogs who have been cast aside by their humans and yet who still have many valuable gifts to share ..... These gifts of sympathy, time, reassurance and unconditional love are then shared with troubled humans in an atmosphere of calm and acceptance to help them mend.

Frankie and Andy's Place ...... a healing collaboration between man and his best friend.

We are proud to note that during 2016 our commitment to transparency and best practice was recognized as we achieved Gold status with Guidestar and as a Top Rated 2016 Non Profit Organization by Great Non Profits

'Frankie and Andy's Place' is a registered charity (501c3) in the State of Georgia



## MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON



#### Helping Hands Healing Paws

We are beyond grateful for what 2016 meant for Frankie and Andy's Place. Dreams became a reality. We got our first cabin and filled it with senior sugar snouts that give back more than they receive. We received monetary donations and support from volunteers who also give more than they receive. Awareness has been raised for what senior dogs can bring to our communities, and lives have been changed for the better.

We are so excited about 2017 too! Plans are underway for additional cabins/housing for the seniors, and plans for even bigger fundraisers are set in motion. Thank you so much to everyone who gave of their time and resources to make this dream possible for so many pups!

Krystle Andrews

Chairperson



#### **OVERVIEW**



#### Helping Hands Healing Paws

Our first operative year can only be decided as an overwhelming success. Not only did we build a beautiful cabin in the woods in which to house the lucky dogs we have saved, but we also started outreach programs that have had a huge impact on the community around us. Every week our 'last chance' dogs that had been given up on, visit senior centers and community gatherings offering love, comfort and the chance to smile to senior citizens, the physically and mentally impaired and those with heavy burdens.

This year we took on five hospice care dogs, each with a very short life expectancy, and each of whom, bar one, Huxley, who was so sick he could not make it to the ranch from the veterinary hospital, has outlived their own life expectancy manifold.

The beauty of this program is that it exists not only to save dogs, but also to give a sense of purpose and a new career to them, and this we have excelled at.

The flip side of our reason for being is to help humans, and we are proud that our dogs have been instrumental in the emotional healing of many people, from volunteers and caretakers who say that this has been life changing, right through to therapy group participants, who have said that their group therapy time at the cabin with the dogs enabled them to open up far more and be more receptive to healing.

These huge successes lead us to believe that next year we can go on to spread our particular brand of love wider and further, saving more and more lives as we expand this mission. With the proposed expansion of Frankie and Andy's Place to more than double its current size, we should soon be in a position to house more than twenty dogs and host multiple human groups. The future

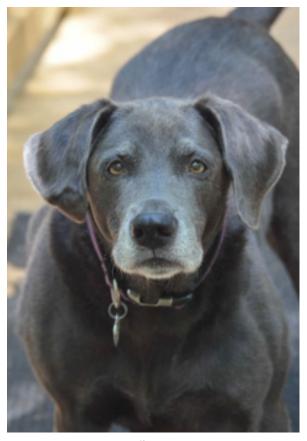
is looking very bright indeed!

Penny Miller
Program Co-Coordinator

## **OUR SUGAR SNOUTS**

## Helping Hands Healing Paws





Lil' Kim



Gilda



Jules



Ilsa



Boris and Errol Flynn

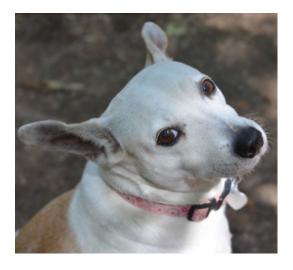


Fiona

## MOVING ON: NEW FOREVER HOMES

## FRANKIE & ANDY'S PLACE

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Frankie and Andy's Place Volunteer Coordinator Eileen Cargell provided a forever home for the adorable Amy in 2016



