Brigadoon Service Dogs

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

A MESSAGE FROM DENISE

Offering a Helping Paw

It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone. Not only did we make it through COVID, but I must also say that this has been *the year of the puppy!* Thanks to being awarded the *Wounded Warrior Service Dog Program* grant (and to a few generous puppy breeders who donated some really cute puppies), **Brigadoon** has increased our ability to raise more service dogs for veterans, children, and civilians during the next two years. Special thanks to *PADS* (*Pacific Assistance Dogs* in Canada) for contributed two labs. And thank you to one of our participating *Prison Program* inmates and his wife who contributed *Foxi*, one the cutest Corgi mixes I've ever seen. She is super sweet and really easy to train too. As we gain momentum for 2021, this *Annual Report* is an opportunity for us to look back and simply say, *THANK YOU to you* (*and everyone) for all your support*. *We could not have done this without you!*

Denise - **Brigadoon Service Dogs'** *Executive Director*

DAVIE

The Courthouse Dog

At the end of 2019, **Brigadoon Service Dogs** partnered with *Courthouse Dog Foundation* and *Victim Support Services* and together, we applied for a *Boeing Employee Credit Union-People to People Partnership Grant*. At the beginning of 2020, *we got the grant!* Funding covered the cost for **Brigadoon** to pair one of our service dog with a *Courthouse Dogs* program.

Courthouse Dogs is an organization that takes a service dog to court. Now, Davie, a Brigadoon dog, goes every day on his rounds in Whatcom, Skagit and Island County courthouses. His sole purpose--*comfort victims in court or depositions.*

Imagine being a child who must take the stand and answer a lawyer's questions as a judge, a jury, even the perpetrator watches on. *How scary would that be?* Now imagine coming to court and meeting one of the friendliest, most mellow dogs you've ever met — *Davie.* Davie is a dog that you can just pet and pet and pet. We are so grateful to *Boeing Employee Credit Union*, *Courthouse Dogs Foundation* and *Victim Support Services* in making this happen.

A 2020 HIGHLIGHT!

Brigadoon Receives Its First Federal Grant

One of the biggest highlights for 2020 was receiving our first federal grant, significant in size, from the *Wounded Warrior Service Dogs Program.* Put together by the *U.S. Defense Department* and run by the *Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences*, these funds helped to expand **Brigadoon's** ability to reach eighteen more veterans over the next two years.

Currently, **Brigadoon** has a two-to-three-year waitlist. That's just too long to wait when you are suffering. In January 2020, our board determined **Brigadoon** needed to expand in order shorten that wait time. We immediately applied for the *Wounded Warrior Service Dogs Program* grant and by July, were awarded the grant totaling $326,000, half for 2020 and the other half for 2021.

An expansion of this size is a challenge for any small business. *How can this be you ask?* Well, here's the scoop. The *Wounded Warrior Service Dogs Program* grant funding only lasts until the end of June 2021. *But we don't plan on shrinking back in size after that date.*

At **Brigadoon**, we want to meet the community needs *for years to come.* To do this, we need to raise funds in a way that is stable and ongoing. This is why in 2020, we started our ***BE A HERO* Campaign**. ***BE A HERO*** helps us to build onto our current financial foundation *to serve more veterans each year, every year.*

(Photo: Mario, one of our Prison Program inmates works with Gracie and Liberty.)

BE A HERO!

