



# ANNUAL REPORT 2017



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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 once again in 2017 our commitment to transparency and best practice was recognized as we achieved Gold status with Guidestar and as a Top Rated 2017 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*

Wow! 2017 was one for the books! Frankie and Andy's Place had an amazing year. We are so thankful to all of our volunteers and donors who made this year one we can look back on with gratitude-filled hearts.

The year included many highlights, one being the first annual Frankie and Andy's Place Golf Tournament at Lake Lanier Islands. We had over 20 teams, and with the funds raised from that event we were able to secure the second cabin for the senior sugar snouts. The event was so well received that we were also able to secure the date for 2018 before we even left the golf course. That event will surely be just as successful and we can't wait to see what the second annual Frankie and Andy's Place Golf Tournament means for the sugar snouts.

The continued visits to the adult senior centers with the pups is always a bright spot in the lives of many residents who look forward to the weekly interaction. The senior pups take their responsibility seriously to enrich the lives of the senior adults whom they visit and spread their love and magic with.

Again, we just want to thank our donors and volunteers from the bottom of our hearts. We truly can't thank you enough. We are looking forward to a big year ahead of making dreams come true for more pups and more people.

*Krystle Andrews*

Chairperson





# OVERVIEW

## *Helping Hands Healing Paws*



I look back over 2017 and I am quite simply amazed by all that we, as an organization, have achieved.

This little log cabin in the woods that was going to provide a loving forever home to about 8 dogs and a rendezvous point for injured souls needing some TLC [ tender loving canines], now houses 12 dogs and it seems like we keep growing every month!

Those injured souls fell in love with the place so much that many of them took on regular volunteer roles, enabling them to immerse themselves in the love of these dogs whenever they can.

Those who can't get to the cabin get weekly visits from our amazing dedicated community outreach team, led by superstars Linda Wick and Amie Botts, who visit local old folks, mentally and physically handicapped people of all ages and local schools, so that the dogs can work their magic. And oh what magic they weave.....

Last year we were delighted to enter into partnership with the Department of Juvenile Justice, which this year will climb to even greater heights with our combined project 'Teaching Old Dogs New Tricks' in which Frankie and Andys Place hosts a small group of young offenders once a week starting in March, who will each pick one of our senior dogs to be their training partner while they learn some valuable life skills. This initiative was always about humans saving great senior dogs who have been dumped at shelters because they didn't fit in, and them saving humans right back by giving non judgemental love, support and compassion. We are delighted at this new project and feel it exemplifies all that we are about....

## Overview Continued....

We knew going into this that it would not all be a bed of roses...with a senior dog sanctuary there will always be loss. None hit us so hard though as the loss of our beloved namesake Frankie. The big Great Dane with a heart of gold and a gentle way with both humans and dogs set the gold standard for all canines here and leaves a massive hole in our hearts. His legacy lives on, not just in the name of our sanctuary, but in our everyday practice of love, tolerance and taking care of each other.

Perhaps the single most important thing about Frankie and Andys Place is the way it makes us all feel....to know that we have saved the lives of 21 dogs, created a friendship network of caring individuals, forever bonded in their love for these beautiful souls, and desperate to share that joy with the world so that they all might benefit.....well, it's quite simply intoxicating.

The most important people in this initiative are the volunteers who give of their time, week after week, month after month, come rain or shine, truly without them there would be no sanctuary. We appreciate every second that they give to the dogs, and yet it is they who tell us that they cannot beat this feeling, that this is their 'happy place'. We know what they mean, it truly is the happiest place on earth, but that's simply because of the love that lives here. The love that all of you put into every inch of this building with your time, your financial support and your caring for these gentle senior dogs, that's what built this place.

With more room this year for a lot more dogs, that means a whole lot more room for a whole lot more love to grow....

Thank you so much every single one of you for making this happen, and here's to an amazing year!