Beautiful Trudy was also adopted in 2016

## **Just Some of Our Magnificent Volunteers**









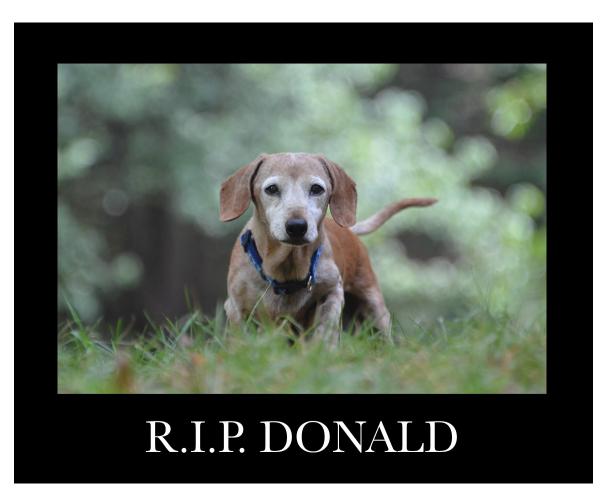




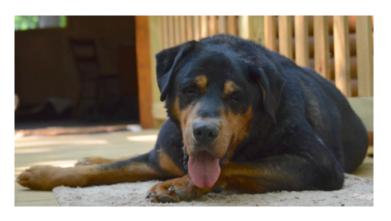
## OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN



Helping Hands Healing Paws







Huxley and Cody also passed over the Rainbow Bridge in 2016

# PROGRAMS: OUR SUGAR SNOUTS AT WORK IN THE COMMUNITY



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We have long believed that dogs come into our lives, not just to provide friendship and comfort, but to teach us, to open our eyes to what is really important in life, and to help us cope with the stresses of everyday living. The beauty and serenity of this environment combined with the wisdom and empathy of some of our working dogs has brought comfort and relief to a number of humans dealing with anxiety, fear, self-harming issues and bipolar disorders. All under the watchful eye and guidance of an experienced mental health professional. This shelter provides a home like environment, furnished comfortably, with sleeping quarters for the dogs, but also a main living area where they can come together and mingle with their carers and work with whoever needs them.





#### **Senior Center Visits**

Collaboration between Frankie and Andy's Place, Barrow County Animal Control and Barrow County Senior Center. Rescue dogs visit Senior Center and provide companionship and love to their new human friends.

#### **Children with Autism**

Providing a non-judgmental brand of emotional support and companionship to people in our communities.

#### **Adult Day Center Visits**

Adults of all ages requiring attention give their carers respite by visiting the Center. Frankie and Andy's Place dogs interact with adults and provide friendship and loving without judgment.

#### **FUNDRAISING IN 2016**

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Thanks to the overwhelming kindness and generosity of our wonderful donors we have been able to make Frankie and Andy's Place a reality and through their continued support we can ensure that our sugar snouts are given the very best care and attention. To assist our efforts in growing Frankie and Andy's Place our social media generated great awareness and we also hosted several fundraising events which were all most successful.

Our biggest fundraising project in 2016 was with our wonderful partners Michel & Tonya Arnette at Word of Mouth Restaurants (Haven, Valenza & Vero), Bryttani Gresh at Lamborghini / Motor Cars of Georgia and last but not least Lamborghini racing driver Bryan Sellers. We are delighted to confirm that this exciting event will return in 2017 and our sincere thanks to all concerned as we look forward, hopefully, to an even bigger and better occasion this year.

Thanks also to all the groomers who gave their time for our successful Pamper Your Pooch event as well as Laura Saunders and her staff at Inman Park Pet Works who were so supportive of Frankie and Andy's Place throughout 2016 and it would be amiss not to mention Stephen Walters of Peace of My Heart who worked so hard to make these events the success they were.

Last but certainly not least our thanks to Andrea Haupt and everyone at Gwinnett Animal Hospital our Veterinarian Partners whose weekly, sometimes daily, care and devotion to our oldies has been

nothing short of magnificent. Added to that their Giving Tree at Christmas campaign raised much appreciated funds and not forgetting Andrea's husband, John, always modestly, helping us in an array of different ways throughout the year.

We look forward to much busier 2017 and thank you all, in advance, for your continued support, without which Frankie and Andy's Place would not be.