Be a part of *Something Bigger* at *Brigadoon*

Veterans are the heroes of our country and service dogs can help those who were injured live more independent lives. Training dogs and paying for their food, veterinary services, dog supplies doesn't stop … *no matter what.* When you make an ongoing pledge at **Brigadoon**, *you become our **hero*** by helping **Brigadoon** build a circle of support. Join our ***BE A HERO Circle**. Here's how!*

Pledge a monthly or quarterly amount that continues giving regularly until you are ready to stop. Set it up once using your credit card and then don't think about it again until you are ready to end your **Brigadoon** giving. *This saves you time!* Just think, when that *year-end Annual Appeal* letter arrives in your mailbox this November, you can think to yourself, "*That's already taken care of!"* That feels really good. What even feels better is know that you are helping an injured veteran to get a service dog. *That feels GREAT.*

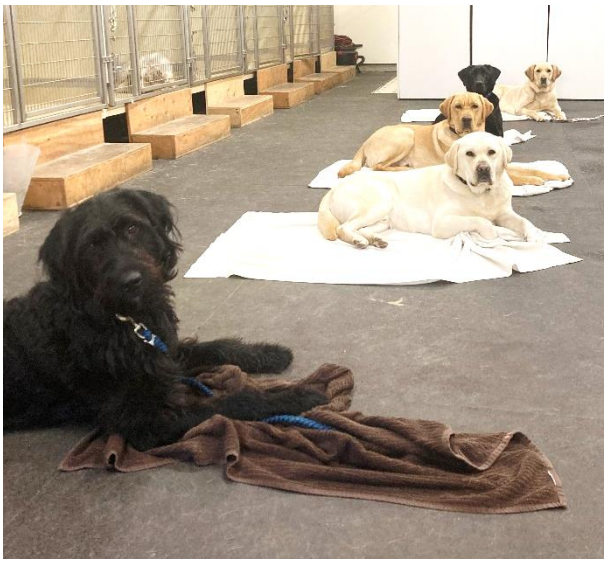
Puyallup Tribe

Washington State

NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES

Made a BIG DIFFERENCE for

Brigadoon in 2020!



During 2020, *Snoqualmie Tribe* donated $10,000 for a year of training for one of our dogs; *Puyallup Tribe of Indians* donated $7,500 to cover food, veterinary bills, and dog supplies for a year at *Cedar Creek Correction Facility Prison Program*; and *Tulalip Tribes* donated $5,000 by matching funds with *Wounded Warrior Service Dog Program* to help veterans like Jon and Sir.

Jon is a Navy veteran who works for *WA Employment Security*. There, he helps inmates to find work when they complete their prison sentence. Jon learned about **Brigadoon** when a *Prison Program* inmate, newly released, went to Jon seeking employment. This inmate shared Brigadoon's story then Jon reached out to us. Now Jon brings is partner Sir to work with him every day. And Sir meets all those who Jon serves. We are so proud to be a part of this team *and we thank our Native American partners who are the very heart of its success.*

Michael, a veteran, and Paddington are one of 2020 graduating teams. Michael shares their story on video. If you have seen it yet -- *it's worth the watch!* Go to *brigaoondogs.org*. You will find a link on our homepage. *It will warm your heart!*

According to ***Canines for Service***, a service dog organization out of North Carolina:

- There are 19.5 million U.S. Veterans.
- 25% have service-connected disabilities.
- 1 in 3 have had post-combat mental health challenges.
- 22 veterans per day take their own life.

Service Dogs help:

- Reduce anxiety and stress.
- Increase serotonin levels.
- Strengthen relationships.
- Increase confidence.
- Reduce hypervigilance.
- Decrease reliance on prescription drugs.
- Provide sense of daily purpose and focus.
- Assists with recovery from a fall.
- Increase independence.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

2020 PROFIT & LOSS

INCOME: $468,267

Veteran Programs - $157,173

General Fund - $180,787

Client Specific - $56,930

Events - $43,171

Sales - $4,172

In-Kind Donations - $26,219

EXPENSE: $452,369

Programs - $316,866

Admin - $63,800

Development - $71,703

2020 BALANCE SHEET

Assets - $528,060

Liabilities - $260,973

Equity - $267,087

NOTE – In Assets and in Liabilities, $200,037 is the *Wounded Warrior Service Dog Program* funding for *Spring 2021 Veterans* not yet spent.

LEAVE A LEGACY

What legacy would you like to leave the world?

Think of Brigadoon when you do your end-of-life planned giving.

