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2013 Annual Report

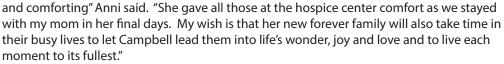
Foster homes change lives, make our work possible

We couldn't do our work without our wonderful volunteers who provide foster homes for our pups and dogs in transition. As demand for more service dogs grows, so does our need for more foster homes. It can be very rewarding, as Anni Campbell of Whidbey Island knows.

"Helping to raise Campbell has been such a joy," said Anni of the puppy she raised to become a 2013 graduate, paired with young Christopher from Marysville. "She taught me much more than I probably ever was able to teach her. The most important lesson I learned was to live in the moment, whether a happy or sad one."

Campbell loved spending time with Anni's grandsons, who took equal delight in the pup's company and helped prepare her for her new life.

"She also was my constant companion while my mother was dying. Campbell's presence was calming



See a complete list of all 2013 foster homes on page 4. Please consider joining these wonderful volunteers. To learn about becoming a foster home, contact Hallie McGee – hallie@summitdogs.org.



All grown up: Therapy dog Campbell, who was raised by Anni Campbell of Whidbey Island, was paired with 8-yearold Christopher of Marysville. Christopher suffered a severe brain hemorrhage while still in his mother's womb, and his premature birth left him unable to walk, talk or feed himself. He is cognitively aware, which results in frustration at not being able communicate. Campbell helps stimulate his awareness and gives him lots of unconditional love. "She has changed my son's life in a very positive, happy, healthy way," said Christopher's mother Christine. "Whatever connection I couldn't give him, Campbell has."

Future dog trainer? Anni Campbell's

grandson Kapili with young Campbell.

Another young applicant waits for that special dog

Justice is a joyful, social and adventurous 9-year-old with Cerebral Palsy (CP). He has a kind spirit and loves to help others, whether building a tree house with his dad or rolling his grandma's suitcase to the car. CP gives Justice an abnormal gait; bone, joint and muscle abnormalities; balance difficulties; and stress. He eagerly awaits a service dog to provide balance support, spatial awareness and constant companionship. His future companion will likely have started out in a volunteer foster home. Justice is among the 26 applicants on Summit's waiting list at the end of 2013.



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Message from the Founder/Executive Director

As I write this, the tulip fields are in full bloom in the Skagit Valley, heralding the beginning of spring and new growth everywhere. Spring is also a time when we welcome many new puppies into our program.

I am feeling a great sense of urgency these days to acquire new candidates for our training program, because in 2013 we sadly said goodbye to several Summit dogs who have faithfully served their partners for many years.

I experienced my own great sense of loss this year when my co-founding partner, a Golden Retriever named Eddy, passed away at 15 years of age. Eddy had worked alongside me since our founding in 2000, raising awareness, raising money, but most of all raising many friends for Summit.

Experiencing the painful loss of my own canine partner has made me more keenly aware of what our clients must experience

when their dogs pass away. I can't imagine a greater human/animal bond than between that of a service dog and their partner.

Each year we get many new requests for dogs, but this coming year our focus must first be on those clients who are awaiting a successor dog. They have become accustomed to the help and companionship a dog can provide, and my heart is burdened when I hear about the void they feel in their lives since losing their partner.

This year, our quest for just the right dogs will take us throughout Washington and into Florida, Arizona, Oregon, California and beyond. We are searching far and wide to find exceptional dogs for exceptional people, and we have been reaching out to well qualified breeders and other service-dog organizations.

We will continue our commitment to rescuing shelter dogs that have potential, because they deserve a new leash on life and the chance to share their support and unconditional love with those who need them. However, we must expand our search to include as many possibilities as we can to get the best dogs.

I hope we can continue to count on you, our supporters, to help create these life-changing partnerships. We need you now more than ever before!





Eddy, 1998–2013, Summit's first dog and chief ambassador

Departed Summit pioneer dogs add to applicant demand

Eddy, Summit's first dog, owned and trained by founder and executive director Sue Meinzinger, crossed the Rainbow Bridge last fall to join 16 other Summit pioneer dogs. Their passing adds to our long list of applicants waiting for dogs. Because our graduates have come to rely on their departed service dogs, we give them high priority to receive another dog. Macy, a University of Washington student, is among those waiting for her successor dog. Her beloved service dog, Brooklyn, died last year. We salute these wonderful dogs who have paved the way for Summit since its founding in March 2000.



