

# ANNUAL REPORT 2022



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#### MISSION STATEMENT

#### Helping Hands Healing Paws



Frankie and Andy's Place exists to provide a home and holistic care for senior dogs who were forsaken. We share their gifts of unconditional love and companionship with troubled humans to provide a healing collaboration between people and their best friends.



#### CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

#### Helping Hands Healing Paws



Greetings to all our Frankie and Andy's Place family and friends! Our Sugar Snouts at Frankie and Andy's Place brought us so many bright spots in 2022. We were able to welcome several new pups in through the cabin doors and into all our hearts! Thanks to the generosity of our donors and volunteers, we were able to expand the numbers of pups and cabins! Our Global Ambassador, the author of children's book "Frannie and the Skunk Who Couldn't Skunk" continued the fantastic campaign of spreading the message of Frankie and Andy's Place to schools across the region. Our volunteers also spent much of their time spreading the love and talents of the sugar snouts by chauffeuring them to their weekly appearances at the Winder ACCA Adult Senior Center. The visits by the senior pups bring so much joy the senior adults. We begin every year excited for our upcoming seventh annual Frankie and Andy's Place Golf Tournament. Each year, this event sells out and continues to be our largest fund-raiser. We cannot wait to see you there! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, and from the tips of our snouts to the tips of our tails! We are so grateful for you, our fantastic supporters!

Krystle Andrews
Chairperson



#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

#### Helping Hands Healing Paws

FRANKIE & ANDY'S PLACE

A huge part of our mission is to use the dogs as ambassadors in the community.

We are very grateful to, and proud of, our Community Outreach team of Jennifer Calderhead, Kathie White, Cindy Vaughn, Pat Matthews, Diane Carr and Amy Combs. One or two out of this amazing group of ladies take a couple of our dogs to Oakwood Elementary School or the Adult Daycare Center in Winder every week to spend time with the children.



These visits are very much tailored to one on one encounters with individuals. In particular with the children where we try to spend time with different children each week making them feel special, and above all 'heard'. Through time spent, we are making huge inroads with sensitive and shy children, and also helping other children to lose their fear of dogs.

Every week for the last 6 years, apart from during lockdown, we have been visiting the Adult Daycare Center in Winder run by ACCA. The relationships we have built there have always been priceless to us and it really is the highlight of the dogs' week to be picked to go. Our ladies have a unique knack of sensing a need and filling it with every person they connect with and we are proud of this amazing relationship with such a wonderful organization; we absolutely love our partnership with ACCA.

We also, as part of our community outreach, provide a service to local rescues where we disperse dog food donations to smaller rescues who cannot afford to purchase dog food themselves.

As a progression of this outreach, in November of 2022, the board at Frankie and Andy's voted unanimously to start up a food bank, providing much needed items to financially challenged families in our area, from food, to blankets, leashes and collars etc, as well as offering these items to other rescues who might need help. It is hoped that the storage unit for this endeavor will be procured and in situ by Spring 2023. Phase two of this project will involve going out to nearby cities to help homeless folks in camps or living on the streets with food and resources for their dogs.

#### SENIOR SOLUTIONS

#### Helping Hands Healing Paws



In 2022, we took a long hard look at our admissions process and realized that we needed to continue NOT taking owner surrender dogs into our program.

This decision was originally made in 2015, due to the fact that the sanctuary is on private property and we need to protect both our human and canine residents, our staff and volunteers, from people wantonly dumping their dogs or arriving unannounced at all hours to attempt to do so.

Another issue is that people are often forced to make awful snap decisions to give up their dogs due to current situations....and then may later change their minds.

We are a forever home; our abiding promise to these dogs is that they will never leave us. We give them a roof over their heads and are involved in their care forever.

Also, the appalling conditions that we take some of the dogs in can be harrowing for our staff to witness, and doubly hard for them to NOT say anything about, as they are all passionate rescuers and animal advocates. Keeping a lid on feelings can be hard when dealing with abuse cases.

To that end, we still, and will always, only take dogs from and on behalf of, licensed shelters and rescues.

However, we did want to find a way to help more dogs both in the community and country wide, particularly as 2022 brought with it an appalling worldwide financial crisis that hit so many owners and affected their ability to help their beloved pets.

This year, we proudly added 'Senior Solutions at Frankie and Andy's Place' to our list of services to the community and it has been a roaring success. Senior Solutions aims to help as many folks as possible with senior dogs in crisis or those needing help so that they can stay in their home with their beloved family.

Sometimes owners 'can't see the woods for the trees' and often utilizing a different perspective, some environmental reorganization, free behavioral advice or supplementation advice can be the difference between them giving the dog up or keeping their dog.