*Penny Miller*

Program Co-Coordinator

# OUR SUGAR SNOUTS

## *Helping Hands Healing Paws*

2017 was quite a year of growth and change for us at Frankie and Andy's Place. We were so fortunate to be able to rescue and add Reese Witherspoon, Naomi Watts, Frannie, Tallulah, Ozzy Osborne, Sally Field and extended DD foster Snazzy to join our beloved veteran residents Gilda Radner, Fiona and Boris.



Frannie



Gilda



Jules



Naomi



Victor



Ozzy



# OUR SUGAR SNOUTS - CONTINUED

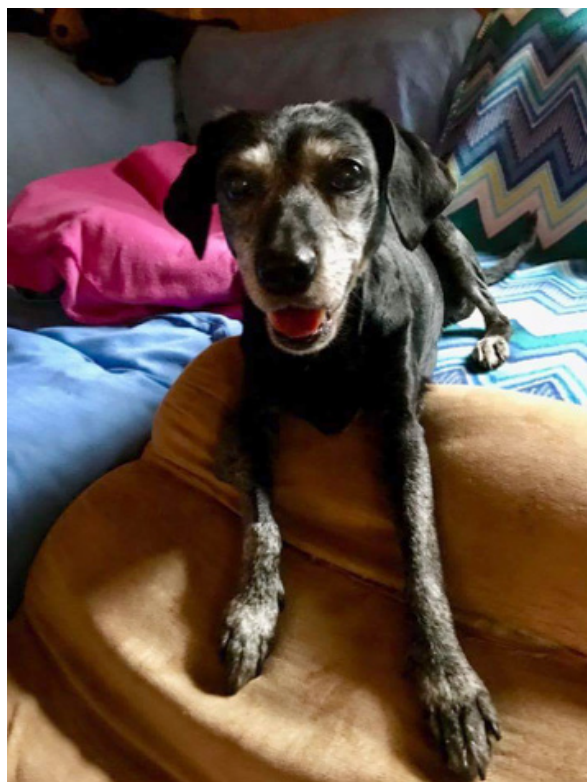
*Helping Hands Healing Paws*



Sally



Snazzy



Tallulah



Reese



# MOVING ON: NEW FOREVER HOMES

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As much as we love our sugar snouts and as hard as it may be for us to let them go, several of our sugar snouts, Mr. Errol Flynn, Patton, Quentin and Luna, were blessed to find forever homes. They are all doing well and thriving with their new families!



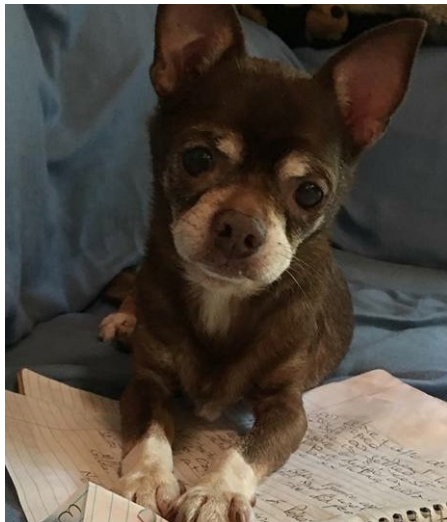
Amy



Luna



Patton



Quentin



Errol Flynn



# OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE: GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN



## *Helping Hands Healing Paws*

In 2017, we had to say goodbye to some of our sweet residents as they crossed the Rainbow Bridge. Ilsa, Lil Kim, Donald, Murray, Trudy...you will always hold a special place in our hearts reserved for each of you. We will never forget you and how you enriched everyone's lives around you.

And to our beloved Frankie, who's namesake and legacy will live on forever. We at Frankie and Andy's Place, dogs and people alike, will be forever grateful to you and Andy. We will continue to make you two proud and focused on the mission to save as many seniors as we can.



