A Message from our Board Chair and President & CEO

At the start of 2018, everyone at Freedom Service Dogs was delighted to learn it was “The Year of the Dog” according to the traditional Chinese calendar. We were even more delighted to discover that the traits of those born in The Year of the Dog—loyal and smart, the truest friends and most reliable partners—also exemplify the 22 remarkable dogs that graduated with our inspirational clients in 2018.

We’re extremely proud of the many accomplishments your compassion and support made possible last year—and yet, we are determined to do more for the 100-plus clients on our waiting list who are depending on FSD for a life-changing service dog of their own. That’s why in 2018, we took significant steps to increase the number of dogs graduating from our programs.

Because FSD remains committed to obtaining the majority of our service dog candidates from shelters and rescues, we reinvigorated our efforts to seek out new partnerships with shelters and rescues in Colorado and across the country, and to establish relationships with organizations that have career-change dogs suitable to service dog work.

To supplement those dogs and address the challenge of finding an adequate supply of candidates at shelters and rescues, we expanded our mission to include acquiring a limited number of dogs through private donations, responsible breeders, and organizations that donate purpose-bred puppies to service dog organizations like FSD.

We also developed two innovative programs designed to build a solid, early
foundation for service dog training in order to have the greatest chance for success: a Puppy-Raising Pilot Program in conjunction with Colorado’s Prison Trained K-9 Companion Program, and a community-based Puppy-Raising Club, in which specially trained volunteers help raise and train puppies in their home with support and guidance from FSD.

2018 was also a year of facility improvements to keep our canines cheerful and comfortable. From the installation of misters in our outdoor kennels and more doors with windows on our indoor kennels, to the addition of homeopathic remedies, orthopedic physical therapy, a restorative daily naptime, and more, we dedicated ourselves to ensuring that dogs in training are happy and healthy in our care.

As we look toward the future, we are excited about all the lives that will change for the better because of these and other initiatives.

We are also incredibly grateful to you—our friends and supporters—for everything you do to help us make the impossible possible for our clients. Thank you so much.

“Everyone thinks they have the best dog. And none of them are wrong.”

W. R. PURCHE

Michele Ostrander with her dogs Toodles, a poodle/terrier mix, and Scout, a Jack Russell terrier
SINCE OUR FOUNDING IN 1987, FSD HAS GRADUATED MORE THAN 450 CLIENT-DOG TEAMS AT NO COST TO OUR CLIENTS. WE ALSO PROVIDE A LIFETIME OF SUPPORT FOR EVERY TEAM, INCLUDING ONGOING TRAINING, POST-PLACEMENT FOLLOW-UP, ANNUAL RECERTIFICATION, AND ADVOCACY EFFORTS.

“In battle and in training, when a Marine goes down, they call out for a corpsman, and one of those brave men or women come charging through anything to get to you. You could always count on that. So now, in the civilian world, who do we call? We call our corpsman, of course. Freedom Service Dogs is my corpsman now. My service dog, Noodle, is my corpsman.”

U.S. MARINE CORPS VETERAN AND OPERATION FULL CIRCLE GRADUATE CHRIS WITH SERVICE DOG NOODLE
“My stress doesn’t have to get in the way of my life, because Murdoch can overcome it. Sometimes the world, it kind of seems to me like it’s broken into pieces, and it’s really stressful when that happens. It’s kind of like it’s clenching at me from the inside. And Murdoch can release all that stress. He can do anything.”

**DISCO’S DOGS GRADUATE AUSTEN WITH SERVICE DOG MURDOCH**

“Aslan is a wonderful example of a well-behaved service dog in the community. He helps me with bracing, balance, laundry, picking things up off the floor, and he makes us laugh. Did I mention he is beautiful, too? Thanks for our sweet dog.”

**MOBILITY CLIENT LIN WITH SERVICE DOG ASLAN**
Here’s a look at our 2018 accomplishments, as well as some vital statistics that illustrate what it takes to find, care for, and train the highly skilled service dogs at FSD.

