

ANNUAL REPORT 2018











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MISSION STATEMENT

Helping Hands Healing Paws



Frankie and Andy's Place is a unique combination of senior dog shelter and emotional healing center for troubled humans. A beautiful log cabin, nestled in a picturesque Barrow County woodland setting, Frankie and Andy's Place is home to a small number of gentle, loving senior dogs who have been cast aside by their humans and yet who still have many valuable gifts to share These gifts of sympathy, time, reassurance and unconditional love are then shared with troubled humans in an atmosphere of calm and acceptance to help them mend.

Frankie and Andy's Place a healing collaboration between man and his best friend.

We are proud to note that once again in 2018 our commitment to transparency and best practice was recognized as we achieved Gold status with Guidestar and as a Top Rated 2018 Non Profit Organization by Great Non Profits.

'Frankie and Andy's Place' is a registered charity (501c3) in the State of Georgia



MESSAGE FROM **OUR CHAIRPERSON**



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What a fantastic year 2018 was for all of us... the Sugar Snouts at Frankie and Andy's Place, the Volunteers, and the Board! We had a year filled with more pups being rescued and coming to live at the cabin in the woods, making our hearts burst with joy at saving lives that still have so much to give back. We also had our Second Annual Golf Tournament at Lake Lanier Islands, and it was huge success, even more so over 2017, and our golf teams are already anxious for the planning of the 2019 event. The visits to the senior center continue to take center stage in providing companionship for the senior adults and purpose for the senior pups. Seeing them all interact together and smile non-stop makes it hard to keep your eyes dry! We truly can't thank our donor and volunteers enough for making all of this possible. Your generosity and kind spirits keep Frankie and Andy's Place going as the magical place that it is. Thank you so much! We are excited to move into 2019 together!

Krystle Andrews

Chairperson



OVERVIEW



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Our one big goal for 2018 was to increase our size so that we could take in more dogs......and offer some much needed toilet facilities for the staff and volunteers who spend so many hours here helping them.

Well, 2018 saw our dreams come true!

In July we opened our new larger cabin, almost
1400 square feet in total with a huge 700 square foot
covered porch and it has been life changing!



We are now able to separate the large dogs from the small, each having their own fenced yard. Old friends who used to live together in the small cabin still visit each other and sometimes have sleepovers, but in the main the large dogs have their own spot with way more space.

We have a kitchen so we can prepare fresh food daily on site and a designated bathing and grooming area with a whirlpool bath to ease those achey joints, plus toilet facilities for the volunteers! This monumental upscale has allowed us to now have 21 dogs living full time in both cabins, providing love and support to those who need it in the community.

We still have our adult Daycare facility visits once a week, where the dogs visit mentally and physically handicapped folks to offer support and laughter moments. We have seen some incredible breakthroughs happen during these visits; the dogs have become such a comfortable part of the the ACCA clients weekly visits, that the clients even feel emboldened to walk them around the facility on leash. For one particular lady who has struggled with confidence issues, this has given her huge moments of joy.

We pay weekly visits to the Four Seasons retirement home where the dogs are always very well received and we have completed a few school visits in the local community with some of our small dogs.

Overview Continued....

We love to visit school children so that we can drive home a powerful anti-bullying message using the dogs as prime examples.

We always ask the children 'Do you think Boris is beautiful?'

When they shout 'Yes!" (they always do) we ask "But what about his warts? What about his lumps and bumps? His bad teeth? His clunky back legs?......Do you STILL think he is beautiful?"

To a one, they all shout "Yes! He's perfect!"

That's when we point out that humans don't have to all look alike to be perfect and beautiful either. That they can be differently abled, look different, sound different, even communicate differently but still be just as perfect, right?

Its a powerful message and one that is instantly understood among young children who tend to be very visual.

In the coming year we hope to very much increase our work with schoolchildren, that will be our main focus for 2019.

We are incredibly proud of our achievements this year.

Building the new cabin was arduous, emotional and exhausting for all of us involved in that process, however, to see all of the dogs enjoying their new, roomy and luxurious accommodations made everything worth it.

There are many people who came together to pull off this monumental task; our heartfelt thanks go to Jay and Emma Shadrach, Kathy and Dan Kohlhagen, Karen and John Broomfield, Jeannie and Rob Miller in particular, who went above and beyond, donating time, talents and treasures.

To our army of volunteers who laid sod, painted walls and cleaned maniacally to get us open and ready to receive dogs...thankyou. Your efforts were reflected in the comfortable sighs and smiles of all the new residents.