Talk to our financial planner about bequests in a will or trust.

BRIGADON'S AUCTION

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

This year, **Brigadoon** is planning *two events in one!* We are having an *In-Person* **Gala Dinner** with live and silent auction the evening of September 11, 2021 *at the Bellwether Hotel*. ***SAVE THE DATE!*** The week before, we are having our ***Virtual Online Auction Event*** with even *MORE* live and silent auction items. *It's going to be so much fun. Details coming soon:* ***brigadoondogs.org/2021auction****.*

Will Donating Items to Our Auction Really Make a Difference for *YOUR business?*

By Development Director Julia Clifford

When I spilled a whole jar of homemade chicken soup in my car's passenger seat, I didn't even look around for the "best buy" in car cleaning services. I went straight to *Final Touch Auto Spa* simply because they donated to **Brigadoon's** *2020 Auction*.

Our *2020 Auction* sponsors were: *Gary's Plumbing and Heating*, *Access Real Estate Services*, *Hempler's*, *Northshore Veterinary Hospital*, *Peoples Bank*, *Whatcom Educational Credit Union*, *Animal Emergency Care*, *Binyon Vision Center*, *Kulshan Veterinary Hospital*, *Happy Pooch Styling Spa*, *Seakamp Engineering*, *Whatcom Lawn.*

Some businesses go the next step up. When **Brigadoon** hired *Gary's Plumbing and Heating* to install our new dog bathing sink, we were ready to pay, *but they waived the bill! Northshore Veterinary Hospital* waived 20% of **Brigadoon's** 2020 bills, *which added up to over $4,000*.

Lots of businesses contributed to our auction last year. *Check out our giving list to see them all.* If you know of a business (or own a business), reach out to them; ask if they (or you) will contribute either cash, an item or a service to **Brigadoon's** 2021 Auction Event! *Your participation really helps.*

Will contributing to ***Brigadoon's*** *auction make any difference to your business? You bet!*

A DILEMMA

Some Clients Face

It takes two years to raise a service dog before it's ready to go to a client. The cost: *$30,000 for each dog.* At **Brigadoon**, we get a cost savings thanks to our *Volunteer Puppy Raisers* and to Inmates that participate in our *Prison Programs* at four correction facilities located throughout Washington State. Their help allows us to only charge civilians a third of the cost and never charge a veteran.

Grants like the *Wounded Warrior Service Dog Program* are vital to our success in waiving veterans' fees. But what about children and civilians who are in need? What happens if they can't afford that $10,000 cost for their service dog? ***Here's a great tip from one of our clients.***

In 2020, Robin Debates, *seen above with her previous service dog Nugget,* was one such client. When Nugget wanted to retire, Robin needed a new service dog so she reached out to her circle of friends and family. She even reached out to a foundation and she asked for help. Robin simply put a letter together explaining why she needed a service dog, mailed it to her community and then followed up with folks to see if they could contribute. *And they did!* Friends and family sent funds directly to **Brigadoon** making their donation tax deductible. Within a few months, Robin raised *over* $10,000! *more than enough* for her new dog!

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Businesses and Brigadoon

Businesses who offer *Matching Funds* double the difference. For example, **Brigadoon** received an additional $15,000 from *Microsoft* when they matched several employees' contributions to **Brigadoon**.

Not all businesses have a ***Matching Funds*** programs, but many make giving easier for their employees to give. Businesses take out a small amount from a participating employee's paycheck and, each quarter, they send the accumulated amount to **Brigadoon.** *Washington State Employee Giving* contributed $2,241. *King County Employee Giving* is another opportunity that we just joined.

Some businesses give out of their own profits. *Pinnacle Printing Foundation* contributed $1,500 to Brigadoon. *FedEx* donated $1,250 to fix our puppy yard and provide all their dog supplies. *PayPal Giving Fund* contributed $1,005.

Have a car that you need to get rid of? One of our supporter's donated his car to *Charitable Adult Rides & Services.* When they sold the car for him, they sent a check to **Brigadoon**.

