



2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT

LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER/CEO

First of all, I want to thank all of our donors for your continued support! You have enabled us to serve 15,200 at-risk children again this year. These children are reached in three primary ways: our flagship Group Pet Therapy Program that focuses on building core behaviors in a group setting of 10-12 children in partner agencies such as domestic violence or homeless shelters; our Individual Intervention Program, that reaches individual children in crisis as part of a treatment plan written by a clinician; and our most recent expansion, the Animal, Books and Children (ABC) program which targets building the reading capacity of 1st-3rd graders in Title I schools who are reading far below grade level while building core behaviors. You can see over the years we have evolved and been innovative in how we instill important core behaviors in the children we serve. Trust, empathy, confidence and self-regulation are critical to a child's success as they navigate an uncertain world. Whether it is through our Group Program, Individual Intervention or the ABC Program our focus continues to be a behavioral development model that best meets the needs of the children. Without your support these programs would not be possible. We promise to continue to do our good work and serve the many children that are in need of our services. The real heroes here are the Therapy Dogs and their humans who work tirelessly to help our most vulnerable population. I say this with deep gratitude for all they do.



Thank you!

Pam Geber

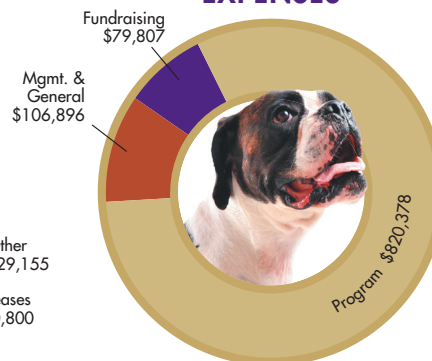
FINANCIALS

CONTRIBUTIONS



Total
\$1,096,659

EXPENSES



Total
\$1,007,081

ASSETS

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$400,464
Pledges & Other Receivables	\$292,733
Other Current Assets	\$39,868
Total Current Assets	\$733,065

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Account Payable	\$29,587
Accrued Expenses	\$50,985
Total Net Assets	\$652,493
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$733,065

FOCUSED CORE BEHAVIORS

ATTACHMENT

Healthy attachments allow a child to establish & maintain healthy emotional bonds.

SELF-REGULATION

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

AFFILIATION

This is where children master the capacity to join others & contribute to a group.

EMPATHY

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

TOLERANCE

The ability to understand & accept how others are different from themselves.

RESPECT

This enables a child to appreciate the value in themselves & in others.

CONFIDENCE

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.

OUR IMPACT

- Children who suffer from the immediate emotional effects of abuse and neglect or are at risk – fear, anxiety, mistrust, 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 child that allows for necessary core behaviors to be learned through consistent interaction with the dog.
- Gabriel's Angels 2017 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 empathy, confidence, and tolerance.



OUR HISTORY

In 2000, a one-year old Weimaraner named Gabriel, visited the Crisis Nursery in Phoenix with his owner, Pam Gaber. That encounter drastically changed not only their lives, but those of thousands of children. Based on the impacting connection between Gabriel and the children—Gabriel's Angels was born!

In May of 2010, Gabriel passed away. However, his legacy continues with over 185 volunteer Pet Therapy Teams visiting approximately 122 crisis nurseries, domestic violence and homeless shelters, group homes, residential treatment programs, juvenile detention centers, and targeted school programs. Many agencies are anxiously waiting to have Gabriel's Angels Pet Therapy program in their facility.

Gabriel's Angels serves almost 15,200 at-risk children in Arizona through the application of innovative pet therapy. The program's goal is to increase the overall sense of well-being and happiness for children in a safe environment, and to build critical core behaviors, such as trust, empathy, respect and tolerance. This includes our traditional group visits, seeing 10-12 children weekly or every other week; individual intervention, working one-on-one in a clinical setting; and our Animals, Books and Children (ABC) program, which provides not only literacy support to select 1st-3rd graders at Title I schools, but also helps them to build core behaviors such as confidence and affiliation.

LETTER FROM A PARTNER AGENCY

Dear Gabriel's Angels,

I wanted to personally thank you for the profound impact that you continue to have on our students at Liberty Arts Academy. Our school is incredibly lucky to have your Pet Therapy and ABC (Animals, Books, and Children) programs at our school. Through these amazing programs, our kids continue to grow emotionally, academically, and socially. In addition, Gabriel's Angels continues to contribute to the positive culture and climate of our school and supports our mission of doing "Whatever It Takes For Students, Families, and the Community."

Liberty Arts Academy has been the proud partner with Gabriel's Angels for over a year. With the help and support of Gabriel's Angels', our school has been able to successfully implement the PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention & Support) model "BARK to Excellence." Within this model, our LAA staff and Gabriel's Angels' TEAMS are able to teach students specific expectations and the importance of being Brave, Attentive, Responsible, and Kind.

Last year at Liberty, Gabriel's Angels' TEAMS were able to implement a new program called the ABC program. In this specific program, students were able to develop confidence in reading and experienced significant growth based on our benchmark assessments. All of our students are excited to be part of this program and experience a loving and caring environment with a Gabriel's Angels' dog and handler. Liberty is enthusiastic to announce that we will be providing our students more opportunities with the ABC program this year!

Thank you so much for your unconditional love, support, and dedication to Liberty Arts Academy. The impact that this organization continues to have on our students, families, and community is absolutely remarkable. We are so lucky to have you as a community partner that contributes to our student's growth, achievement, and success of at Liberty Arts Academy!

Sincerely,

Brady T. Wald

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There are nearly
185
Pet Therapy Teams
visiting on behalf of
Gabriel's Angels

Pet Therapy Teams
visit over
122
Arizona child serving
agency facilities.



CURRENTLY OVER
15,200 children
are visited by Gabriel's Angels
Pet Therapy Teams



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