



Annie & Millie's Place

2022 Annual Report

MISSION The mission of Annie and Millie's Place is to keep humans experiencing homelessness together with their fur family by evolving pet-friendly solutions, programs and resources.

GUIDING VISION "I am welcomed as I am, with all that I bring with me, including my dog, who is giving me the love I need right now." - Casey

What a Year: Report from Executive Director

When I first started this organization, I truly had no idea where it would lead me, what I would learn in the process, and all that I would encounter along the way. In 2021 it felt like we were walking into a dark room and simply turning on the overhead lights and saying, "Okay, what do we have in here?" We could see an overview of what resources were, and were not, available for people experiencing homelessness with pets. In 2022 we have walked through that room, looking at each area a little bit closer and turned on some spot lights to focus our attention. We identified four main areas of need: Veterinary Care, Doggie Day Care, Safe-Keep Foster Care, and Outreach. Within each area we are working to turn on some laser beams to focus even more on the specific needs in each area and evolve systems and resources to address those needs.

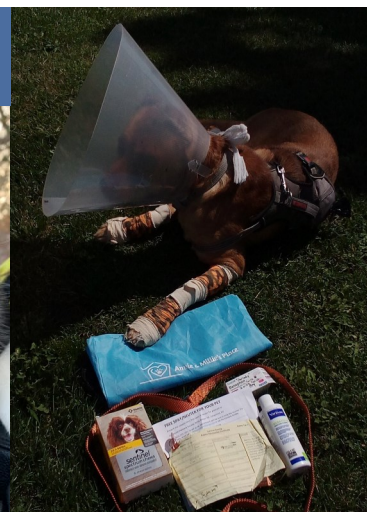
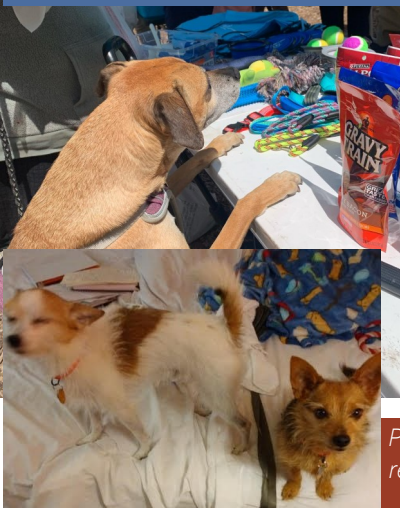
I know that this work is happening due to the partnerships we have been blessed to discover along the way. In March, I was invited by **My Dog Is My Home** (www.mydogismyhome.org) to **share our story** at their Co-Sheltering Conference. I was deeply honored to have the space to share our dream and find so much support from others who share this passion. Additionally, My Dog Is My Home is working diligently to create a video that tells our story, which has been a dream of mine from the very beginning. It was shortly after that conference that we were

invited by **PetSmart Charities** to apply for a grant to help us set our foundation for growth. We received that grant and have utilized it to pay a small stipend to a few staff to help organize, integrate and build our administrative systems. Then along came the **Longmont Community Foundation** and its grant which allowed us to really introduce ourselves to our Longmont community. From there, we have continued to build relationships with other non-profit organizations and businesses whose generosity allows us to bring goods and services directly to those we serve.

Looking back, I cannot believe how much we have grown these past two years. I know that we are just getting started and there is so much more work to do. However, I am **energized when I have the honor to connect with someone in need** and feel their genuine appreciation. When I have the opportunity to connect with an individual or group and tell our story I can feel the "juice" coursing through my body. Working alongside board members and volunteers has been fun and uplifting. Knowing that we are **doing real meaningful work in our community** is an exciting and growth-filled challenge and I am so thankful to be doing this work. I do none of it alone, so thank YOU for being along for the ride.

- Kristen Baltrum, Founder/Executive Director

"Thank you all for showing up. We really need this. I love you guys." – a recipient of supplies at our outreach in Boulder



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We have been busy: Program update

Veterinary Care

Veterinary Care continues to be one of the top needs, and expenses, we have encountered. We are extremely grateful for the support of the Street Dog Coalition (www.thestreetdogcoalition.org) for their partnership in providing free clinics to pets of the homeless. In 2022 we were able to assist **13 animals** with payments for urgent or emergency veterinary care. There were another **50+ animals** served at the three clinics we hosted for the Street Dog Coalition. This is an amazing amount of care provided for the furry family of people in need! **#Health**



*"I wanted to thank everyone at Annie and Millie's Place for caring about my dog Meadow. Meadow has had a rough time the last few months with vet visits. Between early arthritis, a fractured tooth, and recently a bacterial infection the savings was drained. I sure appreciate your help with Meadow's recent vet bill. That was so extremely kind and generous. I can't thank you enough for your compassion, generosity, and true love for animals."
– Stacey, whose dog Meadow is now healthy and free of pain.*

Doggie Day Care

Our partnership with Dee-O-Gee and HOPE for Longmont for Doggie Day Care is up and running! So far **1 pup** loved his day at camp! This is a great resource for the outreach team of HOPE to be able to offer in addition to all of the other services they offer. **#Partnership**

