



FRANKIE & ANDY'S PLACE

ANNUAL REPORT 2020



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MISSION STATEMENT

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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 2020 our commitment to transparency and best practice was recognized as we achieved Platinum status with Guidestar and as a Top Rated 2020 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



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Twenty-Twenty! Wow! What a year! It has been quite the roller coaster of a year, but at least we can look to Frankie and Andy's Place to be a bright spot in our view.

While the world was consumed with the pandemic, our sweet sugar snouts were still spreading joy wherever they could. Things look different this year as visits to the senior centers had to end for a time, and volunteers had to social distance from each other at the cabins. As always, our pups still flourished and managed to bring a smile to anyone who crossed their path.

We have been fortunate at Frankie and Andy's Place to be supported by the best sponsors and the best volunteers. Even through the uncertainties of so many things in so many of our lives, our volunteers still made sure to show up day after day and care for the senior pups at the cabins nestled in the woods. Our sponsors continue to support our pups, and our cause, generously with their donations. Once again, our annual golf tournament at Lake Lanier Islands continued to be hugely successful, four years in a row. Moving the date due to Covid did not sway our loyal golfers who show up year after year...no one seemed to notice! We sold out and once again it was our largest fundraiser of the year. We cannot wait to see everyone in 2021!! I feel a hole-in-one coming on!

Looking ahead to 2021, we are overwhelmed with gratitude and thanks to our volunteers, donors and sponsors. Thank you for making the best of 2020 and supporting our seniors. We are excited about the year ahead and all that it means for our pups and those who support them. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for being with Frankie and Andy's Place on this journey we call 2020!

Krystle Andrews
Chairperson



OVERVIEW

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It was the year the world went crazy.

Everything we took for granted in life.... freedom, breath, a hug, kissing, travel, going to church, going ANYWHERE in fact, suddenly became the subject of every TV news program, every conversation, family arguments, even political discussions....still is, as I write this in January 2021.

2020 wasn't an easy year by any means, and we, like everyone else, had to make huge adjustments to our operating procedures in order to keep our staff and volunteers safe.

While none of this was easy, our staff and resident on-site team managed beautifully to keep the dogs safe, happy and well socialized throughout the lockdown while, just as importantly, staying safe themselves. Since the lockdown eased, we have maintained social distancing and the requirement of masks at all times and continued with our increased hygiene protocols in order that we could allow as many of our volunteers back into the cabins as possible.

The volunteers play a huge role in our ability to care for the dogs on a daily basis; while the staff and on-site care team provide the more fundamental daily needs like hygiene, nutrition and healthcare, the volunteers have always provided a much needed additional loving family experience for these poor dogs who had previously been cast aside by their owners.

Without the love pouring into them from their 'new family members', we would not have the same happy dogs able to go out and change the world in their local communities. I am proud to say that our dedicated volunteers raced back to the cabins after lockdown to help out and give the dogs as much love as they could, to make up for the 8 weeks apart. The reunion was quite something to see.

We have been incredibly encouraged by the huge level of support we have had from the general public, and not just financially.

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This year, we have had some quite incredible acts of kindness bestowed upon us that have blown us away. Three of our 'super' volunteers, Juanita Clark, Anna Klinect and Kathy Bodnar, committed to increased weekly hours in order to help our staff with some of the more difficult cases we have, helping to hand feed dogs who needed a little extra help, helping out with laundry and cleaning, or even occasionally runs to the vet.

While we do of course employ staff to care for the dogs, the 21 plus dogs in our care are very senior, most are disabled and some have neurological issues, resulting in very high levels of hands-on-care needed at all times.

These three ladies have not only changed the lives of the dogs at the cabin, ensuring that everyone gets exactly what they need, but they have also improved the lives of the staff, who can finish their shift knowing that every dog has received the most incredible level of one-on-one care needed. It is because of these three ladies that we are able to take on some of the harder cases, knowing we can count on their help.

When the big cabin was built, the excavation on the high ground caused a drainage issue that has been quite the nightmare for the cabin residents and staff, with water flooding the beautiful sun porch and swamping the grassed area to the side of the cabin during very heavy rains. We have tried multiple suggestions over the last three years but to no avail, so it seemed that large scale works were going to be needed in order to fix the problem, which meant a large amount of financial outlay.

We try very hard to keep our costs to a minimum on everything we do, in order that funds needed for the care of the dog's health and wellness will remain available.

When FAAP board member Fiona Sandler approached her good friend, local drainage expert Steve Hill and told him of our problem, he not only offered to help, but he offered to do so at no cost to us whatsoever.

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His crew worked for days to re-do our drainage system around the cabin and did a fantastic job.

We now no longer have a small unplanned swimming pool on our sunporch during rain storms and that is a HUGE win for us.

Thank you so much to Steve Hill and his crew of magnificent men!

This year our very own Uncle Pete secured a fabulous 'in-kind' grant from the Google Foundation for \$120,000 of their services, specifically for the purpose of marketing and spreading the word about our sanctuary, online, to folks all over the US using the Google platform. This enables us to reach new audiences, and educate more folks about what we do.

This initiative is not necessarily for the purpose of fund raising, more for the purpose of raising awareness about the work that the sanctuary does and the impact that we have on communities and individuals. It was also planned that we would use this service for educational purposes, which is why we also wrote and produced a free-to-download 230 page book on the care of senior dogs, 'Frosty-Faced and F*cking Fabulous'.

At time of writing, in just one month, 1300 people from all over the US downloaded the book from our website and this converts to 1300 people with a now far greater knowledge on how to care for their senior dogs and how to improve their quality of life.

Our long term goal, once the world returns to normal, is to help train others to set up small sanctuaries for senior dogs under the umbrella of Frankie and Andy's Place thus extending a helping hand to more dogs and humans in need, in far reaching communities.

This Google grant has already enabled us to spread our reach all over the US from coast to coast; we had 14,700 engagements with our website in December alone, up from a usual 55 per month. It will no doubt help us greatly in the next phases of our cunning plan for world domination!