Murray



Trudy



Frankie



Ilsa



# OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

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Donald



Lil Kim

# Our Volunteers

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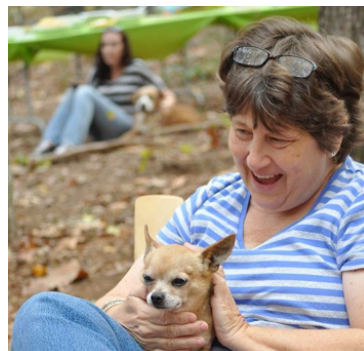


## Just Some of Our Magnificent Volunteers

**"I just understood and believed in Penny's vision of creating a sanctuary for senior dogs that had been lost or cast aside. The dogs that are overlooked, but who have the most to offer. After 30 years in the restaurant business I cannot think of anyone I would rather serve than our sugar snouts. I always feel that they do more for me than I could ever do for them." -Tonya Arnette**



**"When I first visited Frankie and Andy's, I knew I wanted to be a part of this very special rescue. I love all dogs and seniors are near and dear to my heart. It's beautiful to see them go from hopeless to loved and nurtured, maybe for some, the first time in their lives. I cannot think of a better way to start my week than with the adorable sugar snouts and am grateful for this rescue that does whatever it takes to make life special for these sweet seniors." -Mona Stephens**



**"I've been volunteering at FAAP for almost a year now. Going out to FAAP to volunteer is the highlight of my week. I hate to leave those sweet babies when I'm there and always look forward to the next time I get to see them. I go there to help them but I'm certain I receive much more than I give. I'm honored and blessed to be part of such a wonderful organization!" -Kelly Mitchell**



# Our Volunteers

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# THE NIGHT CREW

## *Helping Hands Healing Paws*



The night crew is an incredibly important part of the Frankie and Andy's Place team. We are often asked why we do not have night time volunteers and why we instead have paid staff in to cover the last two hours of the dogs' day at the cabin?

Firstly, we rely so much on the night crew. Their role in this organization is so important that we have to use employed staff who are duty bound to come to work come rain, come shine. The night crew never, ever let the dogs down.

Secondly, they have to be trusted and, in some cases, trained, to dispense certain medications from time to time...in particular with our hospice care dogs. It's easy to forget at times that some of our dogs, even though they outwardly look well, are in their final days of life and need extremely careful handling and exact medical care. The night crew are all trusted with this highly sensitive work. These hand-picked individuals are all chosen because of their unflappable, yet kind and caring approach to handling all of the dogs; they also have the perfect energy for the dogs to wind down with at the end of a busy day greeting visitors and doing community outreach. The night crew will make sure that all the dogs have exactly what they need to get through the night...for one dog that may be a diaper, for another it might be a medication of some kind, for yet another, it might be checking that the dog is going to be warm enough and deciding what weight of 'outfit' to put on. The night crew calm our residents, give them plenty of outside time to potty, make sure they are given snacks and fresh water, and make all the important decisions on the dogs as they settle down for the night. Of course, and let's make no bones about this, they are also professional cuddle dispensers!

We are so grateful for Karen Broomfield, [who heads up the night crew], Kathy Kohlhagen, Geri Resciniti, Shelley Peters, Mandy Dysart, Eileen Cargell, Jennifer Wilt and Dana Maynard. These women are true family to our cabin residents and provide a continuous ongoing support system for dogs who have never known continuity of love before in their lives. Ladies, we salute you!



# THE SUPPORT TEAM

## (MARILYN, STEPHANIE & ANDREA)



### *Helping Hands Healing Paws*

Frankie and Andy's Place is very lucky to have three remarkable women 'on call', who volunteer their time graciously whenever we need them.