Brooklyn, 2007–2013, shown here with Macy in 2011

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Summit gives many shelter dogs a new "leash on life"



Mario, a shelter rescue, is now a therapy dog, lighting up the life of 2013 graduate Steve Wilkie and fellow residents of Steve's nursing home.

Mario is just one of many shelter dogs Summit has rescued and brought into our program. Mario came from the Tacoma Humane Society and was paired with Steve, a Lake Stevens resident, in 2013. Steve sustained a Traumatic Brain Injury after a vicious criminal attack and is unable to talk or care for himself. Mario helps by stimulating and comforting Steve, and he spreads joy throughout the nursing home where Steve lives.

Summit staff rescued 15 dogs from various shelters in 2013. Some of them have undergone assessment and training at the Monroe Correctional Facility, where we have a training partnership, and are continuing in advanced training. Others turned out not to have quite what it takes to become a Summit service dog and have changed careers. Five went to Pacific Coast K-9 in Custer, WA, for training to become drug- and bomb-sniffing dogs. Others, like Paisley (right), were rehomed as loving pets in forever homes.



Her name was Ariana when she came to us from a shelter, but she is Paisley to her new forever family, Janice and Connell of Delta. B.C.

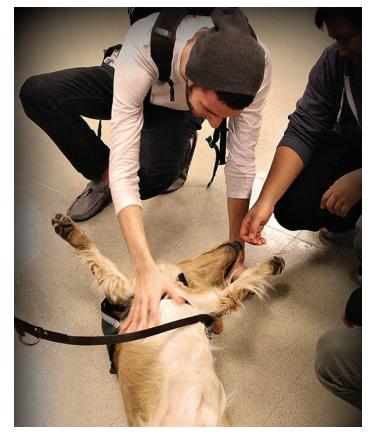
De-stressing with puppy love at Edmonds Community College

Part of the training for Summit's dogs involves socialization, and some have been getting that while also helping stressed-out students unwind a bit during final exam time.

More than 200 Edmonds Community College students have visited Summit puppies and dogs during Doggy De-Stress Days at the college. Summit has gathered up the pack twice and headed to the college right before finals weeks, and we're looking forward to continuing this mutually beneficial relationship. Based on the comments we heard from students, we achieved our goal of helping make things a little better in what can be a tough week.



Summit pup Oscar is up for the task!



Nothing like a good tummy rub to brighten everyone's day.

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Meet Summit Assistance Dogs – Kitsap

Kitsap Peninsula volunteers rock!

They raise puppies. They foster older dogs. They raise money. They do outreach. They are, in effect, a branch of Summit Assistance Dogs on the Kitsap Peninsula, and they are super heroes in our book. This year, they won first prize with a record number of votes in a Mardi Gras float competition, earning \$3,000 for Summit.

Over the years, this self-managed group has fostered more than 30 dogs for Summit, along with the fundraising they have done. One of their annual events is the Mardi Gras at a local casino, where they enter a float in competition for a cash prize that they donate to Summit.

To build awareness for Summit and the role of service dogs, they participate in school assemblies, focusing on safety around dogs, positive training methods, and the ways that dogs help people with disabilities. They are often accompanied by 2010 graduate Steve Ellison of Auburn and his service dog Crocker, who was raised by Kitsap volunteer Donna Vaquer of Port Orchard.

They also encourage young people to read through read-a-thons sponsored in local schools. The read-a-thons also raise money, with students gathering sponsorships for pages read. Their first read-a-thon last year raised more than \$2,000, and the second one is in the works for spring 2014.

"We love helping young people learn about service dogs and what they do, while at the same time, inspiring them to read and be creative," said Donna, one of the original members of Summit Assistance Dogs – Kitsap. Other key members of the group are Andrea Crispin,



Crocker, 2010 graduate with Steve Ellison, visits with Kitsap students.



Chloe, who belongs to Donna Vaquer, encourages a young boy to read.

Brenda Crispin and Dianne Canafax of Seabeck; Dick From, Nancy Johnson and Jill Kirshner of Poulsbo; Jane and Terry Dielman of Port Orchard; and Dianne Ellison, Steve's mother.



Summit-Kitsap float wins \$3,000 grand prize!

Our 2013 foster families

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Creative kids raise money for Summit

You don't have to be an adult to support Summit. Here are a few examples of what some young people are doing for us.