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Because of the Covid 19 pandemic, our former Chairman, Homer Bryson, had to take sabbatical leave in order to concentrate on his position as Head of Georgia Emergency Management Agency and Homeland Security. Clearly, he had a little bit of a tough job on his hands with his day job, regularly putting in 18 hour days as he and his team tried to stem the tide of chaos in our great state of Georgia, but we are thrilled to report that he has now retired from this Government position and will be rejoining us in 2021.

Krystle Andrews, one of our four founders, took over as Chairman during Homer's absence and will remain in this position going forward.

Our annual golf day, the highlight of our fund-raising activities for the year, was once again a huge success.

We had to postpone the event until September 18th due to Covid-19 as the State was in full lockdown during our previously planned date in April, however, neither that, nor the fact that Covid-19 was still an issue, did not stop the event from being a rip-roaring success.

Despite the event being fully socially distanced, and us having to implement some changes to catering and how we gathered at the end of the event, an enjoyable day was had by all, with many folks pledging to come to the next one.

If you had asked me back at the start of 2020 what my plans were for the sanctuary over the coming year, I would have said that we were tentatively planning a further building at Frankie and Andy's Place, one where we could house a small number of tiny dogs.

The scourge of Covid 19 changed everyone's plans worldwide, not least our own.....

Instead, we made the decision to wait on further expansion to see what the effects on the worldwide economy would mean to us. After all, we have, at any time, upwards of 21 dogs and a workforce who care for them, needing our commitment; we did not feel that gambling our reserves on further expansion at this time was good financial stewardship of our donor's money.

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This has proved to be a wise move, as what seemed at first to be a momentary problem, has so far lasted almost a year, with surely more to come before it is all over, creating a worldwide financial crisis: one which, had we increased our footprint, could have been catastrophic.

Looking forward, we shall instead, maintain the status quo of excellent care of these wonderful senior dogs and continue to take every opportunity to connect them with the handicapped, elderly or special needs in our community by any means safely possible, in order that they can work their magic. There will be time enough to grow when the world returns to normal.

For now, our only thought is to honor our present commitments to the dogs and the people who need us.

Thank you so much to you all for supporting us over the last year.

We know how tough it has been and the fact that you STILL chose to honor us with your help and support means the world to us.

Quite simply, without it, we would not be here.

Trust me, we count our blessings every single day.

Penny Miller
Program Co-Coordinator

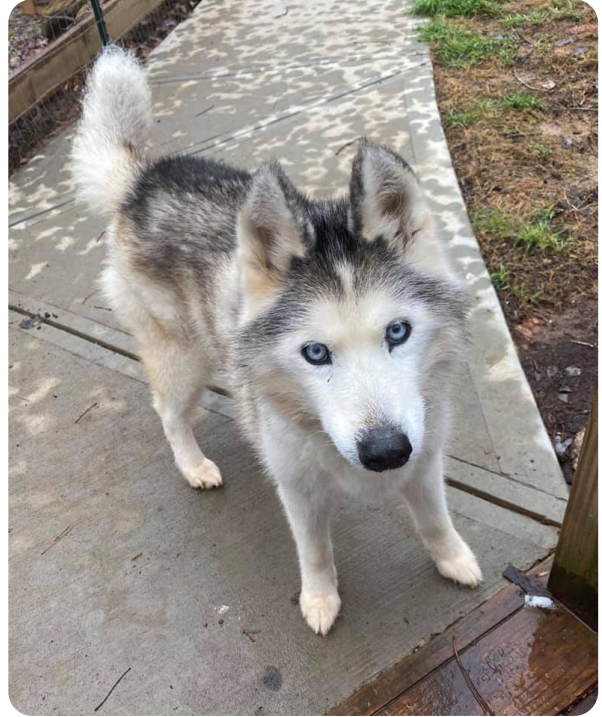


OUR SUGAR SNOUTS

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Tom Hanks



Parker Posey

In 2020 we welcomed 13 new dogs into our cabin family.

We were thrilled to take in:

MeeMaw, Vivien Leigh, Princess Charlotte, Eva Longoria, Dakota Fanning, Rihanna, Orville Redenbacher, Wanda Sykes, Sir Anthony Hopkins, Parker Posey, Tom Hanks, Busy Phillips, Sam Elliot.



Eva Longoria

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Rihanna



Vivien Leigh



MeeMaw



Sir Anthony Hopkins

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If ever one dog personified the mission that is Frankie and Andy's Place, it was beautiful Boxer-mix, Boris Karloff.

One of our very first cabin dogs, a 2016 arrival, he came to us tired, stricken with disease and neglect, skin mangy and legs crippled with arthritis. He had been found stray on the streets of Barrow County, more than likely having escaped from a life on a chain, as he bore the scars of restraints grown into his neck.

He was old, at around 14, he had been starved, he was dehydrated....he was, to the untrained eye, a dead dog walking. And yet, when we met him in the Barrow County shelter, he hobbled over to us, face plastered with hope at the possibility of being saved, eyes bright, warm and welcoming. There was something about him, a sense of a gift unwrapped, of promise unfulfilled; we just knew there were more chapters in this boy's story.

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Boris was not our first resident at Frankie and Andy's, but he was definitely our poster boy. From that day, to the day he died in 2020, he healed more human and canine hearts and elicited more love on a massively wide scale, than any dog I have ever known.

Boris gave us hope in eternal life; we all felt he could, and would, live forever.

So many times we felt that Boris was about to leave us, but he would always rally, draw on his pugilistic tendencies to keep punching his way out of trouble....until one day he was all fought out. Few of us can even mention his name without welling up.

None of us will ever get over his death.

What he started, and the legacy he leaves behind, is that 'it's never over til the fat lady sings' with these dogs.

As long as they have quality of life, as long as they are willing to fight, we are committed to be their family, their friends, their carers until the very end, until they say "I'm tired now. I've had a lovely time, but it's time to say goodbye." Thank you Boris, for leading the way and uniting a bunch of far-flung folks whose only common interest at the start, was this crazy love affair with you.