Andrea Haupt is managing partner at Gwinnett Animal Hospital on McGee road in Snellville, a holistic veterinary clinic, and the providers of amazing care for our residents. She is not only a registered veterinary technician, but she is also a Tellington Touch massage specialist, capable of restoring comfort and freedom of movement to the sorest of cranky old dogs! Andrea (along with her husband John) was a foundational volunteer partner in Frankie and Andy's Place, who, with her time and expertise, we have been able to create the kind of environment we always dreamed of. Her frequent 'pop-ins' to perform alignment treatments on dear old Gilda Radner, Boris Karloff or Donald O'Connor (RIP) and of course, her fostering of Ilsa (gone but never forgotten), have meant that our cabin residents have had access to the best advice and care from day one. With senior dogs of her own at home to care for, Andrea now provides a different but equally essential service; instead of her weekly visits, she is now the "Doggy Uber" service, picking up our oldies and getting them to and from the vets for us. This woman is a fundamental part of our operation and an incredible resource for health and wellness issues for our oldies. Andrea has a heart for oldies the size of Texas and is always ready to lend a helping hand whenever we need her, for whatever we need.



Andrea Haupt

# THE SUPPORT TEAM

(MARILYN, STEPHANIE & ANDREA)



## *Helping Hands Healing Paws*



Marilyn Ranck

Marilyn Ranck is a remedial massage therapist for humans and a certified canine massage therapist. She is a certified life coach, a certified yoga instructor, has a Masters in nutrition and is a practicing licensed nurse with a specialty in post operative care. All of these combined make Marilyn a very useful person to have around! She visits the cabin once a week to work her magic fingers on some of the oldies with muscular pain and to advise us from time to time on nutritional needs for our residents. A keen example of healthy living, Marilyn believes that a holistic lifestyle starts with a cheerful, positive attitude. She is often to be heard singing to the dogs as she massages them, whether they want her to or not!

Marilyn has been involved with Frankie and Andy's Place since it was a dream on the back of a napkin seven years ago, and brought a wealth of rescue experience in local shelters to help us formulate our plan for what we wanted to achieve. She is an advocate for all animals, and a best friend to all the cabin dogs who just adore her.



Stephanie  
Martinez  
Peres

Stephanie Martinez Peres is the owner of Furry Family Comfort Care, a mobile veterinary technician service that provides in-home care and support for pets in their own home. She has a wealth of knowledge and experience that she gladly shares with all of us at Frankie and Andy's Place as we navigate the increasing challenges of caring for seniors, particularly dogs in hospice care. Stephanie volunteers her time and service and visits the cabin at least once a week to provide cold laser therapy treatments to our oldies, so that they can feel relief from aches and pains. Cold laser therapy is a non-invasive, harmless yet effective light therapy treatment that stimulates cell renewal and aids in healing wounds, soft tissue injuries and inflammatory conditions. Once Stephanie has finished her weekly visit, we see a marked increase in the mobility of the dogs, and best of all, they are all smiling all over their faces! They love their Aunty Steph, and it has absolutely nothing to do with the fact that she's always got pockets laden with treats!



# JEANNIE & ALICIA

## *Helping Hands Healing Paws*



Every morning, our residents wake up refreshed from a great night's sleep on their beds or couches, to be greeted by their "Morning Mamas." The "Morning Mamas" are Jeannie Miller (Cabin supervisor) and Alicia Peters. Depending on what day of the week it is, one of them will arrive at the cabin at 7:30 am. Their first job of the day is to give everyone a kiss and a love, then make sure everyone gets out to 'do their business' in the yard. They take care of any cleanups that need doing and make sure everyone eats a good breakfast. Some of the dogs require to be patiently hand fed, some have to be syringed with water because they are no longer able to drink by themselves due to structural issues. Most of the dogs are on medications of some kind, and so the ladies take charge of administering any medications (only vetted staff are allowed to dispense any medication) that are needed and note down whatever possible health or environment changes the volunteers might need to know about. They clean the cabin every day to provide a safe and clean environment for both the residents and any visitors and provide a trusted liaison with night crew and management to ensure that our oldies stay safe and healthy. At lunchtime, the ladies make sure that our cabin residents all get a small meal so that they don't suffer from low blood sugar and/or dispense any midday medications. They are a vital part of the team and integral to the emotional wellbeing of the residents. Nothing beats being woken up with a kiss by Mom, after all.....



