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Dear {FIRST_NAME|Friend of GRRMF},
Welcome to the second edition of *Pawsitive Connections*, GRRMF's quarterly volunteer eNewsletter! We would love your feedback and ideas for future issues to create an even more valuable resource for our volunteer community. Send your suggestions, stories, and topics you would like to see featured to volunteer@grrmf.org.

Pawsitive Service Spotlight: Duke's Freedom Ride



Some rescue journeys are about more than miles—they're about trust, kindness, and the people who make second chances possible.

When Duke, a sweet golden retriever rescued from a backyard breeder, needed transport from a veterinary clinic to his foster home, GRRMF volunteer Russ Crowder stepped up to make the entire three-hour drive himself. Duke was fearful, unfamiliar with car rides and leashes, and considered a flight risk. By providing one consistent driver, Russ helped ensure Duke's journey would be as calm and stress-free as possible.

Taking time to earn Duke's trust before the trip, Russ gently helped him into the car. By the end of the ride, Duke had relaxed enough to reward Russ with a few grateful kisses. Upon arrival, Russ stayed to assist with introductions to Duke's special foster mom, Deb Frederick, and her golden mentors who would help him adjust to his new life.

Russ and Deb are longtime GRRMF volunteers whose dedication exemplifies the spirit of our rescue. Russ additionally serves as our Hearts of Gold Coordinator for the North West and North Central regions and is also a talented photographer behind many of the images featured on our website and social media. Foster Deb additionally is a valued member of the Hearts of Gold and intake teams, where her compassion and experience help countless dogs begin their rescue journey.

Together, they remind us that rescue truly is a team effort and that every act of kindness helps transform a frightened dog into a beloved family member.

Do you know a GRRMF volunteer with a special service story to tell? Could it be you? We would love to hear about it!

[Share Your Story Here](#)



♥ **Foster Homes Save Lives**

The number of dogs GRRMF can rescue depends directly on the number of foster homes available. If you can open your home and heart to a dog in need, we would love to hear from you.

♥ Can't foster? Click the image at left and forward to friends and family, to consider fostering and to post a flyer on local community bulletin boards, workplaces, churches, and businesses to help raise awareness of our need.

Questions? Email volunteer@grmf.org. Thank you for helping us save more lives and to continue to make a difference in the communities we serve.

Foster Application



**Volunteers Needed:
Help Us Plan Summer Luncheons!**

Do you enjoy bringing people together and building community? We're looking for volunteers to help with venues, invitations, and event coordination for volunteer Summer Luncheons in our Mid-Florida communities.

Interested? Let us know your city and how you'd like to help by emailing volunteer@grrmf.org. Together, let's make this summer a season of friendship, fun and meaningful connections in the cool air conditioning!



35th Anniversary Memories & Merch!

Join us as we continue celebrating **35 Years of GRRMF Service** to Mid-Florida communities and the dogs and families we serve. This milestone is possible because of volunteers like you!

Show your GRRMF pride by [ordering special anniversary merchandise for you and your pup](#):

And help us honor our amazing history by sharing your favorite GRRMF memory and photo on our [35th Anniversary Page](#). Let's celebrate the stories, friendships, and golden lives changed over the past 35 years and the many more to come!

Visit our 35th Anniversary Page

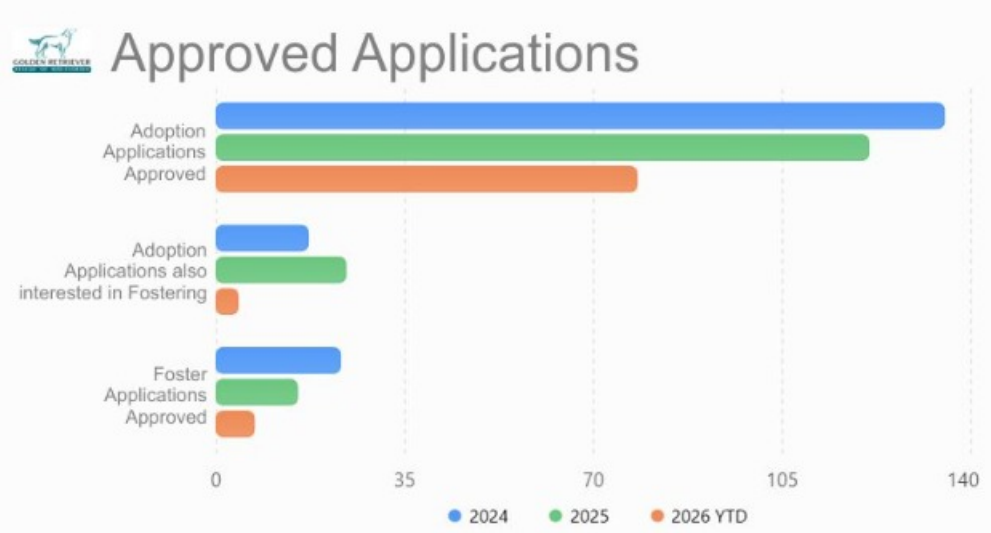
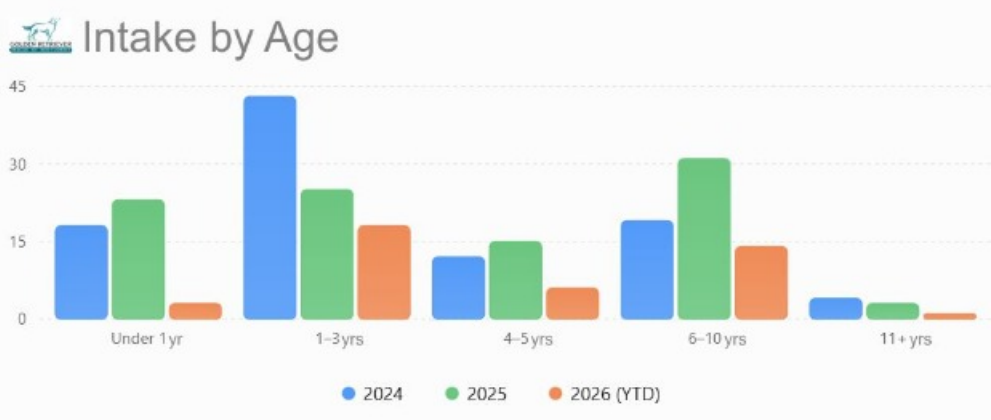
Volunteer Dashboard

We're excited to be developing a new dashboard that will showcase the impact of GRRMF through the numbers and stories behind our efforts. While it's still a work in progress, we're making great strides and look forward to sharing it with you soon.

Thank you for the time, talent, and heart you give to our mission. Whether you're helping dogs or supporting people—virtually or in person—you are making a meaningful difference every day.

Take a look at some of the numbers we are collecting for the Dashboard that reflect the incredible impact of your efforts in changing lives, one dog and one family at a time.

2025 Income/Expenses	
Total Revenue	\$385,806
Expenses	
GRRMF Med/Behav/Supplies	\$256,844
GRRMF Dog Support	\$22,829
Hearts of Gold	\$12,636
Total Expenses	\$292,309
NEW INCOME	\$93,497




Hearts of Gold Volunteer Hours Grow!



2023	2024	2025	2026
1,840	3,058	5,732	3,681


Hearts of Gold Visits Continue to Soar!



2023	613
2024	974
2025	1,842
2026 (thru May)	1,296


Volunteer Opps

GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE OF MID-FLORIDA


Volunteer Resources

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2027 Calendar Submissions
 (deadline July 15, 2026)

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Golden Guardian
Recurring Donations Save More Dogs!



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