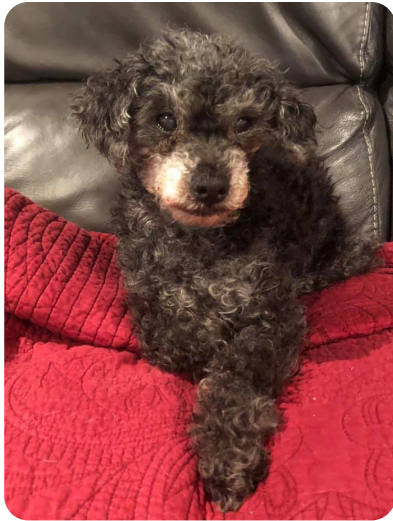
If someone had told me years ago that one of the most beautiful dogs I would ever meet would have wonky legs, skin like Swiss cheese, a tail that looked like it belonged to someone else and breath so foul that it could turn your stomach, I'd have laughed myself sick. But that was Boris.....and he was perfection personified.

We lost 14 beautiful souls from our cabin family in 2020, each of them bereft, cast aside by their families, cruelly dumped at kill shelters or left to wander the streets and die of starvation.

What some may deem to be their lucky day when we brought them into the cabin, was actually oursin every single case.

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Cher

Cher - Imagine if you will, a dog that really doesn't like to be snuggled and held but who, at the drop of a car key, will journey to an adult care facility and allow herself to be held by a lonely old lady desperate for the touch of a soft, loving dog, because she misses having a dog of her own. But not only allow herself to be snuggled, Cher would actually revel in her role as caregiver, as soother.

Plucked from another shelter where she was moments from death by a good friend of Frankie and Andy's Place, this little 15 year old poodle was the undisputed Queen at the assisted living facilities. Oh how she is missed.....

Richard Gere - Some dogs find their way to Frankie and Andy's Place so that they can heal multiple hearts.

Richard found his way to us so that he could heal one.

Never really a big fan of multiple dog pack living, which we found out some time after he joined us, this Rod Stewart look-alike, Cairn terrier-mix Richard made the best of things at the cabin but was never as comfortable as we would have liked. When Kelly Mixon started volunteering at the cabins in the fall of 2019, Richard looked at her, she looked at him and all of a sudden there were fireworks, unicorns, hearts and flowers.



Richard Gere

Kelly and her beautiful senior dog Ellie were inconsolable after the loss of her other dog and knew that Richard would help to fill a hole in their hearts. We do not normally adopt dogs out from the cabin but we were not going to stand in the way of their happiness and so Richard was fostered by Kelly at her home until his death in 2020 of heart complications. Good job, little man. You served your womenfolk well.

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Gilda Radner

Gilda Radner- Whenever I think of a dog triumphing over adversity, I think of Gilda Radner. Gilda, or Gilly as we all called her, came to us in 2016, having languished at the Gwinnett shelter for some time with very little care and no soft food, a necessity for most seniors. When she got to the cabin, the previous neglect took its toll and she instantly suffered with vestibular disease.

Although she regained her balance and sight somewhat, she was left with a head cocked permanently to one side, but nothing stopped Gilly!

She enjoyed a rich and varied life, despite even losing one eye to glaucoma a couple of years later, and then suffering mobility issues, this little dog was determined to wring every last bit of joy out of life that she could. When it looked as though her time was short and cabin life became hard for her, Gilly went to live in the big city of Atlanta with Jen Wilt, our volunteer co-ordinator. Well, what we thought might be Gilly's last few quiet weeks turned into one hell of a party! Almost a year of accompanying real estate agent Jen on viewings, trips to the park, the coffee shop, local bougie burger bars where she had her own order set-up, massage therapist visits...the girl had a charmed life for sure. When she said goodbye, we like to think it was because she was all partied out!



Nathan Fillion

Nathan Fillion - Poor Nathan was an unfinished symphony for us.... Quiet, unassuming and just happy to 'be here', Nathan was a dear old man who sadly couldn't really articulate his needs all that well. Wonderful for community visits, he took pleasure from car rides and visiting care homes where he would sit for hours just being petted and held, rather like a stuffed animal. Poor Nathan was exhausted from his former life and really preferred to just sit, breathe and take in the breeze, so that's exactly what we allowed him to do as much as possible. We wished for more time with him, but sadly lost him in 2020

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Gerry Resciniti

Gerry Resciniti - Gerry was our beautiful big girl, named after one of our beloved staff members who sadly died of cancer. Gerry's quiet strength, her kind heart and absolute commitment to these dogs no matter what else was going on in her life, was absolutely mirrored by the beautiful black Pyrenees mix who bore her name.

Always a defender of the underdog, Gerry was like a one-dog Police force in the cabin; if she saw a situation brewing she would plonk herself right down in the middle of it and say "Yes? Was there something? Do we have a problem here?"

Her sheer size, gentle confidence and overwhelming sense of fairness would quell any storm and peace reigned at all times. When her heart failed at the age of 13, it felt like the lights suddenly went out. The cabin is a lot bigger without her presence, those are some big shoes that we shall never fill.



Helena Bonham Carter

Helena Bonham Carter - Helena came to us in 2017 with her brother George Clooney, the two of them having been taken to the vets by their vile former owner, who insisted that they be put down because they were old. Thankfully, that veterinarian would have none of that nonsense and saved their lives by contacting local rescue Orphan Annie, who brought them to us. When George died, we felt that Helena would not be long behind as he was the light of her life. Shockingly, she rallied after a couple of months of abject grief and started to find her mojo again. Helena lived for the outdoors life and could often be found lying on a bed on the sunporch, just looking at the birds and the trees. Her serenity made her a particular draw for cabin visitors looking to enjoy some peace. Not all dogs are suited for work out in the community, Helena's very poor mobility put paid to that idea, however, her very presence was a salve for many a sad visitor's heart and we thank God for bringing this angel to us.

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Tallulah Bankhead

Tallulah Bankhead - Tallulah, or 'Toots' as we called her, was dumped at the local shelter when her owner went to prison and his wife refused to keep her. But that didn't deter Toots! This mid-size senior terrier mix had the waggiest tail in Christendom and used all of her considerable talents at the shelter that day to catch my eye. A happier dog I had never seen, of course she was leaving that day with us!

