

2019/2020 Annual Report

Celebrating 20 years inspiring confidence, compassion,
and best behaviors in at-risk youth through pet therapy.





a message from our CEO

Dear Gabriel's Angels Community,

The extraordinary, multifaceted obstacles of the 2020 world health crisis have struck at every American, fostering uncertainty and distress in everyone's lives. We understand that every adult and child have been impacted in some way. Also, during this unprecedented era, Gabriel's Angels has achieved our hallmark 20th year milestone. At this unique juncture and in honor of Arizona's most vulnerable youth, we offer you an unwavering assurance that Gabriel's Angels is strong, united, and unequivocally committed to our mission to inspire confidence, compassion, and best behaviors in at-risk children through pet therapy.

During this time of transition and after 12 years of leadership as the organization's Chief Operations and Financial Officer, I am honored to support Gabriel's Angels as Acting Chief Executive Officer. My fervent desire is to lead Gabriel's Angels through this period of current social and COVID-19 pandemic related issues.

Incorporating the recommendations of local, state, and federal public health officials, we continue to keep the safety of the children we serve and our volunteers a top priority. With child welfare experts reporting significant increases in neglect and abuse from the emotional and economic impact of the pandemic, our pet therapy program is more crucial than ever before. With all this being said, Gabriel's Angels has created and is implementing safety protocols for our dedicated pet therapy teams that are still able to provide in-person visits. Virtual pet therapy visits are also being conducted and proving to create successful relationships between the kids and therapy pets. No matter whether in-person or virtual, Gabriel's Angels continues to experience overwhelming success meeting the needs of our community whenever and however possible.

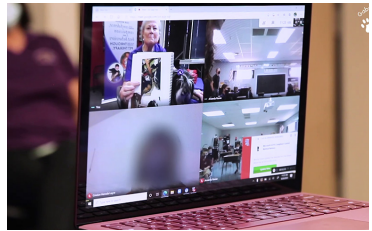
In addition, all partner agencies have access to Gabriel's Angels' professionally produced video resource library, where pet therapy teams teach focused core behaviors. Until all volunteers can safely return to in-person visits, we will continue to inspire and support our pet therapy teams to nurture at-risk children who desperately need this pet therapy connection and positive engagements.

Gabriel's Angels future has never been so clear. The overwhelming out-pouring of support from our donors, partners, and dedicated volunteers have driven the passion for our mission to new heights. We are profoundly grateful for each of you. Spurred on by the inspiration we receive from you and the youth we serve, together we will continue to bring hope to Arizona's at-risk children, confidently, for another 20 years.

Respectfully Yours,

Larry Bergholz

Larry Bergholz
Gabriel's Angels
Acting Chief Executive Officer



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Gabriel (nicknamed Gabe) the puppy was born. Pam Gaber, Gabriel's Angels' Founder begins volunteering at Child Crisis AZ, formerly known as "Crisis Nursery."

Pam and Gabe's first visit to Child Crisis AZ's annual Christmas Party, and they receive an immediate request to return after the staff witnessed the positive impact Gabe had on the children.

Gabriel's Angels becomes an incorporated entity. Pam and Gabe become the agency's first registered pet therapy team. By word-of-mouth, the organization begins to increase the number of pet therapy teams to 50 serving 4,925 children in total at 24 partner agencies, including Child Crisis AZ.

Gabriel's Angels becomes a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and in May 2001, hosts their first annual Doggie Beach Party in the Desert.

With funding by St. Luke's Behavioral Health, Gabriel's Angels conducts its first formal program evaluation. Gabriel's Angels also issues its first Annual Report citing approximately 8,700 children being served in total by 80 registered pet therapy teams at 38 partner agencies.

Gabriel's Angels breaks the 10,000 mark of children served by the agency, reporting 14,818 total children served by 110 registered pet therapy teams.

Animals and Children Together (ACT) Learning Project is developed to provide targeted activities to three distinct age groups within the at-risk population served by Gabriel's Angels. The ACT Kit is designed, and implementation begins. Gabriel's Angels staff increases, and first official financial audit is conducted.

First "Pets Helping Kids" fundraising breakfast is held and continues to be hosted annually as the "Unleash the Love" Breakfast. Gabriel's Angels' largest annual fundraiser.

Expansion to Tucson and Southern Arizona, increasing children served by Gabriel's Angels to 29,000 total children served through 7,700 total visits.