Senior solutions will help any dog in need, but we do primarily help senior dogs, and in 2022 we helped over 300 dogs! We also helped to find homes for four dogs needing immediate placement.

This is yet another way that we serve the community but more importantly, serve the species that we love so deeply.

## Jackie 'Jackpot' Jolliff Scholarship Fund

#### Helping Hands Healing Paws



For some years now, we have prioritized animal welfare education as part of our mission, and this has been enabled and advanced greatly by our program's key donors, Cliff and Elaine Joliff.

Cliff Joliff became a board member of Frankie and Andy's Place in 2022 but they have been passionate supporters of our cause since first visiting in 2017.

Their dog, beautiful pit bull mix, Jackie, was not only a gentle and kind-hearted listener, a natural therapy dog for many years in mum Elaine's busy mental health counseling practice.

Jackie was also an incredible ambassador for a very misunderstood and maligned breed, changing hearts and minds with every session, and when Jackie passed, they wanted to set up a way to memorialize her huge gift to human kind. The Jackie 'Jackpot' Joliff scholarship fund was born in her memory.

If you would like to read more about Jackie 'Jackpot' Joliff and how this remarkable dog came to get her name, please go to: <a href="https://www.frankieandandysplace.org/jackie-jackpot-jolliffscholarship.html">https://www.frankieandandysplace.org/jackie-jackpot-jolliffscholarship.html</a>

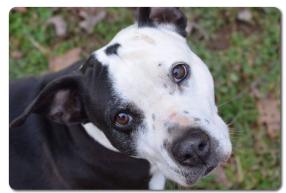
This scholarship fund has, since its inception, so far enabled 14 staff and 6 key volunteers to receive first aid instruction. It has also paid for the 'Fundamentals of holistic wellness' education of Gretchen Hill, Jen Calderhead, Sarah Vente, Sue Moore (super volunteer) and Cindy Vaughn.

In addition, this fund will also sponsor the two year veterinary technician course followed by one of our key, long term staff.

All of our long term and committed staff, or regular super volunteers, who demonstrate enthusiasm to learn more about holistic wellness, triage or general first aid techniques are offered the chance to partake of this education so that our seniors can benefit.

Thanks to the Jackie 'Jackpot' Joliff scholarship, and this amazing dog's incredible legacy, our senior dogs at Frankie and Andy's Place are in better hands than ever!





#### **VISIONS FOR 2023**

#### Helping Hands Healing Paws



**Landscaping -** The vision of the landscape committee is to enhance our beautiful woodland setting by adding additional perennials and trees (natives when possible) to attract beneficial birds, bees and butterflies.

We also envision adding other landscape improvements which will promote the feeling of peace and tranquility for the staff, volunteers and troubled humans who share this paradise with our special senior dogs.

#### Our goals to accomplish this vision are as follows:

Improve the landscaping at the sanctuary's entrance to provide a pleasant start on the journey down the path to the senior dog palaces.

Remove and eradicate invasive plants like grape vine, privet, and poison ivy.

Study the campus to identify areas which receive sun/partial sun and those which are in shade. This will guide the selection of plants and trees to appeal to our bird and insect friends.

Maintain soft (such as mulched) areas around the cabins to provide safe and smooth walking and play areas for stiff joints and wobbly legs.

Enhance the gravel parking areas by creating inviting aesthetics, such as stone walls and plant islands.

**Food Bank -** As mentioned earlier in this report, Frankie and Andy's Board voted unanimously to open an on-site food bank that will store dog food and supplies intended for those in need.

This exciting project will include community outreach to homeless communities so that dog food and supplies can be provided directly to a population that may need help caring for their beloved dog companions.



#### **OUR VOLUNTEERS**

#### Helping Hands Healing Paws



They are beautiful.

They are kind.

Their hearts are filled with love.

They show up week in, week out.

They are family.



Our amazing volunteers are the backbone of this organization and we cannot thank them enough.

First, thank you to our 'Super Volunteers' Diane Carr, Lynda Whalen, Sue Moore, Addie Wagner, Sheree Barwise, Katherine Weathers, Kathie White and Pat Matthews. These ladies are at the cabins on a far more regular basis than other volunteers and do anything they can to help clean, care for, and facilitate. From poop pick up to cobwebs, to furniture moving, to laundry, these Super Women bring their super powers to the cabin often multiple times every week and we love them for it!

We are beyond blessed to have the support and help from a few remarkable individuals who help us achieve greatness, even far beyond these cabin walls.

Eileen and Rob Cargell have been fostering 18 year old blind sweetheart Owen Wilson in their loving home for three years.