To the donors who gave so generously, in particular Pat Mitchell, Walter Boomershine, Mr J and Mrs G (two of our largest donors who prefer to remain anonymous), Sharon Hendrix, Sue Kingery, Patrick and Linda Eggers, who have all consistently and kindly supported us to a great level since our inception.

Our hearts are open, we are hugely excited to see what 2019 brings us and beyond grateful for the support we have been shown thus far.

Penny Miller
Program Co-Coordinator

OUR SUGAR SNOUTS

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2018 continued our growth as we welcomed many new dogs since the opening of spacious new cabin building. We were thrilled to take in Jennifer Lopez, Ice-T, David Beckham, Andrea Bocelli, Helena Bonham Carter, Natalie Portman, Ethel Merman, Carol Burnett and Bradley Cooper to name some. Bonham Carter, George Clooney, Pharrell, Tina Fey, Kevin Costner, Cher, Alan Alda and Richard Gere.



Helena Bonham Carter



Andrea Bocelli



Marisa Tomei



Alan Alda



David Beckham



Ice- T



Jennifer Lopez



Natalie Portman



Bradley Cooper

OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE: GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN



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Death is not something we dread here at the cabin.....

While we don't exactly welcome it, we do see it as a natural progression and the culmination of a life well lived, for however long that might be, for our seniors.

We approach death knowing that we have a duty to get the timing exactly right and to make it as comfortable as possible. Our seniors, though, all have different needs, physical and mental issues, so what is appropriate for one, may not be appropriate for another.

When we opened the cabin, we decided that every single dog would die in the arms of those who cared for them during their time with us, surrounded by their new family, their cabin mates. Our preference has been for a rug on the grass, under the dogwood tree, with our beloved Aunty Andrea from Gwinnett Animal Hospital there to guide us all through the process, and ensure that nothing more can be done to improve life or the quality of it, as we all thank the dog for their gift to us, and wish them well on the next leg of their journey.

We may whisper softly the names of their friends that have passed over, telling them to send our love, and remind them that they soon will be galloping over golden buttercup filled meadows, in a whole new perfect body, when they reunite.

With another year of love and loss behind us, we have come to the realization that some dogs need a different way to pass, and some just do not seek the ceremony of the passing we would like for them. In those cases, we listen to them and go with their wishes, giving them the quieter send off with less attention, if they so desire.

Sometimes, sadly, emergency medical needs dictate the nature of their passing, as with our beloved Reese Witherspoon who died of pneumonia at the local emergency vets.

Whatever happens, every dog that leaves us, does so in full knowledge that they have been heard, that we have loved them with all of our heart and that we gave them every possible gift we could while they were with us. Free of pain, free of chains, free of hunger, surrounded by love and free to self express, all of our dogs are guaranteed these simple but oh so fundamental rights while they are with us.

In this our third year, we remain committed to this mission.

OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN



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Ozzy



Reese



Fiona-ahh

Here are the dogs that we loved and lost in 2018.

Ozzy Osborne - the crazy little min pin chihuahua with the jacked up legs and VERY selective friend list who struck fear in the hearts of some, but evoked strong feelings of maternal affection in others. Farewell little buddy.

Reese Witherspoon - Teeny weeny teacup chihuahua and one of the tiniest, sweetest dogs we have ever had. Reese was a crowd favorite at the community visits, allowing anyone to snuggle her..soft, placid, warm and compliant, she was the perfect dog.

Fiona-ahh sweet Fee. The beagle who romped in, stole the hearts of all of us, and her beau Boris, then stole as much food as she could, ran as fast as she could and left us wanting more.

Kevin Costner - a sweet natured boy who was wonderful with humans but not all other dogs, Kevin came to us as a hospice case with a splenic tumor after months of incarceration at the local shelter. We took him in to give him a soft landing before he passed and he loved his time with us.



Kevin

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Fabio



George

Fabio - a sweet but complicated little mix of firebrand, chihuahua and, we suspect, possum, this funny little dog came to us with all sorts of issues. We committed to him despite knowing that he would never be a community visit dog, but he had his people that he enjoyed and found solace with them.

George Clooney - what an aptly named dog if ever there was one. The softest, sweetest Shepherd mix came to the cabin with his sister Helena Bonham Carter, and stole the hearts of every man, woman and child he met. He left a massive hole in his wake, that will be impossible to fill.

Wilford Brimley - a sweet, soft and sensitive soul, old as Methuselah, this poor old boy was plagued with kidney issues that we just couldn't fix, despite daily fluids and frequent hospitalizations. He was only with us for a few months, but unfortunately the neglect of his past life couldn't be shaken, we couldn't make him whole again. It is one of our deepest regrets.