"Gabriel's Angels: The story of a dog who inspired a revolution" is published with an estimated 50,000 total at-risk, Arizona youth having been served by the organization's 150 total registered pet therapy teams at the time of the book's release. Expansion also begins into Northern Arizona.

Gabriel's death – estimated 5,000 at-risk Arizona children impacted and served by Gabe during his lifetime.

Through the financial support of the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust, Gabriel's Angels launches the Individual Intervention Program for children who are most victimized. Within its first year the Individual Intervention Program reaches 42 children in partnership with licensed therapists to encourage personal growth and development around important core behaviors and in conjunction with their treatment plans.

First registered pet therapy teams that feature a bunny and a mini horse! First annual "Salud!" wine event is hosted and continues to be held annually as the organization's Fall fundraising gala event.

With Gabriel's Angels' continued expansion into Yavapai County, the organization increases its yearly reach to serving an estimated 13,700 children across Arizona within 118 partner agencies statewide through 175 registered pet therapy teams annually.

Animals, Books, and Children (ABC) program is first implemented and focuses on providing literacy support to 1st through 3rd graders at Title I schools. Students increase their motivation to read and build core behaviors such as confidence and affiliation.

The ABC Program continues to positively impact students, reporting 2,376 books being read through the program and students increasing to 20 words read per minute. The Powerful Animals and Children Circle (PACC) program is piloted. Gabriel's Angels reports over 15,000 children served annually through 185 registered pet therapy teams at 123 statewide partner agencies.

Gabriel's Angels celebrates 20 years of serving Arizona's at-risk youth amidst the novel coronavirus or COVID-19 Global health pandemic. Through Arizona's statewide lockdown and safety closures, Gabriel's Angels innovates programming services through virtual pet therapy visits and the creation of a virtual resource library focused on Gabriel's Angels' core behaviors.

Gabriel's Angels reports a success of over \$83,000 raised through the organization's first-ever Peer-to-Peer virtual fundraising campaign on Arizona Gives Day.

making a difference



Dear Gabriel's Angels,

On behalf of Liberty Arts Academy, I want to personally thank Gabriel's Angels and the continuous community support of our school. As our Bulldogs B.A.R.K. (Brave, Attentive, Responsible, and Kind) to Excellence at Liberty, Gabriel's Angels continues to serve as a free service and opportunity for our students because of community partnerships, donors, and fundraisers.

Recently in October, I was approved to serve on the Board of Directors with Gabriel's Angels. This incredible agency and their mission are extremely important to me and Liberty Arts Academy. It is imperative that I serve through the board to continue Gabriel's Angels legacy, grow with additional services and program, and move in a positive direction by creating opportunities and offer free services for at-risk children throughout Arizona. The future of Gabriel's Angels is shining bright as we partner with local agencies, organizations, and key stakeholders to provide the emotional support and services for at-risk kids.

Within the challenges and obstacles of COVID-19, Gabriel's Angels and Liberty Arts Academy have collaborated and reinvented what services can look like through creativity, innovation, and out of the box thinking within a pandemic. Kids continue to face emotional trauma throughout this year and was crucial that we provide support for kids despite any hardships. Gabriel's Angels has been able to partner with schools and organizations to meet the individual needs of at-risk kids more than ever before with emotional, social, and academic support.

This year, our students are able to meet with Gabriel's Angels Teams virtually that creates a connection and bond that is amazing to observe. Currently, we have 2nd and 3rd grade students participating in either ABC or Group. Our students are able to participate and develop long-lasting relationships with the Gabriel's Angels Teams. Despite a pandemic, the impact that Gabriel's Angels has on our students and school is profound.

Liberty Arts Academy is so grateful for our partnership with Gabriel's Angels. In addition, we are so appreciative of the donors that truly believe in Gabriel's Angels and their ability to meet the emotional, social, and academic needs of at-risk students in Arizona. Because of your contributions to this agency, our school is able to receive free services and programs that have a direct impact on the growth and success of our kids at Liberty Arts Academy.

Thank you for your continued support of Gabriel's Angels and Liberty Arts Academy!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brady T. Wald".

