2017 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Our annual Pets for Life

Volunteer Appreciation Party was held on October 21st. We had the gym full of our wonderful volunteer teams, guests and family. There were gift bags for all volunteers and pets. Wonderful doggie treats were home-made by Donna Amato. There was an awesome Italian feast for everyone to enjoy provided by Joni Roeseler and Plaza Catering. Thank you, Joni, for your generosity!

As has become our tradition, the afternoon began with the Blessing of the Animals. A special blessing bestowed upon each pet and receiving a St. Francis model for

and receiving a St. Francis medal for their collar.

No Pet Party would be complete without the Pet Parade – a parade of volunteers and their pets, followed by the pet costume competition and some "doggie" games for all to enjoy!

Canine Companions for Independence were our speakers along with four of their dogs in training. What a wonderful group and so interesting!

A special thank you
to our
Master of Ceremonies,
Steve Barrett and
Event Photographer,
Andrew Melland.

We had a lot of fun and excitement with numerous drawings with fantastic gifts from our sponsors who are so generous in their giving.

The annual Volunteer Appreciation
Party is always a fun and festive event
for all volunteer teams – it is a
wonderful chance to meet and
interact with other therapy teams and
an important way to re-charge our
enthusiasm for what we do!

A special thank you to the Party
Planning Committee who gives
generous amounts of time, talent and
finances to make this a
special party for everyone. Our
special thanks to the following
individuals for making this year's event
a memorable one!

SHARON WILSON CHAIRPERSON
DONNA AMATO
JUDY THOMASSON
JONI ROESELER
JIM SCHOPE
MARY BUFORD



Remember our New email address is: petsforlife@kcpetsforlife.com

Volunteer Appreciation Pet Party Donors include:

4 Paws Pantry & Spa
Pete & Macs Pet Resort
Planet Dog Foundation
Trader Joe's
Treats Unleashed

It is with much sadness that we share with our PFL family the pets that have passed away since September. They all were so amazing in so many ways and adored by so many residents, kids, staff and families. We send our condolences and share in your grief.

They will be missed.

Katie Dawn loved by Diane Moore
BossMan loved by Sara Grier
Finn loved by Kay Hines
Stanton loved by Marty Letourneau
Sammy loved by Jim Haley
Doc loved by Anita Boyer



I thought you would enjoy this. It is one of the letters I received yesterday from some of the children who read to Stanton at Washington Elementary. It's nice to know he did make a difference.

Children are always so honest. I thought it was cute that she wrote, "Send to the lady."

Submitted by Marty Letoureau









-THANK YOU

FOR YOUR SUPPORT:

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PFL/DOC TEAM: IIM & BOBBY were with the families that gathered to lay their family member's brick at the Saint Luke's Hospice House Garden on October 20, 2017. This SPECIAL Saint Luke's Hospice ceremony is a guarantee to the families that their family member will never be forgotten.

THANK YOU, **BOBBY & JIM** for being with the families. friends and staff ~ GOD BLESS ALL! Woof.... Submitted by

Alexis Martin





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