Foster Care

Safe Keep Foster care has been our biggest challenge. Even though we sponsored the foster care of **7 animals** in 2022, Animal Shelters and Humane Societies across the board are at maximum capacity. There simply aren't enough shelters or homes for the animals in need. Because we rely on partners to provide this care, and they are currently unable to do so to the extent needed, we are redirecting our resources to investigating alternative spaces for animals and intensifying our work to develop a co-shelter facility where people and animals can be housed together. This is our ultimate goal. **#InTogetherness**



Outreach

Every other week we are present alongside the organization Feet Forward (www.feetforward.org) in Boulder with a table full of supplies like dog and cat food, treats, toys, harnesses, leashes, and more. We are getting to know the community that gathers there and walk alongside those stories. Each week we see between **8 and 20 individuals** who need pet resources. This outreach is at the heart of our work because it is about acknowledging the dignity of all the members of our community. **#UnleashCompassion**

We continue to be in partnership with HOPE for Longmont in responding to emergencies as they arise. This past December when the weather was dipping to -23degrees, we knew there was a life-threatening situation at hand for those who could not access shelter with their animal. Together with the outstanding street outreach team, we were able to place **2 individuals** and their dogs in a hotel for three nights, each with their own room. **#HumanAnimalBond**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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Kristen Baltrum, Executive Director

Gabrielle Kapsak, Administrative Assistant

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Karen Aumann, Inventory Manager

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Liesl Begnaud, President

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Heather Ditillo (term expired 2022)

"I always said I would never turn myself in. I guess I am turning a new leaf instead." – a gentleman said as he signed his dog into foster care so he could clear a ticket with a short term jail sentence. They were reunited 3 weeks later.



This Outreach Brought to You By: Our donors and supporters

We are excited to have launched our new levels of individual donor support. **Top Dogs** are the supporters who donated \$1000.00 or more. Our **Fat Cats** are those who gave \$500 or more. **The Pack** are the multitude of supporters who donated any amount at any time. We are deeply grateful for all of the support, financial and in-kind. Your support truly makes all our work possible.

Top Dogs

Karen Aumann
Lorraine Baltrum
Robert and
Kristen Baltrum
Lori Bruner

Fred Fanton
Brett Hellman and
Michael Norton
Leslie Irvine
Tony and Linda Sokol

Neil and Deb Stewart
Jim and Laura Strouse
Kurt and Senta Vagle

Fat Cats

Nancy Curtis
Erwin Gerbers
Kathy Haramy
Kristin Janicek
Jeanne Maloney

Doug and Katherine
Spencer-Inskeep
Shawn and Mandy
Wormke

The Pack

Ralph Anderson
Jackie Aumann
Robert Aumann
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Madi Baltrum
Liesl Begnaud
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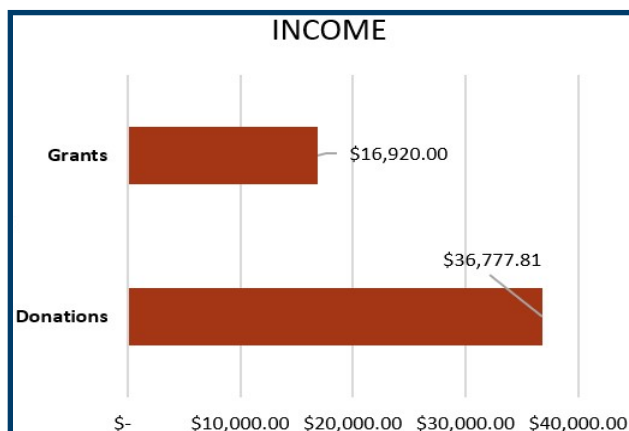
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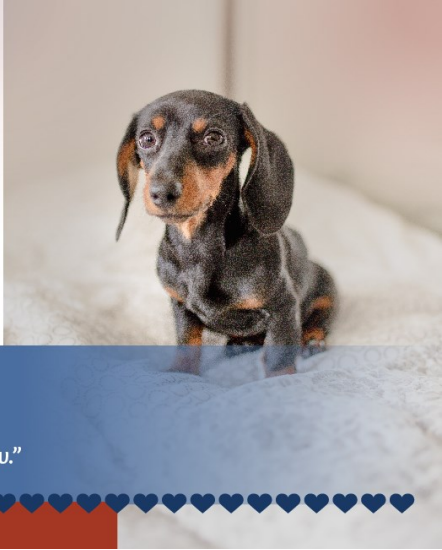
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Atonement Lutheran Church
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Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Dee-O-Gee
First Evangelical Lutheran Church
Four Paws and Company
Girl Scout Troop 76091
Lefthand Animal Hospital
Mike O'Shays
PetSmart Charities
Porch Box USA
Project V.E.T.S. (Veterinary Equipment Technology and Supplies)
Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp

The Books: Financial report

We are very thankful for the support we received in 2022. We received two grants and doubled our individual donor base. This is encouraging for 2023 as we seek to further expand our reach and focus in on our program areas, partnerships and vision for growth. Our expenses reflect our response to needs as they arose, which provides data for planning for the coming year. Thank you for your generous support. —Senta Vagle, Board Treasurer





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