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## *Helping Hands Healing Paws*



"The service is invaluable in many ways. We have a unique blend of clients at the Winder Adult Day Health Center – from developmentally challenged individuals that are young, to older adults with Dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Often times, these individuals are not exposed to animals and can find it challenging to communicate their daily needs. When the ladies with the dogs walk in, it is like a light comes back into their eyes. Dogs have an interesting way of bringing out the best in people – and our clients respond well to the dogs that you all bring to our center. After the ladies leave, many of our clients are calmer, feel less stressed, and the day seems to run smoother. We sincerely thank the two ladies that take the time with our clients every week. The program you all run enriches our clients lives in ways that you will never know.

Jessica Bankston (Winder Adult Day Health Program Coordinator)





# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## *Helping Hands Healing Paws*

The community outreach is perhaps the most important part of what we do at Frankie and Andy's Place.

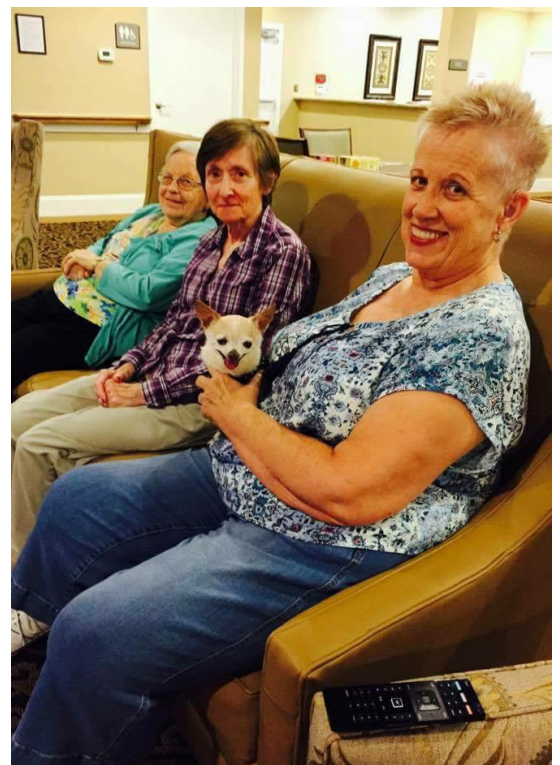
All living beings must have a purpose, a reason to exist. We all need to feel needed by someone, and dogs are no different. For these dogs who were given up and discarded as of being no further use to their families, the insult was doubly cruel. No longer in the peak of mental or physical health and able to cope as easily as a younger dog, they cross our threshold eager to find a soft landing...and to be regarded as valuable again.

The Community Outreach Initiative is tailor made for the purpose of taking these dogs, whose lives have been saved, and giving them the opportunity to save humans right back. It doesn't matter who needs them, whether it be a lonely old lady, a memory impaired gentleman, a young lady with cystic fibrosis or a young man with learning difficulties, the dogs' unique brand of comfort and kisses are a tonic, pure and simple.

We are blessed beyond measure to have an incredible group of dedicated ladies who light up these human lives every week with their community visits, headed up by Linda Wick and Amie Botts.

Amie Botts and Linda Wick have been hugely instrumental in the success of this initiative, not just transporting the dogs to their weekly community visits but forging firm friendships with the clients and residents at the care facilities they visit. Managers at the facilities tell us frequently that the visits are life changing for the humans, that they are more open to communication with others, happier, calmer and more ready to laugh, after time with our senior dogs and their "ladies."

With the new cabin opening shortly, we will be able to extend our community outreach to include visits from small groups who can come to the cabin to see where the dogs live and enjoy the peace of the Ranch, even walk a dog or two. However, getting the dogs out to where they are most needed will always be a priority for us and we are so grateful to the ladies who facilitate this every week.





# FUNDRAISING IN 2017

## *Helping Hands Healing Paws*



1st Annual Golf Tournament Champions:  
Motorcars of Georgia

No sooner had we opened the first cabin at Frankie and Andy's Place and everyone was immediately dreaming of a second, bigger and better version and so began our fundraising efforts for 2017!!!