What does your place of employment offer?
It might just pay to ask!

A SPECIAL THANKS

To YOU, Our 2020 Donors!

100,000 or more
Wounded Warrior Service Dog Program

$50,000 - $99,999

Cuquita & Mark Lindsey

$15,000 - $24,999

Microsoft Matching Funds Program

$10,000 - $14,999

American Warrior Initiative

Matthieu & Audrey Mezil
Microsoft is matching their funds!

Snoqualimie Tribe

$5,000 - $9,999

Puyallup Tribe of Indians

Rasmuson Foundation
On behalf of Robin DeBates

Boeing Employees Credit Union
Courthouse Dogs Foundation Partnership

Matt Ford & Jessica Van Liew (Monthly)
Includes $2,400 in *Auction Item* donation

Ellen Hodges

Janet Mulder

Northshore Veterinary Hospital
Includes $4000 in Veterinary Services

Tulalip Tribe - Quil Ceda Village

$2,000 - $4,999

Beardsley Foundation

Dana & Dan Hanks
Includes $2950 in *Auction Item* donations

Judith Fischer
On behalf of Robin DeBates

Boeing Employees Credit Union
Microsoft is matching their funds!

Gary's Plumbing & Heating, LLC

Jeff and Patti Jouper (Monthly)

Rainer & Susan Hummel

Lauren & Steven Gordon
In part, celebrating Michael & Lauren's Birthdays

Network For Good

Glynda Bockler
To support a Veteran

Shannon Flory

Kristen Parsons & Lance Rosen
Includes $610 in *Auction Item* Donations from their business *Third Channel Media*

Peoples Bank

$1,000- $1,999

United Way of Skagit County

Richard & Sylvia Gerry

Eugenia Lennon
Includes $1,000 in *Auction Item* donations

Lynnwood Rotary Community Foundation
An annual *Legacy Gift* from K. Greiner to support a Veteran

Pinnacle Printing Foundation
To support a Veteran

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For Puppy Yard Improvements

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PayPal Giving Fund

Access Real Estate Services

Anonymous (Mudge, Frank)

Joan & John Brenner

Tim R. Coburn

Pat & Ron Fleming
In part, in memory of Paul Barlock
Includes $800 in Auction Item donation

Hempler's

Kitz Canine Charitable Foundation

Karl & Edwina Kleeman

John & Sandra Tholen

Elizabeth & Kelsey Wagner

$500- $999
WA Secretary of State - Employee Giving

David Prien
Microsoft is matching their funds!

Amazon Smile

Sissi Sondgroth

Marguerite & Dan Turner
Includes $165 in *Auction Item* donations

Anonymous

Linda Hilton

Apple Matching Funds Program

Steven & Catherine Heathers
In memory of David Heathers

Charitable Adult Rides & Services

Truist by Frontstream

Michael O'Connell

Ruth Tourjee

Northwest Driftwood Artists

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Honoring Melissa Wilts' Birthday Wish

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On behalf of Robin DeBates

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Includes $80 in Auction Item donations

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Animal Emergency Care

Nancy Barga (Monthly)

Binyon Vision Center

Lynda Dragland

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In memory of Douglan

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100-249

Barbara L. Lyman (Monthly)

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Victim Support Services
From families & friends of MP & VC
For Davie the Courthouse Dog

Rev. Thomas & Rev. Thelma Darling
In memory of Leon

Barbara Keller

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Robin Debates (Monthly)

Sharon Anderson (Monthly)

Jenny Walker (Quarterly)

Cambia Health Solutions Matching Funds (Monthly)

Vickki Cosentino

Willow Idlewild
On behalf of Robin DeBates
Apple is matching their funds!

James Miears

Sarah Andersen (Monthly)
Microsoft is matching their funds!

LIM Yoga

Kara Cohen

Robert Miller

Richard & Karen Clark (Monthly)

Markle Susan (Monthly)

Jeffrey H Starrfield
Celebrating Joell Nylund's birthday!