Cindy Vaugh has been fostering gorgeous community King Otis Redding for a year.

Jessica Weiss and her family stepped up to save poor, sick, Great Dane Ed Norton from going back to the shelter when it was found he was not a fit for the cabin, and helped him to gently pass when it was his time.

Jan Vaccaro took in little 'pretty pittie' Emma Thompson as her short term foster and decided to make it a long term foster gig.

#### OUR VOLUNTEERS (continued)

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Cathy Addison has teeny tiny Kate Beckinsale, the end of life Chihuahua who seems to be anything but, and has had her in her home for a year!

And Robin Lacrimosa has thankfully become our new interim foster for dogs that have just left the shelter before they come to us.

Because of these incredible individuals, we have been able to increase the number of dogs we help exponentially!

We want to send a big thankyou out to all our 'regular' volunteers in 2022; Bonnie Johnson, Kelly Mitchell, Shannon Davis, Angela Stratford, Ellen Steinberg, Amy Combs, Jennifer Wilt, Cynthia Barrett, Eileen Cargell, Paige Hull, Sheri Taylor Emerie, Kelly Mixon, Donna Lewis, Mona Stephens, Michelle Saye, Tabitha Fister, Joan Greenwood, Mandy Dysart, Jan Vaccaro, Eddie Tong, and Robin Lacrimosa.

Lastly, we have a group of people who, while not able to be at the cabins regularly, would often help out with special projects or community visits throughout 2022. Thanks to Pat Lowrie, Amie Botts, Pat Mitchell and her little Miata convertible Lil Red, Stephanie Partain, Kenny Stratford, Jason Richter,

Thank you all of you, for making such a profound difference in the dogs' lives in 2022!

# IN MEMORIAM JAN GRISSOM

# FRANKIE & ANDY'S PLACE

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On December 24th 2022, we lost one of our dear friends and colleagues, Jan Grissom.

Jan was a fundamental part of the cabins, and had been involved since the very beginning of the mission.

Jan was one of our transporters, she helped to temperament test and evaluate the senior dogs and was also part of our community outreach for a time. She was just always there, always helping, always supporting and always smiling.

Her loss was a devastating blow to not just the mission, but to everyone who knew her, for we all loved her.

Her beloved senior dog, Sendak, will live out his days at the cabins as was her wish, enjoying the fruits of his beloved Mama's efforts.

Rest In Peace Jan Grissom, a true friend to the animals.





# VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR Kathie White



#### Helping Hands Healing Paws

Every year we pick one volunteer who has gone above and beyond the norm to make the lives of our senior pups as good as they can be...or someone who makes a profound difference to others in our mission.

This year's choice was a no-brainer as this person ticks both boxes.

Kathie White came to us almost 5 years ago and has made herself invaluable since the very first time she grabbed a bag and picked up poop in the yard!

No matter what the question, no matter what the favor, no matter what the time, Kathie White makes a habit of saying 'yes!' to helping with every one of these dogs' needs if she can and frankly, we do not know what we would do without her!



A cornerstone of our community therapy dog outreach, Kathie very often does two community outreach visits with our pups each week; her mission is to spread joy and love wherever she goes and the dogs provide the perfect door opener for this. Her quiet, humble and gentle spirit is very much welcomed by handicapped adults in discomfort or states of confusion as well as with children who are shy but desperately looking for a connection.

Kathie trains our new volunteers, giving them all the 'tricks of the trade' for their first four visits and makes sure that every box is ticked before they fly solo.

Kathie has also been a taxi driver, delivery driver, ambassador at fund raising events, gardener, cleaner...you name it, she has done it.

Kathie, we salute you and want to thank you for everything you do for Frankie and Andy's Place.

You make our world a better place!

#### **FUNDRAISING IN 2022**

#### Helping Hands Healing Paws





2022 was another incredibly busy year for our fundraising department, led by co-founder, Peter Miller. Every year we are beyond thankful for our sponsors and donors' continued kind generosity, without which nothing would be possible and this year was no different. It never ceases to overwhelm us all at Frankie and Andy's Place.

Our 6th Annual Golf Tournament heralded a new main sponsor, 'Welcome Home Doggie TV' and presented a cinematic spin to proceedings with backdrops, red carpet, cameras and flashlights around the event, with the 10th Hole being the highlight. This annual event, which sold out again, saw tournament winners Brett Catalano, Drew Mitchell, Peter Ciccone and Elijah Nicholson record a 16 under par score, beating by 2 shots both 'Team Jeff Collins/Justin Clark/Bryan Boggs/Steven Horn' and also sponsors, Team Superhero Fire Protection's Dustin Dean/Josh Stephens/Don Mackey and Lane Kennington'.

