



*In Loving Memory ....*

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## **GABRIEL'S ANGELS FOUNDING DOG, GABRIEL, PASSES AWAY MONDAY NIGHT AFTER A LONG BATTLE WITH CANCER**

**Phoenix, AZ – May 24, 2010** – Eleven years ago, a gentle grey dog, Gabriel, was born and destined for greatness but sadly passed away this past Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. due to a battle with cancer.

Gabriel, a Weimaraner, began visiting the children of Crisis Nursery in Phoenix at the young age of one. Gabriel offered unconditional and non-judgmental love which proved to be life- changing to the children. As a result, Gabriel continued to visit children at the Nursery as well as a group home until January of 2010 when he retired due to his fight with cancer. During his 10 years as a Pet Therapy Dog and as an ambassador for pet therapy, Gabriel changed the lives of over 5,000 children and countless adults.

"While we mourn the passing of an amazing therapy dog, we also celebrate the unconditional love, hope and compassion Gabriel shared with everyone he met," says Pam Gaber, Gabriel's mom who is also the Founder and CEO of Gabriel's Angels. "I knew Gabriel was a special dog when I brought him home. But he really proved how very special he was with all the children he helped, and his namesake will live on in his memory."

Gabriel's Angels mission is to deliver healing pet therapy to abused, neglected and at-risk children, nurturing their ability to love and trust, thereby freeing them from the cycle of violence. In Gabriel's spirit and loving memory, Gabriel's Angels 150 Pet Therapy Teams will continue to visit over 100 facilities around the Metro Phoenix area and Southern Arizona helping over 13,000 children each year. The volunteer teams, owners and their dogs, visit children in crisis nurseries, domestic violence and homeless shelters, group homes and at-risk children in after school programs and self-contained classrooms. Kids range in age from infant to 18 years old.

Gabriel's passing marks the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this powerful organization. His legacy will live on through the great work of his Angels, the dogs and owners he has inspired that give their time each week and supporters that make it all possible. Gabriel will be missed but never forgotten!

To make a donation in Gabriel's honor please call 602.266.0875 or visit [www.GabrielsAngels.org](http://www.GabrielsAngels.org) for more information or to see photos of Gabriel.