And then, when we got her back to the senior sanctuary, a more acrobatic senior I have never seen!

Four foot fence? No problem.

Jump up on the picnic table? Of course, that's easy!

For three years, this delightful girl beguiled us with her sassy wit and humor, until her passing from cancer in 2020. Losing her effervescence was a tough one, as she was the cabin cheer leader.

Now she's shaking her pom-poms in heaven.



Natalie Portman

Natalie Portman - The little black fox came to us in 2018 from overcrowded Dekalb County shelter, where she had been in a run with six other dogs, confused and forlorn. We did not expect Natalie to be with us that long, to be honest; our thought was that as she was considered a hospice care case, we may be able to give her a few good months at best, but she rallied considerably and started to improve quite quickly with good nutrition and proper veterinary care.

Not a fit for community visits due to her stand-offishness, Natalie was one of the those dogs whom we knew wouldn't be able to 'give back'; she was our care project, in many ways. God had other plans though, and this little girl, with her air of mystery, ended up having quite the following of people whom she had enslaved to her beguiling charms. Natalie left us in 2020 when the pain from her arthritic joints added to her neurological issues meant that her quality of life was gone. We miss her every day.....

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David Beckham

David Beckham - Oh, David, David, David.

This dog had everyone thinking that they were his favorite, and, if they gave him any kind of edible substance, they were right!

David came to us from Peach County Rescue in 2018 after being rescued from a disastrous hoarding case; he was found in a car with 19 other animals, some of whom were dead.

This poor boy was a bag of bones with ribs like a xylophone when he came to us and lost no time learning how to get into the trash can, climb up on to the kitchen shelves, steal staff lunch boxes, jump the wall to get to anyone else's food...nothing could stop him. We adored him nonetheless and reveled in his antics, we took massive pleasure from seeing him grow fat as a tick in no time. David was the class clown, with teeth that had a directional mind of their own, they really were all over his face, and eyes that did what they wanted. As always, though, with sensational dogs, the heart dictates the beauty and this boy was everyone's heart throb because of how kind and funny he was. Losing him from the cabin was like when your favorite long-running comedy show gets cancelled.....oh dear boy, we miss you.



Sam Elliott

Sam Elliott - Into every life a little Dachshund must fall.....

Sam and his sister Rihanna came bursting into the cabin in 2019 from our good friends and partners at Dream Dachshund Rescue, and immediately rocked our world with their sassy, funny, galumphing ways. Sam was one of the most aptly named dogs we have ever had. I mean, when you're a little silver around the edges, very funny, good looking and a hit with the ladies, who else but Sam Elliott would you be named after?

Sam's loss was a very hard one for us all to swallow this year; we felt we had been robbed. His presence at the cabin not only improved the mental health of every other dog in there, but also provided a lightness and relief that was all important in a mainly hospice care facility. He was a morale booster, always getting the party started and yet was kind and gentle. If ever a dog reminded me of the late comedian Robin Williams, it was our Sam. Totally irreplaceable.....

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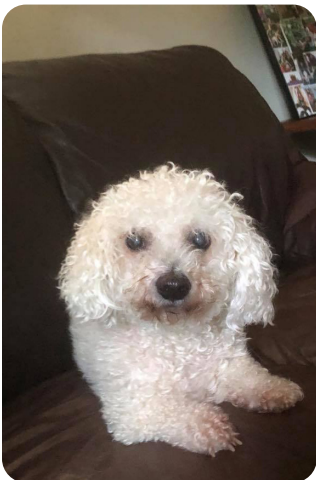
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Busy Phillips

Busy Phillips - Busy came to us after a plea sent out by workers at Gwinnett Animal Shelter, who saw this paralyzed old dog who couldn't even walk to her water bowl and wanted to right the wrongs of years of neglect. No-one was stepping up for her as she seemed like she would be a lot of work, however, our incredible staff urged us to take her, to a man all saying they wanted her to have a glimpse of the good life for as long as we could give it to her.

Busy regained some mobility almost right away with some good nutrition and good veterinary care; she was a very spiritual dog, though, and used her regained physicality to help other dogs in need. If she sensed sickness or an impending passing, Busy would align herself with that dog, plop herself down on their bed and just provide a comforting presence until their need of her was no longer. This incredible gift was shocking to all who beheld it, and for the brief time she was with us, about four months, Busy improved the lives of many of our cabin family.



Jennifer Lopez

Jennifer Lopez - J-Lo was a walking miracle in many ways. She waddled into our lives on her last legs in 2018, aged 14, another one who had been doomed to be euthanized because of poor mobility and age. Well....that's never been a thing we shy away from and from the moment she walked in the door, we resolved that we were going to give her as much time as we could while trying to fix her mobility issues. I am proud to say that after just four weeks, this little 'crippled' girl was jumping on and off the couch, running around the kitchen and taking part in all kinds of shenanigans! The awful pain meds that she was taking went out of the window because they made her discombobulated, and with new, natural pain relievers and good supplementation on board as well as a brand new diet of tailor-made home cooked food, J-Lo was with us for a whopping two more years!

Two more years of absolute quality of life every day!

When she left us last year, we were very sad to say goodbye but oh so thrilled of the progress she made and the extra quality time she enjoyed at Frankie and Andy's.

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Carol Burnett

Carol Burnett - One of our most heartfelt losses of 2020, Carol Burnett was, quite simply, a magnificent little dog. An absolute gift from our friends at Hickory level Hound Rescue whose veterinarian, Dr Emily, had already been using her as a therapy dog on hospital visits, Carol Burnett came to us with a view to her enjoying a rather sedate retirement.

Well, God had other plans, because this little girl soon found herself a new career as a 'therapy dog's therapy dog' and took to providing a loving, supportive role for our canine carers once they returned from 'active duty' out in the community, as well as carrying out weekly care home visits herself.