Our third GoFundMe Campaign quickly had past by having, once again, exceeding our ask of \$25,000 (finally ending at \$28,659) when thoughts turned to our 1st Annual Golf Tournament. Hosted at the beautiful Lanier Islands Legacy Golf Course 20 teams took part and the tournament was won by the Motorcars of Georgia Team who will return in 2018 to defend their crown !!!

A most enjoyable day was made all the more successful by the generous and kind donations and sponsorship of the FAAP Family with notable contributions from Butch & Teresa Miller (Milton Martin Honda / Butch Miller for State Senate) who facilitated the Hole-in-One Honda Competition, Greer Todd and his professional and so helpful staff not least Brian Conley and Gary Clarkson. Michel and Tonya Arnette once again stepped up to help through their Word of Mouth Restaurant Group and FAAP Board Members Homer & Lisa drew upon the support from friends and colleagues and a seemingly never-ending list of sponsors and teams including James A. Walters Management, Willis Family Properties, Department of Juvenile Justice, DNR Renegades, Southern Linc, EC Price General Contractors and AS Tech. Other teams included Adam Heiser (who's company Fire Protection Services kindly sponsored also), Whitney Breedlove, Cindy Bachman, Lisa and Mike Clark (as well as his firm Thompson, O'Brien, Kemp and Nasuti (Attorneys at Law) and last but most certainly not least Amie Botts.

# FUNDRAISING IN 2017 - CONTINUED

In September when we launched our “Walking the Walk not Talking the Talk” Campaign Pat Mitchell (Super Dooper Dog Training) having already contributed significantly to the golf tournament stepped forward and her monumental donation in memory of her sister Lindsay quickly made us realize that our biggest and most ambitious dream to date would shortly become reality.

Throughout the year and driven by FAAP supporters Dan & Melissa Bosso the Peachtree MG Registry regularly met and generated donations over and over again and our appreciation and gratitude for their tireless efforts during 2017 can never be overstated.

*Peter Miller*

Fundraising





# FINANCES

## *Helping Hands Healing Paws*



This past year has been amazing for Frankie and Andy's Place! We had a very successful golf tournament in April that provided a kick start for a very prosperous year with fund raising. You, our generous supporters, helped in raising over \$75,000 in donations during 2017. This level of donations and successful fund raising has solidified our commitment to a second cabin. For those of you who have visited or volunteered at the cabin, you can see for yourself the progress that has been made towards completion. So far expenses incurred for the second cabin is about \$9,800.

We have been so blessed with the support of many individuals and organizations. This has not only included support in the form of generous financial contributions, but also in free or very discounted professional services for medical and quality of life care, and supplies and upkeep for the cabin building itself and surrounding grounds. The monetary value of these services are priceless.

Regarding ongoing financial obligations, total expenses for 2017 not related to the cabin, amounted to \$35,241. This consisted of providing medical care and prescriptions in the amount of \$11,705 and payroll for part-time staff members in the amount of \$21,999.

As noted in the prior year, Frankie and Andy's has part-time employees to work minimal shifts per week in addition to their unpaid volunteer hours. These employees are needed to administer critical care tasks and provide late night oversight of our senior dogs. These dedicated employees and volunteers have definitely given back to FAAP in donations, goods and services many fold the amount that has been paid to them.

The remaining amount of total expenditure for the year relates to administrative costs, such as insurance expense, cost of fund raising efforts, and ongoing maintenance.

Please remember our Board does not take any salary nor charge any expense to the charity that would be for their personal benefit. Our Board is committed 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

*Helping Hands Healing Paws*



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](mailto:info@frankieandandysplace.org).

## Board of Directors

- **Krystle Andrews (Board Chair)**  
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- **Penny Andrews**  
Owner Knight & Drews - Owner Desperate Dogs



# TO FIND OUT MORE

## *Helping Hands Healing Paws*



**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



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