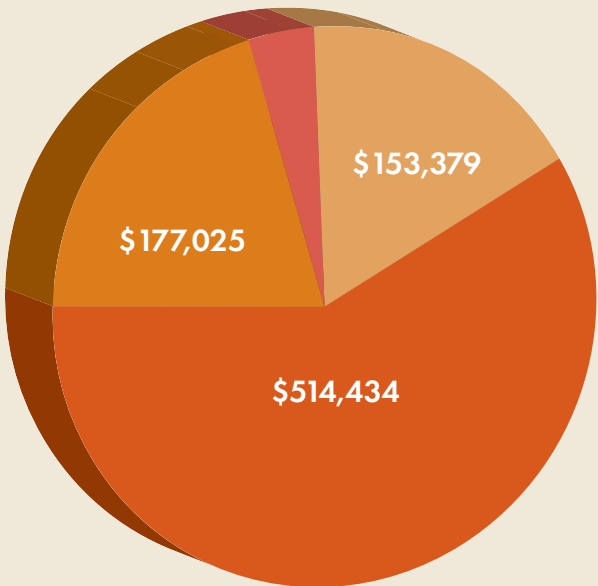
Brady T. Wald
Principal
Liberty Arts Academy

FINANCIALS

May 1, 2019 - April 30, 2020

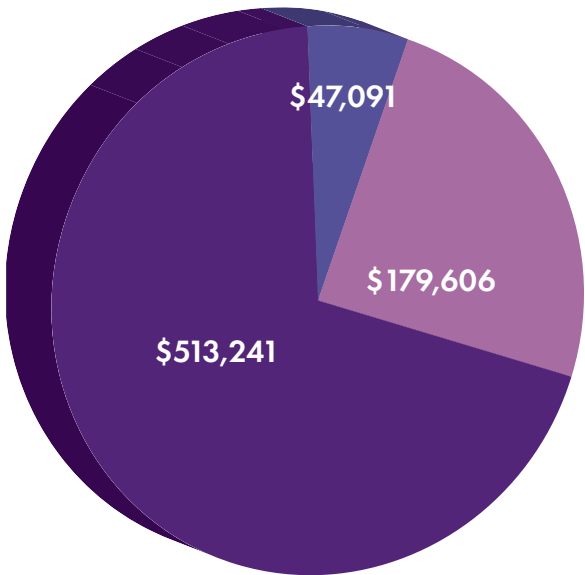
CONTRIBUTIONS

Total \$876,903
Special Events \$153,379
Individual \$514,434
Grants \$177,025 | Other \$32,065



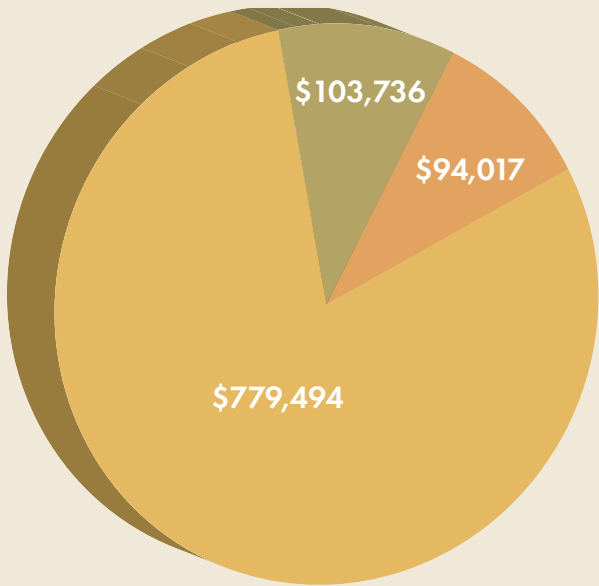
TOTAL ASSETS

Total \$739,938
Cash & Cash Equivalents \$513,241
Pledges & Other Receivables \$179,606
Other Current Assets \$47,091



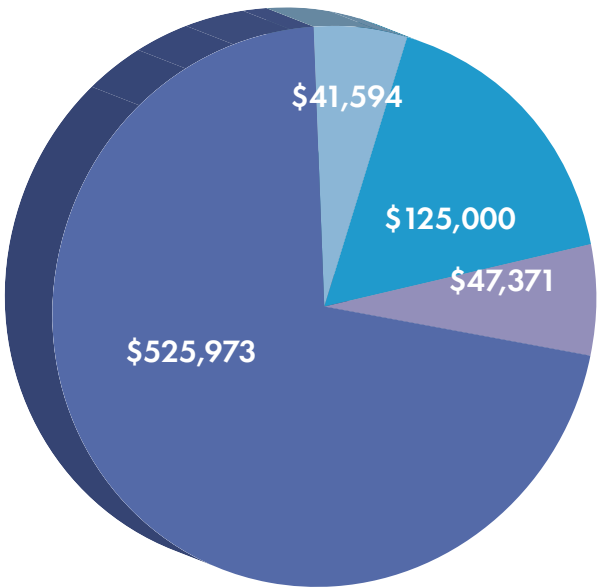
EXPENSES

Total \$977,247
Programs \$779,494
Managment/General \$103,736
Fundraising \$94,017



LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Total \$739,938
Account Payable \$41,594
Loans \$125,000 | Accrued Expenses \$47,371
Total Net Assets \$525,973





Our mission is to inspire confidence, compassion, and best behaviors in at-risk children through pet therapy.

our impact

Children who suffer from the immediate emotional effects of abuse and neglect are at-risk. Experiencing fear, anxiety, mistrust and self-blame can translate into lifelong consequences related to the child’s inability to develop core behaviors which impact the child’s ability to become a healthy, contributing member of society. Gabriel’s Angels’ pet therapy has been proven to be a successful intervention for these children.

Gabriel’s Angels’ pet therapy visits create a bond of unconditional love between a therapy dog and a child which allows for necessary core behaviors to be learned in a safe, consistent environment.

Gabriel’s Angels 2019 Facility Evaluation illustrates that a majority of children visited showed positive improvements in all seven core behaviors. Children displayed the most progress in the areas of confidence, empathy, and attachment.

FOCUSED CORE BEHAVIORS

HEALTHY ATTACHMENTS

allow a child to establish and maintain healthy emotional bonds.

SELF-REGULATION

is the ability to recognize and control feelings such as anger and frustration.

AFFILIATION

is the capacity to join others and contribute to a group.

EMPATHY

is the ability to imagine how someone else is feeling or what they are thinking in a particular situation.

TOLERANCE

is the ability to understand and accept how others are different from themselves.

RESPECT

enables a child to appreciate the value in themselves and in others.

CONFIDENCE

is when a child demonstrates a belief in their own abilities.

Research indicates children need to develop specific core behaviors in order to establish a strong foundation for a healthy and productive future.



Please note, the impact being reported is for Gabriel’s Angels’ 2019 fiscal year, reflecting data from May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020. This data includes reports from the 2019-2020 school year and takes into consideration the effects of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Global Pandemic. Although not immune to the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Gabriel’s Angels remains committed to providing pet therapy now and into the future.



"Don't judge each day by
the harvest you reap but by
the seeds that you plant."
Robert Louis Stevenson

186,735

CHILDREN SERVED SINCE INCEPTION

IMPACT THIS YEAR MAY 1, 2019 – APRIL 30, 2020

158/34
pet therapy teams

helping hands

88%
volunteer retention rate

38
new teams

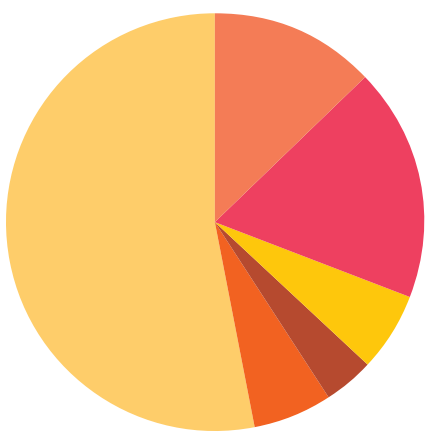
12,500
children served this year

125
partner facilities

12,225
volunteer service hours this year



volunteer/program impact



TYPES OF PARTNERING AGENCIES SERVED

- 53% Schools
- 13% After School and Head Start Programs
- 18% Child Crisis/Domestic Violence/Family Shelters
- 6% Group Homes
- 4% Juvenile Detention Centers
- 6% Residential Treatment Centers

TOP CORE BEHAVIORS IMPROVED UPON:
attachment, confidence, affiliation
(from bi-annual evaluation)



ABC NUMBERS
based on school year 2019-2020
of books read: 1,357*
of words per minute increase:
approximately 17 wpm

*Number of books read is lower than previous reports due to Covid-19 pandemic; Spring 2020 school year was not completed.

TOP CORE BEHAVIORS IMPROVED UPON:
confidence, affiliation, respect



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