176 dogs WELCOMED TO OUR TRAINING PROGRAM

24 PUPPIES PLACED IN PUPPY-RAISING PILOT PROGRAM

16,229 LBS. of kibble
22 dogs graduated from our training program

8 dogs matched as service dogs with veterans

6 dogs matched with individuals with other disabilities

Three professional therapy dogs graduated

One dog graduated as a skilled companion

Four dogs matched with families of children with autism-related differences
169 EXISTING CLIENTS RECEIVED FOLLOW-UP SUPPORT

147 DOGS ADOPTED INTO LOVING HOMES

25,155 HOURS LOGGED BY OUR VOLUNTEERS, EQUIVALENT TO 12 FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

14,181 HOURS LOGGED BY OUR PROFESSIONAL TRAINERS

1,050 LBS. OF TRAINING TREATS

RECEIVED DOGS FROM 27 SHELTERS & RESCUES IN SEVEN STATES
YOUTHS

214

POSITIVE-REINFORCEMENT TRAINING CLICKS

over 2 MILLION

TRAINING CLICKS

887 HOURS OF ENRICHMENT TO KEEP DOGS HAPPY & HEALTHY

2,400 HOURS LOGGED BY PAWSITIVE CONNECTION INTERNS FROM THE ANIMAL-ASSISTED SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

220,468 dog kisses

214 YOUTHS BENEFITED FROM OUR PAWSITIVE CONNECTION PROGRAM

FREEDOM SERVICE DOGS Year of the Dog
2018 EVENTS

DOGGIE PLUNGE
September 8
$24,000 RAISED
PRESENTING SPONSOR: BAIRD

FACES OF FREEDOM: MIDLAND
September 21
$399,000 RAISED
PRESENTING SPONSORS: CORE LAB AND CONOCOPHILLIPS

DIAMONDS IN THE RUFF
October 20
$340,000 RAISED
PRESENTING SPONSOR: VISA

FACES OF FREEDOM: DENVER
June 29
$176,000 RAISED
PRESENTING SPONSOR: POWERSHIFT
2019 EVENTS

Mark your calendar for these fabulous 2019 events!

SUMMER GRADUATION
June 15
Parker Arts, Culture & Events Center
Parker, CO

WINTER GRADUATION
December 12
Parker Arts, Culture & Events Center
Parker, CO

DOGGIE PLUNGE
September 7
Pirates Cove Aquatic Center
Englewood, CO
PRESENTED BY: BAIRD

DIAMONDS IN THE RUFF
October 12
Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center
Denver, CO
PRESENTED BY: DECORATIVE MATERIALS AND THE KAPLAN FAMILY, IN LOVING MEMORY OF WERNER KAPLAN

FACES OF FREEDOM
SPORTING CLAYS TOURNAMENT
June 28
Kiowa Creek Sporting Club
Bennett, CO
PRESENTED BY: POWERSHIFT

September 20
Windwalker Farms Sporting Clays
Midland, TX
PRESENTED BY: CORE LAB AND EOG RESOURCES

FREEDOM SERVICE DOGS
OF AMERICA
We are honored to give thanks to **The Clarence R. Millwee Trust for the gift of $1,381,961.** This act of incredible generosity established our first endowment, which will allow Freedom Service Dogs to carry on our mission in transformative ways for many years to come.

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Expenses

5% Managerial & General Expenses $165,341
17% Fundraising Expenses $617,969
50% Public Education & Other $830,351
78% Program Expenses $2,824,105

TOTAL $3,607,415
Revenue:

**TOTAL ASSETS** $11,568,745

**TOTAL LIABILITIES** $987,201

**NET ASSETS**

- Without Donor Restrictions
  - Undesignated $1,191,073
  - Investment in Property/Equipment $5,758,188
  - Board Designated
    - Operating Reserve $1,940,000
    - Endowment $1,381,961
  - With Donor Restrictions $310,322

**TOTAL NET ASSETS** $10,581,544

12% Fundraising Events $766,178

4% In-Kind Contributions $218,864

18% Private & Government Grants $1,116,093

65% Direct & Indirect Contributions $4,093,733

1% Fees, Interest & Other $64,581

**TOTAL** $6,259,449
WAYS TO GIVE

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INCLUDE FSD IN YOUR WILL
Leaving a specific amount of money or a percentage of your estate to FSD in your will or trust is easy and can be done in a few short sentences.

GIVE APPRECIATED STOCK
An outright gift of stocks or securities to FSD is 100% free of capital gains and also eligible for income tax deductions.

MAKE AN IRA ROLLOVER GIFT
Take advantage of increased tax benefits by requesting a gift of any amount, up to $100,000, to be transferred to FSD.

NAME FSD AS A BENEFICIARY ON LIFE INSURANCE
By naming FSD as the primary or secondary beneficiary of all or a portion of your life insurance policy, your estate will not pay taxes on the policy proceeds FSD receives.

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