Carol was always on call for any dog or person in need of her, and never denied a living soul the feeling of her warm muzzle against their cheek, or the folding of her perfect little body into their armpit, or her allowing them to cradle her in their arms.....as long as I live, I shall never know a more 'giving' little dog than Carol.

When we realized that this little dog would just keep giving of herself until there was nothing left, she went to live with 'Fospice parents' Andrea and John Haupt, where she spent many months enjoying her new quiet surroundings and sleeping in bed with new love of her life, Andrea. They became inseparable.

Carol died at age 13 of severe complications from diabetes and broke the hearts of everyone in the Frankie and Andy's Place family when she left us. There will, quite simply, never be another one like her.

Our Volunteers

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Just Some of Our Magnificent Volunteers

I am not going to lie, 2020 was not an easy year for us at Frankie and Andy's Place, as all of our best laid plans and most of our programs out in the community had to cease, but more importantly, there was a large swathe of time during lockdown when we could not even allow the volunteers into the cabins.

Government rules mandating that people could undertake essential visits only meant that only our 'essential' team of special needs staff were allowed to be at the cabins for almost nine weeks. While the dogs were of course very well looked after, it was a major concern for us that the volunteers could not get their 'Senior dog fix'.

As many of you will know, volunteering at a place like Frankie and Andy's is very much a win-win for both the dog and the human. While the benefits for the dogs are pretty obvious, as they have a committed family whom they grow to love and care for, the benefits for the humans that come to help take care of them are actually far greater.

It was the main thrust of our mission when we set up Frankie and Andy's Place; we would create an emotional healing center for humans while creating a sanctuary for senior and hospice dogs. All of the volunteers will tell you that they get more out of this than the dogs do. To this end, knowing that we had 42 individuals who, to varying degrees, relied upon our sanctuary for their own 'feel-good' experience.... perhaps to socialize with other like-minded humans, or to have a moment's peace from their busy life, or to simply enjoy the bliss of giving of themselves and their hearts to help another....having to deny them this important part of their lives for so long was unbearable.



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However, at that point, we had no idea how the virus was spread, how bad it might be, so we had no choice but to protect our staff and the Ranch residents by making sure all staff were in a 'bubble' and those coming in from outside were not putting them at risk.

Once the lockdown was lifted, we decided that although the virus was still a major threat, we would welcome volunteers back in, but we changed cabin visiting times to allow only one person per cabin and with a half hour overlap between visitors to give plenty of time for ventilation/ air change to kick in and for surfaces to dry after sanitizing. People were able to socialize with each other as long as it was over the fence between the two yards and a minimum 15 feet apart, wearing masks as deemed necessary.

We are beyond thankful that almost all of our volunteers fully appreciated our situation and endorsed our efforts to keep everyone safe. These practices have remained in place throughout the whole pandemic and will continue until things change. In a year of uncertainty, the unfailing love and commitment shown to these dogs by our volunteers has been overwhelming, to say the least.

When they offered to become volunteers, these folks basically signed an agreement to become 'new family members' for the discarded souls so poorly treated in their former lives, committing to visiting and/or helping out at least once every two weeks so that they would be that ever present force of love in the dogs' lives that they had never had.

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This was always a 'long haul' commitment and because of their continued enthusiasm and open-heartedness over the years, it actually means so much more to us.

Amy C, Amie B, Audrey, Amy L, Bonnie, Jess, Brittany, Donna, Eileen, Fiona, Lisa C, Lisa J, Michelle, Mona, Paige, Shannon, Shelley, Tam, Kathie W....our heartfelt gratitude goes out to everyone of them. Some volunteers go over and above that requirement, and donate many, many more hours on a weekly basis, to help our cabin dogs thrive.

Juanita Clark, Anna Kline and Kathy Bodnar all give hours upon hours of their own time every single week without fail, to come in and work as assistants to our staff members, ensuring that the dogs have all of their needs taken care of and heightening our already high standard of care with their extra pair of willing hands. These ladies have changed everyone's lives for the better with their massive gift of time.

Kelly Mitchell, another one of our Super volunteers, gives a great deal of her time and help every week but also provides a VERY special transport service.....picking up the Chick Fil A chicken nuggets every week from our wonderful sponsors at the Chick Fil A restaurant in Gainesville and ensuring they reach their destination. The dogs, needless to say, see this single act as her greatest contribution!

Of course, it requires a very broad range of talents and skills to ensure that a place like Frankie and Andy's thrives; not everyone's gifts necessitate them being on-site for a volunteer shift in order to help out. Some volunteers utilize their volunteer hours in a different, but equally as important, way and we are proud to recognize those contributions.

Our board member and Treasurer, Deborah Zumbado, donates hours of her time to our cause every week, organizing our finances....and making sure we won't ever go broke. Without sound financial counsel and leadership, any rescue organization is in peril, so Deb's contribution is very much appreciated.

Board member Peter Miller has, for the last six years, taken charge of all of our fund-raising activities, from planning the annual golf day to any and all of our other special fund-raising and marketing projects. Pete puts in about 25-30 hours a week most weeks; he also oversees our day to day finances and payroll etc, but refuses to take credit for his massive contribution.....so I'm insisting on doing it for him.

Our Volunteers (continued)

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Andrea Haupt, who is managing partner at Gwinnett Animal Hospital and a senior dog fanatic, gives very generously of her time with advice and hands-on help whenever we need it, fostering special needs dogs for us and also running a 'Doggy Uber' service at those times when we can't get our dogs to and from the animal hospital for treatment.

Stephen Walters, who, although illness prevented him from taking his usual place on the golf day committee this year, spent a great deal of time making sure that the 2020 golf day was a huge success. Fiona Sandler and Paula Dorough, the 'boots on the ground girls' for the golf day, who spent hours and hours of their time ensuring that the event went off smoothly. Pat Mitchell, who not only loves to visit the cabin residents, but also takes them out for open top car drives multiple times a week so they can feel the wind in their fur, pops in to do a spot of weed whacking or mulching and spends hours of her time helping with the golf day and other special projects.