#### FUNDRAISING IN 2022 (continued)

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While the golfers enjoyed themselves playing the beautiful Lanier Islands Legacy Golf Course our incredible volunteers entertained two of Frankie and Andy's Place Community Outreach partners, Path United and Mill Springs Academy. Activities included making treats for the Frankie and Andy's Place seniors and playing 'Snag Golf'. Children were provided lunch, along with gift bags and goodies, and our sincere appreciation is extended to Dr Bakers Canine System Saver who immediately jumped up with excitement (like Golden Retrievers with a frisbee, actually) to sponsor this segment of the event.

Combined sponsorship, team fees and day-of-the-event sales saw Frankie and Andy's Place better off to the tune of \$56,000 profit from the tournament which will return again on Friday 14th April 2023 for our 7th Tournament

Our Volunteers once again answered the call to action and were quite literally magnificent in making the event go without a hitch and, for their support, we are as always, greatly appreciative. Without them, we would not be where we are today.



#### FUNDRAISING IN 2022 (continued)

#### Helping Hands Healing Paws



**Hugo Coffee Roasters -** Who better than one of our gorgeous senior pooches to model our partner Hugo Coffee Roaster's fabulous product?

As part of their fundraiser for Frankie and Andy's Place, co-founder Penny Miller participated in a highly entertaining 'Live Chat' in May with Hugo Coffee's owner Claudia McMullin. This was a huge success, so much so that we are scheduling

another Live Chat in 2023.



In August Penny Miller was once again on a 'Live Chat', this time with Shawn Haché of Pet Wellbeing to discuss the benefits of their product 'Pet Wellbeing Life Gold', a canine cancer support supplement that we heartily recommend. Pet Wellbeing graciously donated hundreds of bottles of this amazing product for us to share with our friends in rescues and shelters all over the country and as such, we were able to help many, many dogs in their time of need.

October saw our sponsors 'Welcome Home Doggie TV' host the 'Dog Gon' Movie Night' and once again those wonderful people at Dr Bakers Canine System Saver didn't hesitate to take on the task of Main Sponsor! The highlight of the evening was a screening under the moonlight for "Helping Hands, Healing Paws, The Frankie and Andy's Place Story" . Frankie and Andy's Place wishes to extend its most heartfelt thanks to Stephen Walters at Welcome Home Doggie for going above and beyond all expectations to make the night such a success.

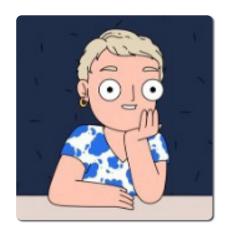
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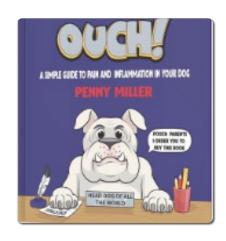
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Board Members Krystle and Penny Andrews co-hosted 'What Are You Wearing?' a Red-Carpet event sponsored by Angel Oak Home Loans while Board Secretary Ellen Steinberg was in charge on the Frankie and Andy's Place Stand.





Our largest fundraiser event of the year, as always, was the launch of Penny Miller's fourth book 'Ouch! A simple guide to pain and inflammation in your dog'. For new comers to our donor report, Penny publishes a book each year with all proceeds going to Frankie and Andy's Place. This year the campaign raised a whopping \$109,116!!

Our thanks to each and every one of you who donated or spread the world about our mission in 2022 so as to help us generate funds to keep going, keep growing and keep getting better!

#### **FINANCES**

#### Helping Hands Healing Paws



In 2022, total revenue was \$310,251.21.

Major income from direct public support was generated from the golf tournament in April (\$52,363.22), the book campaign in December (\$109,116.00) and from individual/business donations (\$148,771.99). It should be noted that some of this income is not reflected within the 2022 income figure above as monies were deposited in January 2023.

If donors have specific inquiries or would like additional details about the financial information provided in this annual report, please email us directly at: finance@ frankieandandysplace.org



#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### Helping Hands Healing Paws



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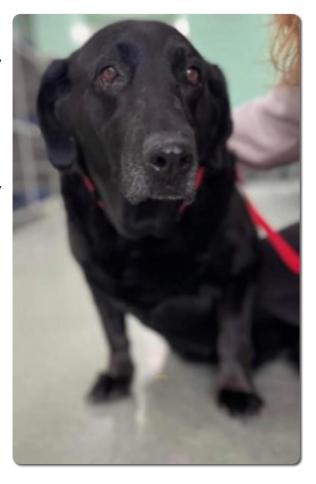
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http://frankieandandysplace.org

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

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