Wilford

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Victor

Victor Mature - anyone who has been to the cabins knows we have a thing about dachshunds and refuse to be without one. This funny little man stepped right into the shoes of his dachshund predecessor Donald O'Connor and helped us to forget his loss. He was sweet, funny, mad about food and had so much chutzpah we couldn't resist him.

Errol Flynn - the chihuahua who started it all......when he left us he was living with Aunty Andrea, who took one look at him when he arrived on day one, swooned and fell in love. Errol lived with us at the cabin, bossing around brother Boris for a couple of years and then retired to Andreas house, where he promptly became the boss of everything there too and made her poor cat's life a misery. Still a frequent visitor to the cabins, Errol remained very much a part of the pack right up until he died.

He was a unique little dog because he turned the tide for all of us big dog lovers. We had no clue that so much dog could be packed into so little space, but with a personality the size of Texas, an ego bigger than George Hamilton and looks that would melt the coldest heart, Errol changed everything.



Errol

Our Volunteers

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Just Some of Our Magnificent Volunteers

Any good rescue rises and falls on the willingness of its volunteers.

At Frankie and Andy's Place, we decided when we opened our doors that we would put the volunteers at the very top of our list of importance.

Willing hearts, helping hands, combined with a genuine wish to provide a forever family for these poor cast aside souls, these folks saw in Frankie and Andy's Place a chance to redress the balance, a chance to put right one of the great wrongs that they saw in the world.

They came to us anxious to provide loving arms to soothe tortured souls and in doing so, changed the world, for one dog, for many.



This year our volunteer army grew exponentially; we were beyond fortunate to enlist the help of some incredible people who did some pretty amazing things.

While we cannot mention every single volunteer by name, we would like to point out some individuals and some wonderful acts of kindness that were carried out by our volunteers and thank them for their incredible service to our dogs.

First up, Kathy Kohlhagen, who spent hours and hours helping with the new cabin build. In the final days before we could open our doors, Kathy could be found tiling, painting, sweeping, mopping and organizing. Her contribution to the cause can not be over estimated.

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Kathy's husband, Dan Kohlhagen, not only also helped with the new cabin build, but created a beautiful deck to increase the outdoor space in the little dog cabin. He was helped in this endeavor by Rob and Tanner Miller; these gentlemen spent hours working on this project and much improved the quality of life for all of the 'littles.'

Karen and John Broomfield, husband and wife, both have given tirelessly of time, talents and treasures to the cabins this year, the high point of which was a beautiful hand made bench, crafted by John out of wood from his own tree. It sits perfectly on the porch at the rear of the big cabin and is a joy to behold. Karen is head of our night crew, organizing the night time staff and volunteers twice a week every week.

Eileen Cargell, one of our foundational members, is always to be relied upon, week in, week out, ready to provide a loving lap......she never misses a beat. Eileen helps out wherever and however we need her, is a great organizer and loves those dogs to distraction.





Our Volunteers

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Jennifer Wilt, one time regular volunteer and now this year, she has taken over the reins of the 'volunteer co-ordinator' position, and done an excellent job. Jennifer travels all the way from the city of Atlanta multiple times per week in order to spend time with her precious sugar snouts and also fosters one of our little cabin hospice dogs, Gilda Radner, in her own home.

Jeannie Miller, not only a member of the cabin staff, Jeannie gives her time very generously as a general pair of willing hands whenever the dogs need something. Vet visits in an emergency, wound dressings, popping up to the cabin after her DD Ranch shift has finished to help feed or even taking the dogs on trips to beautiful Fort Yargo. Jeannie also organizes all of our volunteer days, getting everyone together to get a boatload of jobs done one weekend a month. Another cornerstone of the cabin......



THE SUPPORT TEAM (MARILYN, STEPHANIE & ANDREA)



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Frankie and Andy's Place is very lucky to have three remarkable women 'on call', who volunteer their time graciously whenever we need them.

Andrea Haupt is managing partner at Gwinnett Animal Hospital on McGee road in Snellville, a holistic veterinary clinic, and the providers of amazing care for our residents. She is not only a registered veterinary technician, but she is also a Tellington Touch massage specialist, capable of restoring comfort and freedom of movement to the sorest of cranky old dogs! Andrea (along with her husband John) was a foundational volunteer partner in Frankie and Andy's Place, who, with her time and expertise, we have been able to create the kind of environment we always dreamed of. Her frequent 'pop-ins' to perform alignment treatments on dear old Gilda Radner, Boris Karloff or Donald O'Connor (RIP) and of course, her fostering of Ilsa (gone but never forgotten), have meant that our cabin residents have had access to the best advice and care from day one. With senior dogs of her own at home to care for, Andrea now provides a different but equally essential service; instead of her weekly visits, she is now the "Doggy Uber" service, picking up our oldies and getting them to and from the vets for us. This woman is a fundamental part of our operation and an incredible resource for health and wellness issues for our oldies. Andrea has a heart for oldies the size of Texas and is always ready to lend a helping hand whenever we need her, for whatever we need.