We have also been extremely fortunate to have had the aid of many people who have jumped up to help with particular projects or who have been the first to raise their hands when we have had an emergency situation. Dr. Kevin Brantley, Tabitha Fister, Sheri Taylor-Emery, Lisa Musser, Ellen Howle, Angela Stratford and Ellen Steinberg, Jeremy Mooney our electrician, Eileen Cargill, Kelly Mixon, Steve and Karen Hill, Kristen Snyder, Chris and Juli Tredwell who installed our security system and are always handy with a hammer and a bag of screws when we need them; Jeannie, Ty and Tanner Miller, Jen Andersen and Summer Roper.....all of these kind and wonderful folks have been of immense value to our organization in different ways over the last year.

Any rescue organization is only as good as the people who are involved in it.

When we first set up Frankie and Andy's Place, back in 2015, I will be honest, I had very little time for humans...like most rescuers, it was the reason I had chosen to spend my life working with dogs in the first place.

Each and every one of these individuals has changed my mindset dramatically, igniting a gratitude and a sense of inclusion I never, ever, thought possible.

This group of people came together to lend a hand, heal hearts and change lives....and have been so incredibly wonderful that mine became one of them.

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

PARTNERS

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Frankie and Andy's Place is very lucky to have two 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

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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.



Marilyn Ranck

OUR STAFF

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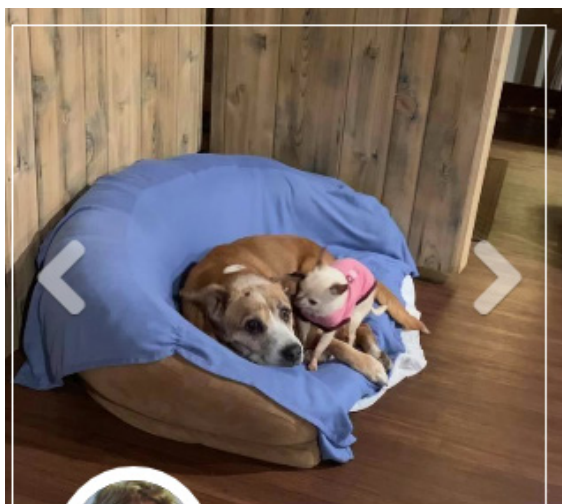


Equally important to our beloved volunteers is our team of dedicated staff members. We have two fabulous teams, morning crew and evening crew that divide the care and the day so the dogs are hardly alone. After spending time in shelters and separated from human contact we never want them to feel lonely again. Every team member ensures they get the proper medications and special diets daily as well, as many of our dogs have allergies or need special attention while eating. Staff members keep a watchful eye and are always ready to tend to any need our dogs may have whether that be assistance outside to potty, a warm bath, a kind snuggle, gentle brushing or a medical need. Cleanliness of our beautiful cabin facility is of top importance to the quality of life of our senior dogs and something else our staff makes as a constant priority.



REVIEWS

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Volunteer 04/30/2020



I have been volunteering with Frankie and Andy's Place since its inception. My time there is always the highlight of my week! I love this organization for its holistic approach. It's not just a senior dog sanctuary; these senior dogs have a very important job. They visit senior centers, adult care centers, schools and therapy groups. They help heal and educate people. Despite the unspeakable conditions many of them came from, they love unconditionally and inspire. I have learned so much from all of them and love them as if they were my own. I am equally honored and inspired by my fellow volunteers and staff. Frankie and Andy's Place is the family I choose and I love every moment I can get to be a part of it.



Amy Seabolt C.

Volunteer 05/05/2020



To say this place is a sanctuary for hurting and tired souls is a massive understatement. Not only for the babies that get the privilege to call this place home but also the volunteers



Lesya O.

General Member of the Public 04/30/2020



Frankie and Andy's Place is far beyond any other animal shelter I have seen. The staff and volunteers truly have a genuine love for animals and that is what fuels their passion and keeps this place a haven for senior dogs.



HarlowT26

Volunteer 04/29/2020



Oh where should I begin!!! The people and fur babies at Frankie & Andy's place are the absolute best I've ever met! What an amazing senior sanctuary where dogs that have been cast aside by previous owners or other unfortunate situations get to live out their best life like the movie stars(and are named after them) that they are. Penny & Pete make sure they receive top notch care right down to the homemade food they receive.. The pups receive constant companionship with the many volunteers and staff members that shower them with love!!! Oh to be blessed to live here!!! I wish all dogs could be so lucky! Never, ever has there been a place like this!! Much love to all involved!❤️

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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We started off the year in full swing with our dog and volunteer teams providing emotional support to students as well as seniors both out in the community and at our Frankie and Andy's Place cabins. In March we halted our outreach for many months for the safety of all involved as we learned to navigate Covid-19 and how it would affect us all.



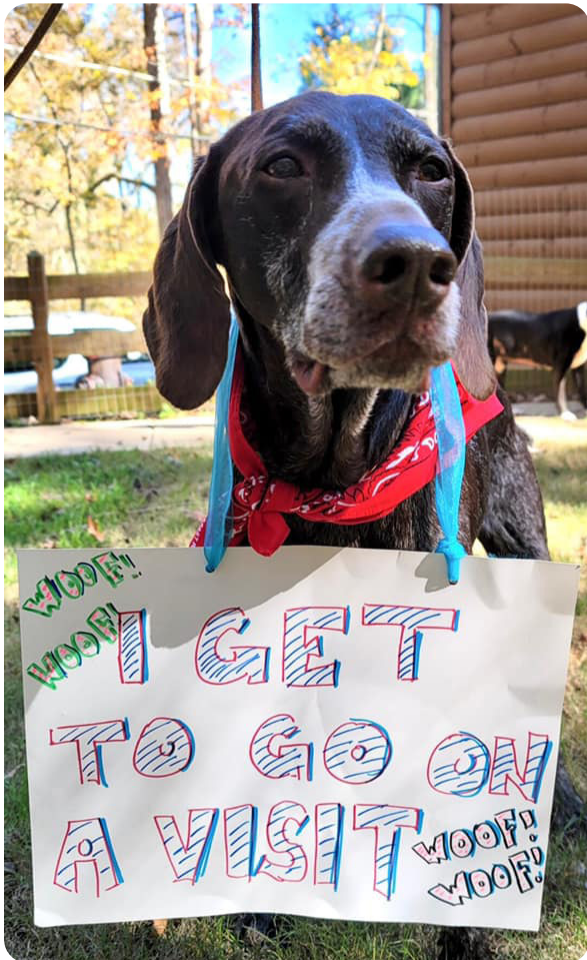
COMMUNITY OUTREACH (continued)

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Elementary School Visits

From January to March our teams visited different classrooms on multiple days each week. Students often read to the dogs as they nestled in their lap or the volunteers accompanied them through the room as students work on assignments or took tests. The dogs have a calming effect on the children, some going through stressful academic situations or difficulty in their home environment. Sadly, we've missed our weekly visits and seeing the smiling faces of the children since March and truly hope to start back as soon as it is safe to do so considering Covid-19.



