ANNUAL REPORT

Believet™ Year in Review

2017

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SERVICE PARTNERS

BELIEVET™ PROVIDES HIGHLY SKILLED SERVICE DOGS, FREE OF CHARGE, TO DISABLED MILITARY VETERANS

A NOTE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SAM DALY

Dear friends of Believet™,

Thank you for all of your support in 2017. It was a good year because we had you at our backs

2017 was a year of progress. We expanded our volunteer force and installed a volunteer coordinator. We now have a custom database that tracks individual dog behavior, training logs for the dogs, handler training, cost per dog, and volunteer hours per dog. Current data indicates a total of 2200 hours to graduate a veteran and dog team. Our intake process is formalized and we have two consulting psychologists experienced in Post Traumatic Stress.

In 2017, Believet™ graduated five service dog teams and one emotional support team.

Believet™ is gaining momentum to help to reduce and prevent veteran suicide; every veteran that comes through our door receives the family treatment. At this time our program is still 100% free.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2018...

We are in the process of becoming a candidate for Assisstance Dogs International accreditation, and gaining registration with the Charities Review Council and GuideStar.

Believet plans to expand our training center. We currently have plans in place for an addition; adding another training room, restroom, and mechanical room to our current facility.

We hope to further the research supporting the effectiveness of service dogs for Post Traumatic Stress.

Fall of 2018 we will hold our second graduation for seven service dog teams.

PROGRAM SERVICES

Our Dogs: We rescue exceptional dogs to serve an extraordinary role. Believet™ adopts and trains service dogs and places them with veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), and other combat-related disabilities or injuries.

Our Veterans: We dedicate ourselves to the noble service of strengthening lives, to empower the military men and women who have served and sacrificed to return to civilian life with dignity and independence.

WE HAVE IMPORTANT WORK TO DO AND YOUR PARTNERSHIP MAKES IT ALL POSSIBLE

Consider a tax-deductible gift to Believet™ today! To give, visit believet.org.

Sam Daly, Executive Director

Rescue dog Sonny training at Menards

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5 SERVICE DOG TEAMS

On August 27, 2017, Believet™ held a graduation for five service dog teams. Our warrior clients represented the Marines, Army, and Air Force and served in military campaigns ranging from Vietnam to the War in Afghanistan. The Graduation was held at Rush Creek Golf Course in Maple Grove, Minnesota. The graduated dogs consisted of: Woody and Loyal, donated by Maureen Clipperton, Xena, donated by Diane Reszka, Riley, adopted from St. Francis Animal Rescue and Hero, adopted from Blue Earth County Humane Society.

1 EMOTIONAL SUPPORT DOG

On August 27, 2017, we also celebrated the graduation of one emotional support dog. Bobbi was released from the program on April 24, 2017. She is currently living in a home with an Army Veteran. Bobbi was adopted in 2016.

2 DOGS ADOPTED

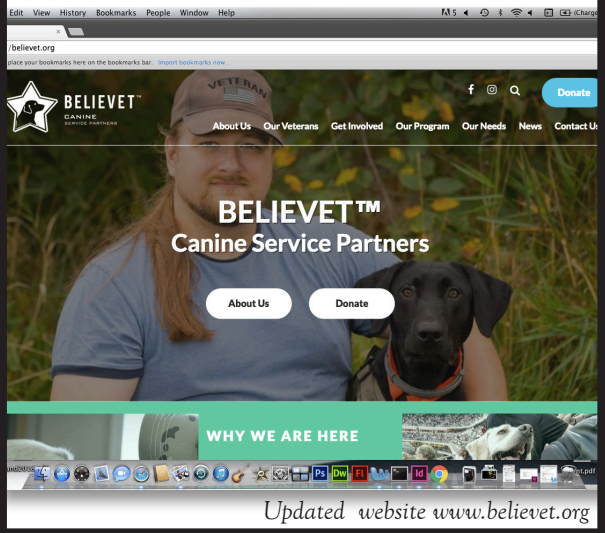
Believet™ adopted two dogs from shelters. June 27, Sonny was adopted from the Golden Valley Humane Society. November 12, Paxton was adopted from the Coon Rapids Humane Society. Both are currently still in training and are progressing well.

1 NEW WEBSITE

We began the process of launching a new website. Phase one has been completed and we have a new look and feel. Phase two (to be completed in 2018) will include an online application process as well as the existing online Eligibility Survey. Check it out at believet.org!

Gregg and service dog Loyal at the Minnesota State Fair

Bobbi, Emotional Support dog



Updated website www.believet.org

WE INTEND TO STRENGTHEN THE LIFE OF EVERY VETERAN WE SERVE AND DEEPEN THE LOVE OF EVERY FAMILY WE TOUCH.

FINANCIALS

Income Statement

Total Revenue	$114,606.00
Total Expenses	$ 89,295.00
Administration	$ 12,267.00
Fundraising	$.
Program	$ 77,028.00

Administration	14%
Fundraising	0%
Program	86%

Balance Sheet

Total Assets	$ 96,309.00
Current Liabilities	$.
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	$ 96,309.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Terrill Herbig, President
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Sam Daly, Executive Director
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KEY VOLUNTEERS

Maureen Clipperton
Dave Benson
Morgan Benson
Dave Guzzi
Doug France
Kathy Blough

FOSTER FAMILIES

Patty and Dave Benson
Dave and Mardie Guzzi
Lance and Tess Lerum
Jerald and Anne Krause
Heidi and David Eyestone
Matt Olsen
Jeff, Amber and Morgan Benson
Matt and Jessica Sewich
Lindsey Crisp
Jason, Traci and Ethan Quinnell
Erik, Gina and Jaclyn Swenson
Christopher and Mary Thurin

Board of Directors

Believet trainers, volunteers, and clients training at Econofoods

Ryder and his foster family.