Last spring, students at Sunnyslope Elementary School in Port Orchard raised more than \$2,000 during a month-long read-a-thon. The students asked friends and family for sponsorships for each page they read at their age-appropriate level. Kitsap volunteers also held mini-events each of the four weeks of the read-a-thon, including a disability awareness week and a used-book swap week.

Yellow Labrador banks are popping up in Granges around the state of Washington under an initiative sponsored by members of Washington State Junior Grange. Junior Grange members visit Granges in their areas, present information about Summit and leave behind the banks they have created for fundraising purposes. Their goal is to raise \$2,500 by June 2014, when they hold their annual conference.



Members of Anacortes Girl Scout Troop 52101 deliver dog supplies to Summit.

Anacortes Girl Scout Troop 52101 partnered with Summit Assistance Dogs for their 2013 give-back project. The girls donated boxes of cookies to Summit staff during a troop visit to learn about our mission and what our dogs do. They later used a portion of their cookie



Jacob, from Palouse, is one of many Washington Junior Grangers raising money for Summit.

proceeds to buy supplies for Summit, which also connected the girls with Dogs on Call, an all-volunteer organization of certified therapy dogs that visit facilities such as hospitals, nursing homes and schools.

Highly successful training program into fourth year and growing

Summit's training partnership with the Monroe Correctional Facility is coming up on its four-year anniversary, and it's going strong. To better accommodate the growing program, a new outdoor training and exercise area is being added to the existing training and grooming areas at the prison.

"This training partnership has really helped us increase the number of dogs we can place," said Sue Meinzinger, Summit's Executive Director. "We have a very small training staff, so the work the inmates do to prepare dogs for advanced work with our staff trainers is wonderful."

The program has produced 13 graduate dogs so far. Five were 2013 graduates – Campbell, Max, Hyak, Baylor and Isabelle.

Older puppies and dogs from shelters go to the prison for nine-week sessions with inmate trainers who work in pairs, living 24/7 with and training the dogs. The inmates attend training sessions twice a week with Summit trainers Lisa Freshour and Hallie McGee, learning how to handle dogs and reinforce positive behaviors. A veterinarian also teaches a session on first aid.



Marc Hagedorn & Beemer

"When they start in the training program, they only seem to notice bad behaviors in the dogs," Lisa said. "After a while, they learn to see and positively reinforce good behaviors. They become proactive rather than reactive. They also learn better communication and problem-solving skills."

"Prison takes your humanity away," inmate Marc Hagedorn said. "You become selfish, distrusting and emotionally isolated, but that changed when Summit assigned me a dog. My partner and I fed, trained, protected, played with, cared for and shared our cell with this amazing dog. While we worked to help turn him into a service dog, he turned us back into human beings."

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We love our donors!

Summit Assistance Dogs relies on the generosity of our donors to do our work of changing lives four paws at a time. We are so grateful for their support in 2013 and are pleased to honor them on these pages. If we inadvertently missed you, please let us know so we can acknowledge you in our next newsletter.

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2013 Financial Results (FY 1/1/13 – 12/31/13)

Income

Corporate Donations and Grants	67,575.44
Employee Giving Campaigns	68,703.60
Event Income	81,755.96
Foundation Grants	24,250.00
Individual Donors	104,618.17
In-Kind Donations	300.00
Investment Income	24,873.82
Organization Donations	13,265.90
Program Service Revenue	13,922.21
Sale of Merchandise	3,348.65
Total Income	\$402,613.75

Expenses

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Advertising/Marketing	298.10
Dues & Subscriptions	1,613.00
Employee Expenses	243,189.09
Fundraising Events	9,806.84
Insurance - Liability	2,472.49
Meals & Entertainment	2,955.73
Occupancy	29,439.70
Outreach Events	6,810.92
Postage & Delivery	3,072.91
Printing & Copying	10,188.94
Professional Services	46,085.84
Supplies	34,364.59
Telephone/Communication	4,185.33
Training	328.25
Travel	4,793.41
Vehicle	3,854.34
Total Expenses	\$403,459.48

2013 Accomplishments

- Graduated 8 new service dog teams
- Provided follow-up support to 50 graduate teams
- Gave 15 rescued shelter dogs a "new leash on life"
- Placed 27 career-change dogs with forever families
- Transferred 5 career-change dogs to a bomb and drug detection program
- Had 16 dogs trained by inmates in the Monroe Prison Partnership Program

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2013 Graduate Teams



Alex & Baylor Seattle, WA Mobility Service Dog



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Whidbey Island, WA Professional Therapy Dog

Barbara & Max