‘When one of the students saw Orville and heard him snorting, the student let out the biggest belly laugh. It was the first time this student smiled the whole school year. This experience gave this student an opportunity to feel more comfortable and more able to learn and participate with his peers.’

Haley Collins - Oakwood Elementary School -
School Counselor



COMMUNITY OUTREACH (continued)

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Adult Day Center Visits

Our Frankie and & Andy's Place senior dogs and volunteers visited the center weekly to share smiles, warm cuddles, and furry companionship until March when it was no longer safe because of Covid-19 and the center was forced to close to their clients.

Due to careful measures, starting in September we were able to visit some of the day center clients in an outdoor setting at their personal homes and allow them to interact with our dogs again. The day center closed its doors to clients but has remained in contact with them all and allowed us the opportunity to visit clients that had missed the companionship of our senior therapy dogs.

'Mr. H has Parkinson's disease and he shakes because of it. He often talks low and fast and has a hard time communicating his feelings. On this particular occasion he started to pet one of the dogs for about 10 minutes. He sat quietly with the dog, petting it gently. He was calm for this 10 minutes and his shaking was minimal. We are convinced that for that brief 10 minutes, the dog provided peace to our client who often struggles with finding calmness throughout the day.'

Jessica Bankston - ACCA Winder Adult Day Health - Program Coordinator



COMMUNITY OUTREACH (continued)

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Interns

At Frankie and Andy's Place we believe in partnering with people of all ages and abilities. Over the past few years we've had the opportunity to take on two very special ladies as interns. They have contributed quite a lot through their care and kindness to the dogs as well as their actions in cleaning and the upkeep of our facility. Anna Klinect works several mornings a week alongside staff and has become an invaluable part of our morning team. Jessie Johnson provides loving care and attention to the dogs in the evenings alongside her grandmother, who is a long time volunteer.

'Frankie and Andy's Place is a place like no other. Not only does it provide exceptional care for abandoned senior dogs, it has provided a wonderful place for my 21 yr old intellectually disabled daughter Anna to volunteer. Penny and the other staff at F&A's Place see past the disability and value Anna's very real skill set and the contributions she can bring to serve these precious pups. Anna helps with feeding, cleaning and loving for these special seniors. And in turn F&A resident dogs give her unconditional love and acceptance. She loves to tell people about her job and her favorite dogs. We are very thankful for such a wonderful place of healing and care for not only special senior doggies, but also for my precious daughter who feels like she is wanted and accepted there.'

Nanette Klinect, Anna Klinect's mom



FUNDRAISING IN 2020

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During 2019 it was decided that we should consolidate and focus upon “putting something away for a rainy day” and seriously, could anyone have envisaged on how sensible that decision would look as we entered 2020?

Through the North Georgia Community Foundation we established a Trust Fund and also set aside monies to be invested into a Vanguard Mutual Fund.

Collective funds currently exceed \$32,000 and will soon be boosted by a further \$30,000 which has been secured through extension of sponsorship rights relating to our annual golf tournament. The 4th Annual Golf Tournament on September 18th (moved from April because of COVID) generated \$71,619.17 (profit \$59,303.80) and was once again Frankie and Andy's Place flagship fundraiser event in 2020 supported again by its Main Sponsor, Super Dooper Dog Training and made possible by its hardworking organising committee members Peter Miller, Jen Wilt, Fiona Sandler, Paula Dorough, Amie Botts and Pat Mitchell. Audi Marietta once again sponsored the 'Hole-in-One' and Braselton Brewing Company kindly provided the electronic scoreboard which is always a favourite with golfers and our sponsors alike.

FUNDRAISING IN 2020 (continued)

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At the end of 2019 we discovered that online donations accounted for only 20% of our annual donations and so in 2020 set out to increase that percentage mindful of changing times and trends. This was also motivated, as the year progressed, by COVID setting in and increasingly restricting our ability to facilitate in-person events and activities.

Google.org



As such, we were successful in securing a grant from the Google Foundation who provided \$120,000 free advertising through its Online Marketing Challenge Program but more importantly, the invaluable support of a team of IT experts from University of Engineering and Technology, Panjab University, Chandigarh, India. Charged with generating greater visibility for the Frankie and Andy's Place website, the team working tirelessly to enhance our on-line profile assisted in our Christmas Campaign resulting in 14,700 new visitors to our website during the month of December.



Atlanta Magazine
"BEST DOG TRAINER AWARD WINNER"



Audi Marietta



FUNDRAISING IN 2020 (continued)

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In 2018 Aunty Penny provided her first book “Cut the Crap” as a fundraiser with visitors to the Frankie and Andy’s Place website being invited to make a donation while accessing a free download version of her eBook. On that occasion approximately \$8,000 was raised. In 2020 Penny revisited this model with her second book with even greater results. During December her eBook “Frosty-Faced and F*cking Fabulous” was downloaded some 1,290 times and generated \$33,302.84 in donations and, in doing so, becoming Frankie and Andy’s Place second largest fundraising event of the year Great job Aunty Pen now start writing your next one !!!