Andrea Haupt

THE SUPPORT TEAM (MARILYN, STEPHANIE & ANDREA)



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Marilyn Ranck

Marilyn Ranck is a remedial massage therapist for humans and a certified canine massage therapist. She is a certified life coach, a certified yoga instructor, has a Masters in nutrition and is a practicing licensed nurse with a specialty in post operative care. All of these combined make Marilyn a very useful person to have around! She visits the cabin once a week to work her magic fingers on some of the oldies with muscular pain and to advise us from time to time on nutritional needs for our residents. A keen example of healthy living, Marilyn believes that a holistic lifestyle starts with a cheerful, positive attitude. She is often to be heard singing to the dogs as she massages them, whether they want her to or not!

Marilyn has been involved with Frankie and Andy's Place since it was a dream on the back of a napkin seven years ago, and brought a wealth of rescue experience in local shelters to help us formulate our plan for what we wanted to achieve. She is an advocate for all animals, and a best friend to all the cabin dogs who just adore her.



Stephanie Martinez Peres

Stephanie Martinez Peres is the owner of Furry Family Comfort Care, a mobile veterinary technician service that provides in-home care and support for pets in their own home. She has a wealth of knowledge and experience that she gladly shares with all of us at Frankie and Andy's Place as we navigate the increasing challenges of caring for seniors, particularly dogs in hospice care. Stephanie volunteers her time and service and visits the cabin at least once a week to provide cold laser therapy treatments to our oldies, so that they can feel relief from aches and pains. Cold laser therapy is a non-invasive, harmless yet effective light therapy treatment that stimulates cell renewal and aids in healing wounds, soft tissue injuries and inflammatory conditions. Once Stephanie has finished her weekly visit, we see a marked increase in the mobility of the dogs, and best of all, they are all smiling all over their faces! They love their Aunty Steph, and it has absolutely nothing to do with the fact that she's always got pockets laden with treats!

Our Staff

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Equally important to our beloved volunteers is our team of dedicated staff members. We have two fabulous teams, morning crew and evening crew that divide the care and the day so the dogs are hardly alone. After spending time in shelters and separated from human contact we never want them to feel lonely again. Every team member ensures they get the proper medications and special diets daily as well, as many of our dogs have allergies or need special attention while eating. Staff members keep a watchful eye and are always ready to tend to any need our dogs may have whether that be assistance outside to potty, a warm bath, a kind snuggle, gentle brushing or a medical need. Cleanliness of our beautiful cabin facility is of top importance to the quality of life of our senior dogs and something else our staff makes as a constant priority.





Reviews

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Katie P.1 Volunteer 02/28/2018 ****

I just love this organization!! I love that it's a second chance for those forgotten best friends, I love the dogs that are rescued and what they offer to the community and the volunteers and I love the people who organized this wonderful organization! It is a truely honest, we are what you see nonprofit, and what I see is beautiful people with huge hearts who just want the best for all senior dogs. Absolutely number one!!



An amazing facility that takes in discarded senior dogs left at shelters that would be unadoptable and most certainly would face death. These dogs are given a loving home and loving voluteers to work with them and love them Every day. They are treated with the love and respect they deserve in their last few years and given all the medical care they need. Some of the dogs are used as therapy dogs are going around ti nursing homes to cheer up the lives of senior adults and the adults are excited at every visit and shower the sweet senior dogs with love. Its truly a magical place, there is a reason the senior cabin has the nickname of Cocoon the dogs begin a new longer life.







This is one of Georgia's true gems! It is rare to find a non-profit that appeals to but more importantly helps such a wide variety of benefactors! A true collaboration to help humans and canines alike. When I say help, that is not limited to helping those in need...it helps ppl like myself feel good about volunteering and helping in any way possible! That intrinsically rewarding feeling that I know I share with its many volunteers that does not have a monitory value, and yet is still priceless!