Michel Arnette / Bryttani Gresh / Bryan Sellers at the Vero Lamborghini event in July

Peter Miller

#### **EVENTS IN 2016**

#### Helping Hands Healing Paws



Pamper Your Pooch (March 12 2016)
Inman Park Pet Works Bike Raffle (March 2016)
Bark For Life at Brook Run Park (April 2016)
Word of Mouth Vero Lamborghini Bryan Sellers Evening (July 30 2016)
Christmas Giving Tree at Gwinnett Animal Hospital (December 2016)



Pamper Your Pooch



Our friends at Gwinnett Animal Hospital looking after our sugar snouts



Winner Cyndi Powell of the Bike Raffle



Frankie and Andy make an public appearance at Inman Park Pet Works

### **FINANCES**

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The dreams of Frankie and Andy's Place became reality about one year ago. Leading up to that time and during this past year, because of generous people like you, we raised over \$62,000 in donations! With this funding the first big challenge was conquered with the preparation and installation of the Cabin at a cost of \$23,723.

Once the structure was in place the opportunity to rescue seniors took shape.

As you know every charitable organization has costs for maintaining and providing services. A critical part of that for FAAP is proper medical care and ongoing prescriptions to ensure our seniors have the quality of life we all want for them.

Since inception the total spent on medical care is \$8,000. Another important part is the care and love administered by humans. Although predominately carried out by our volunteers, we do have 5 part-time staff members that work a very minimal amount of hours each week for handling tasks we do not feel comfortable having volunteers perform. The cost for payroll expense during 2016 was \$5,885 or less than 10% of total donations.

Other expenditures were incurred as part of running and maintaining the charity, such as insurance expense, cost of fund raising efforts, and ongoing maintenance of the Cabin which totaled \$4,451 since inception, again a very small percentage of total donations.

We hope in providing this summary financial information, you will see our Board's commitment to transparency, integrity and stewardship. Our primary goal remains the same as yours, provide a home-like environment for senior dogs to live out their remaining lives.

For all your help and passion, we thank you.

Sincerely,

Stevie Vickers
Treasurer

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Board members are committed guardians of Frankie and Andy's Place with a desire to ensure that our dogs are looked after to the best of our ability until such time that they are ready to cross the Rainbow Bridge. Our duties are carried out always with the best of interests of the dogs first and foremost. Board members do not (or ever will) receive a salary or any expenses and additionally meet all costs of celebration events and prizes for our wonderful volunteers thereby ensuring every dollar donated goes to the welfare of our sugar snouts. It is the Boards desire to operate openly, honestly and with full transparency and as such for further information or any questions please don't hesitate to contact us for our immediate response at info@frankieandandysplace.org.

#### **Board of Directors**

Krystle Andrews (Board Chair)

Sales Executive Surgical Information Systems - Owner Desperate Dogs

• Stephanie Vickers (Treasurer)

Executive Vice-President & CFO Signature Bank of Georgia

Homer Bryson

Director Georgia Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency

• Lisa Bryson

Director Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice

• Penny Miller (Program Coordinator)

Owner Desperate Dogs

• Peter Miller (Fundraising)

Vice-President Global Events Group

• Penny Andrews

Owner Knights & Drew - Owner Desperate Dogs

#### TO FIND OUT MORE

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To find out more about Frankie and Andy's Place please visit:

https://www.facebook.com/frankieandandysplace

http://frankieandandysplace.org

https://www.guidestar.org/profile/47-5260905

http://greatnonprofits.org/org/frankie-and-andys-place

Just before entering heaven is the Rainbow Bridge and just before crossing the bridge is Frankie & Andy's Place...a sanctuary where lost and forgotten canine souls enjoy loving care from dedicated volunteers, healthy and delicious meals, clean comfy beds to snuggle in...all in a beautiful cabin in the woods begging to be explored. This is an extraordinary home for end of life senior canines, who, in turn, bring companionship and joy to lonely and troubled folks in the community. How perfect! Donor Review 10/15/2016



## CONTACT US

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