



"To help lick loneliness"

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Dear Friends,

Can you help us bring the healing power of unconditional love to those who need it most?

Every day, Pets on Wheels volunteers visit nursing homes, hospitals, assisted living facilities, homeless and domestic violence shelters, hospice facilities, veterans' hospitals, juvenile facilities, libraries, schools, colleges, corporate campuses and more. These amazing teams bring joy to help fight stress and lick loneliness with the gentle presence of our therapy pets, one visit at a time.

We help those in institutional settings thrive, especially the 60% of nursing home residents who don't receive regular visits. We help Veterans dealing with injury and illness. Our pets help reluctant readers improve their literacy skills. We bring moments of joy and hope to those who need it most. In 2017, over 190,000 people throughout the state of Maryland interacted with our therapy teams, and more than 500 volunteers gave more than 14,000 hours of their time.

We don't charge recipients for our visits and our total cost to deliver our program is far less than one dollar per person reached. Pets on Wheels is a registered nonprofit 501(c)3 organization and our budget is supported solely by organizational and private donations that make our mission possible.

"There was a lady in a wheel chair, almost as if she could not pay attention to all that was going on, was not part of the festivities. I steered Ruby over to her and Ruby stood close to her. Ever so slowly the lady moved her hand down and touched Ruby's head. Ruby slightly lifted her head into the lady's hand. This little incident of a hand reaching out and a dog standing still for it, made it all worth it." -
Pat & Ruby, Pets on Wheels Volunteers

On April 28, 2018 we will hold our Annual Benefit Bull & Oyster Feast. This event raises a major part of our budget each year, and we invite you to be part of it with your support. There are a number of ways you can support Pets on Wheels at this event:

- **Become a Sponsor:** Sponsorships are available at various levels, from \$150 to \$5000.
- **Donate to our Auction:** Gift certificates, memberships and merchandise are needed for our exciting auction baskets and raffles.
- **Advertise in our Program:** Program ads are \$125 full page; \$75 half page; \$45 quarter page.
- **Attend the Feast:** Tickets to the event are \$50 each, and tables of 10 for \$500 are available.

The attached form details the ways you can be part of our annual benefit event. All monies raised will go to delivering our program and helping our friends, neighbors and loved ones right here in your community. Your support will be seen and appreciated by the more than 500 people who are part of our organization, and the over 2000 people who follow Pets on Wheels online.

We appreciate your time and consideration – your support helps us lick stress and loneliness every day. If you have any questions or want to learn more about our organization or our program, please visit us online at www.PetsOnWheels.org, email me at Gina@PetsOnWheels.org or call us at 443-977-9726.

With gratitude for your consideration and support,

Gina Kazimir, Executive Director