In-kind donations in 2020 provided for an amazing \$32,302.84 worth of food, medications and cleaning products essential for maintaining quality of life and living standards for our seniors. These continue to be a vital part of our fundraising with special mention to Jen Wilt who, amongst many other things, manages our social media platforms so brilliantly.

Additionally, donors placed on our account at Gwinnet Animal Hospital \$2,275.00 to go directly towards case-specific treatments for some of our seniors. In addition, our wonderful friends at the Braselton Brewing Company supported us throughout 2020 with their “Round Up Your Bill” initiative.

FUNDRAISING IN 2020 (continued)

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We believe that as guardians of our supporters' donations we have a responsibility to establish and maintain a sustainable fundraising platform as well as a legacy endowment for future (potential) emergencies or developments. During what has been our most challenging fundraising environment so far, with the world gripped in financial crisis, we believe that we are meeting these goals and in doing so, meeting our mission goals to provide our seniors, and the human community they serve, with the very highest standards in quality of life and community program delivery. Validation of this statement must surely be that this year, we were awarded with the prestigious Platinum Award from Guidestar, the independent non-profit analysis organization. This is considered the highest level of attainment for any US non-profit organization and means that our levels of competence, transparency and compliance are at the very highest ranking possible to achieve. We are justly proud.

Lastly, but certainly not least, once again our thanks go out to each and every one of our donors and sponsors who time and time again amaze us with their continued acts of generosity and kindness and without whom Frankie and Andy's Place could not survive.



Peter Miller

Fundraising

FINANCES

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Despite a Global pandemic, Frankie and Andy's Place continued to have the generous and loving support of individual and corporate benefactors this year and we are truly grateful.

While many of our community activities and events were dramatically decreased or cut completely, we were still able to host our annual golf tournament in the Fall vs. Spring. That event along with, individual fundraising efforts and generous donations from these supporters raised over \$223,000 in 2020.

In addition to cash contributions, we are blessed to have generous professionals provide us with free or highly discounted services for medical care, medications, general supplies, and upkeep on the cabins and grounds. Their support is invaluable to us and we cannot thank them enough, especially this year while they all faced new financial and operational challenges.

Financial operations for the year are higher than prior years as we've continued to grow and expand the number of dogs in residence. Direct care and feeding of our seniors amounted to \$64,576. These expenses include medical services, medications, grooming and food of \$15,847 and payroll for our staff of \$68,271.

In addition to our dedicated volunteers, FAAP continues to employ part-time employees. These employees are paid for minimal hours and contribute numerous unpaid volunteer hours as well. They provide critical around the clock support to our seniors. This team of volunteers and employees care for each of our seniors as if they were their own family. We can impact more senior dogs because of their dedication.

The remaining amount of our total operating expenses for the year relates to administrative costs, such as insurance, cost of fundraising, and on-going maintenance. Administrative, maintenance and insurance represent 19% of contributions. On-going marketing and fundraising efforts were 10.1% vs. 11% in 2019.

FINANCES (continued)

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Our Board continues to be committed to transparency, integrity and stewardship. The Board does not receive any compensation or charge any expenses to Frankie and Andy's Place. Our goal is to further the mission of providing a loving home for these senior dogs for as long as possible.

Respectfully,

Deborah Zumbado

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.

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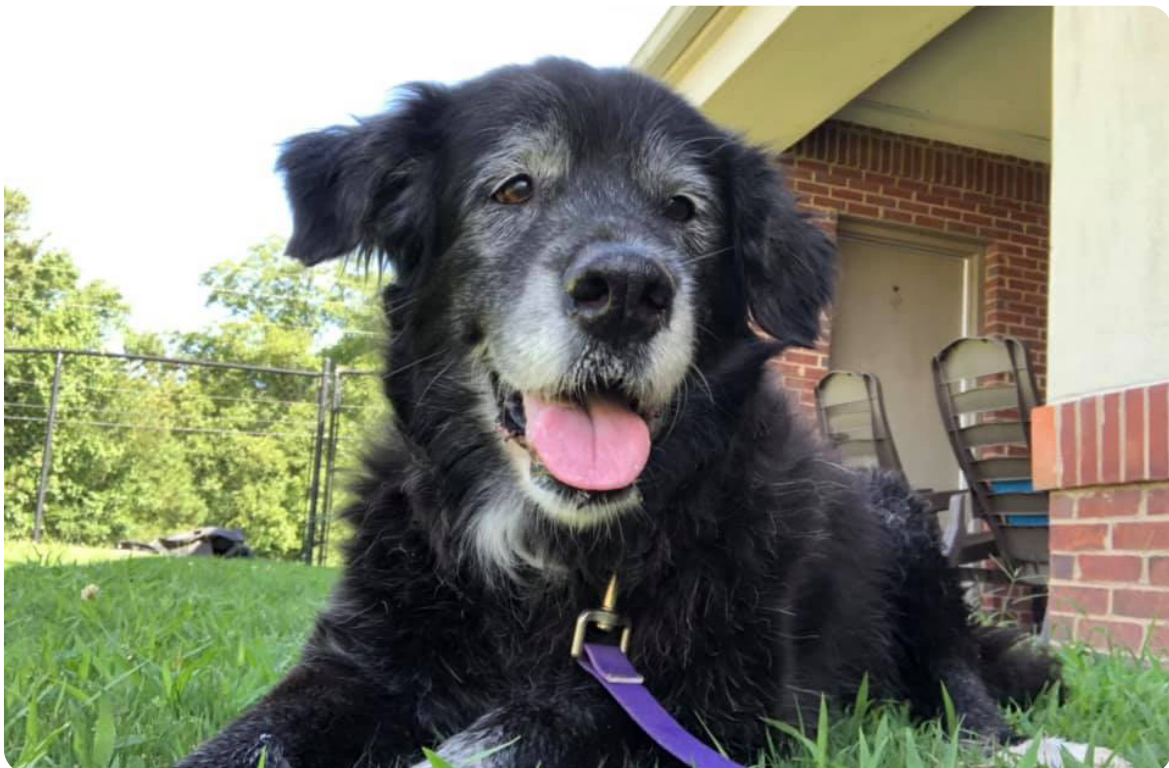
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