Loraina Harper (Monthly)

Helene Jones

Anonymous
Honoring Melissa Wilts' Birthday Wish!

Devon Burns

Christine Castellan
On behalf of Robin DeBates

Shinichi Daimyo
In memory of Leon

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On behalf of Elias Efrem

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David & Jo Maas

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Meridian Auto and Tire, Inc.

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On behalf of Elais Efrem

Anne Murphy

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Rebecca and Dan Peck
In memory of David Heathers

Kenneth R Peirce

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Lois & William Proctor

Abigail Raish

Denise Reardon
On behalf of Robin DeBates

John Reynolds

Nancy Sathrum
In memory of David Heathers

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In memory of Paul Barlock

Christine Simiriglia
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Lindsey Knaus, Matt Chapmen & Jeremiah Franks

Thanks also to our quarterly and monthly donors for being a part of our **BE A HERO Circle of Support.**

Each time you see a name with monthly or quarterly next to it, you'll know … these are *our HEROES!*

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Donors

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Chrysalis Hotel & Spa

Maxine Seelenbinder-Apke

Taco Time NW

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Raspberry Ridge Golf Course

Garden Spot

Can *YOUR*

SHOPPING HABITS

Really Help Brigadoon?

Let's Find Out!

Next time you go shopping, see if the store where you shop has a *Giving Program*. If they do, then add **Brigadoon** as your organization of choice.

Fred Meyer, *Amazon* and others will contribute a percentage of your purchase total to **Brigadoon** when you sign onto their giving program.

- In 2020, *Amazon Smile* shoppers donated $875!
- *Costco* shoppers contributed $565!
- *Kroger* shoppers donated $196.
- *NuVet Labs* shoppers donated $65.
- *Fred Meyers* has a program too!

Make BRIGADOON

YOUR charity of choice!

A NEW YEAR

A New Opportunity for Brigadoon!

Meet our newest board member, Jeremiah Franks. Jeremiah joined our board at the end of 2020, and we are so glad he did. Jeremiah has jumped in with two feet, helping us to make facility improvements; photographing Clay, (one of our white husky puppies as he grows and learns how to be a service dog); and reaching out to businesses to secure auction items for this year's event. (Jeremiah's already secured a *weekend stay* at a beautiful home on *Orcas Island!*)

Jeremiah moved to Bellingham from Nebraska. While living in the middle of the plains, he was a *Police K9 Trainer and K9 Handler* for the Sheriff's office. He also worked in *EMS* and the fire department. As a firefighter, he helped organize Pancake Breakfasts and other fun, fundraising community events. Now, after moving to Bellingham, he works in Real Estate at *Coldwell Banker Bain*.

Recently, Jeremiah shared with us a unique way that real estate agents and *Coldwell Banker Bain* work together to give back to our community. This is a new opportunity for **Brigadoon** and we immediately signed up to be a community partner.

This is how it works, says Jeremiah*. Anytime I sell a property from anyone 'associated' with Brigadoon, even if it's a friend of a friend of a friend, Brigadoon benefits. Of course, there is no obligation or contract, just another potential for donations.*

When you partner up with Jeremiah, let him know *first thing* that you support **Brigadoon**. Once a property is bought or sold, *Coldwell Banker Bain* will send a check to **Brigadoon** for ten percent of the commission fee. A portion of that check comes directly from Jeremiah and the remaining amount is donated by Coldwell Banker Bain. *This means it doesn't cost you a thing!*

If you, your friends, or family are interested, just contact Denise or Julia at **Brigadoon** or you can contact Jeremiah Franks directly on his cell at *Coldwell Banker Bain*: (402) 641-7258. Be sure to tell him *first thing* that **Brigadoon** sent you! *It's that easy!*

A LOOK INTO
THE FUTURE
Watch Clay's journey as
he becomes a full-grown
Brigadoon Service Dog.
See in 2021 social media!
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