I have always said if I won the lottery I would buy a lot of land and take in all the dogs that no one wanted. Well I will probably never win the lottery but I am able to live out my dreams by volunteering at Frankie & Andy's Place. The senior dogs there are so greatful for the chance to have a place they can call there forever home, and to be truly loved by all the volunteers that come into their lives. The dogs give back what they are given tenfold, and to get to be a part of this is an amazing experience.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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We're in our second year visiting Gateway Gardens Assisted Living center in Bethlehem and Four Seasons in Winder for senior adults of varying abilities. Our dog and handler teams visit weekly to spread smiles and warm cuddles to residents in private rooms, activity areas and the Memory Care Center. This is the highlight of the week for residents and staff alike. The very sight of a dog brings back precious memories of their previous pets or previous pet experiences. Our handlers enjoy hearing these stories or just catching a fleeting smile of recognition. Our precious therapy dogs know just how to lean into the very people that need them most. It may be a gentle nudge on the knee, pat on the head or snuggles in their lap.

Since the inception of our program in 2015, our therapy teams have brightened the days of adults both young and old at the Winder Day Center, a program site of Athens Community Council on Aging. This center provides daytime activities and special programs to offer alternate opportunities while their caregivers work or run errands. We visit weekly to share conversations and time to connect with the dogs both big and small. The clients feel less stressed.





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FUNDRAISING IN 2018

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In April we were delighted to host the Frankie and Andy's Place 2nd Annual Golf Tournament following on from last years inaugural event. We saw the maximum possible 36 teams enter increasing from the 21 teams in the first year. Registration sponsors Knight & Drews wonderfully captured the whole day with a video which can be viewed on thee Frankie and Andy's Place website and featured some VIP appearances from some of our seniors!!!

Pat Mitchell's Super Dooper Dog Training once again generously took the place of Main Tournament Sponsor supported by Motor Cars of Georgia who not only provided the Hole-in-One prize, an amazing Lamborghini Huracan, but also a mouthwatering display of high class vehicles led by a brand new Rolls Royce. Such a bevy of supercars could only be complimented by glasses of vintage champagne kindly donated by Word of Mouth Restaurants.

FirstNet Built by A&T not only entered a team for the first time but also sponsored the tournament luncheon and other notable sponsors were Fire Protection Services and Gwinnett Animal Hospital.

FUNDRAISING IN 2018 - CONTINUED

The annual golf tournament is now established as Frankie and Andy's Place main fundraising event of the year and next years event is already booked and confirmed with expectations already to better this years amount raised.

Throughout the year we worked on building our online presence through our social media platforms as well as our new website and this saw a significant increase in donations and gift-in-products and medicines from our donors who we are so grateful for their continued kind generosity in supporting our mission.

Peter Miller

Fundraising







FINANCES

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2018 was another amazing year for Frankie and Andy's Place. Our annual golf tournament, individual fundraising efforts and generous donations from our loving supporters raised over \$120,000 in 2018. We continue to be blessed with support from many individuals and organizations. These generous professionals provide us with free or highly discounted services for medical care, medications, general supplies, and upkeep on the cabins and grounds are part of the life force of Frankie and Andy's Place. Their support is invaluable to us and we cannot thank them enough.

Financial operations for the year are higher than prior year as we've expanded into two cabins. Direct care and feeding of our seniors amounted to \$44,277. These expenses include medical services, medications, grooming and food of \$14,418 and payroll for our staff of \$29,859.

In addition to our dedicated volunteers, FAAP continues to employ part-time employees. These employees are paid for minimal hours and contribute numerous unpaid volunteer hours as well. They provide critical around the clock support to our seniors. This team of volunteers and employees care for each of our seniors as if they were their own family. We can impact more senior dogs because of their dedication.

The remaining amount of our total operating expenses for the year relate to administrative costs, such as insurance, cost of fund raising, insurance and on-going maintenance.

Our Board continues to be committed to transparency, integrity and stewardship. The Board does not receive any compensation or charge any expense to Frankie and Andy's Place. Our goal is to further the mission of providing a loving home for these senior dogs for as long as possible.

Sincerely,

Treasurer

Dale Cooper

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Board members are committed guardians of Frankie and Andy's Place with a desire to ensure that our dogs are looked after to the best of our ability until such time that they are ready to cross the Rainbow Bridge. Our duties are carried out always with the best of interests of the dogs first and foremost. Board members do not (or ever will) receive a salary or any expenses and additionally meet all costs of celebration events and prizes for our wonderful volunteers thereby ensuring every dollar donated goes to the welfare of our sugar snouts. It is the Boards desire to operate openly, honestly and with full transparency and as such for further information or any questions please don't hesitate to contact us for our immediate response at info@frankieandandysplace.org.

Board of Directors

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