



TALES OF GOLD

A GOLDEN LEGACY by Susan Tucker

Rusty and Woody needed compassion and medical care. We shared with you the deplorable conditions these two young retrievers were found in by animal control officers. Taken to a vet, they received the treatment they desperately needed. The healing could begin but it would be a long road for Woody and Rusty.

Now back to that eighth-grade science class at Northport Middle School in Port St. Lucie taught by Mary Jones (now Mary Toto). Ms. Jones shared the circumstances of Rusty and Woody with her students, who showed a great deal more compassion than the dogs' owner. The students, coming from a district struggling financially, raised \$310 (mostly in coins) to start a fund to pay for the two dogs' medical treatment. They didn't stop there, encouraging additional donations to the fund and raising awareness of abuse and neglect to animals. This was the beginning of "The Woody Fund" established through Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida to provide extraordinary medical treatment for rescued dogs.

The students went further, taking their mission all the way to the White House, writing to President Clinton - *"You can help us by continuing to speak up for abused and neglected animals and working to protect the environment we all share."* Clinton (also an animal lover who had recently adopted a cat, Socks, who was then a resident of the White House) wrote back to the students. Little did they know that their act of compassion would still be yielding results 25 years later.



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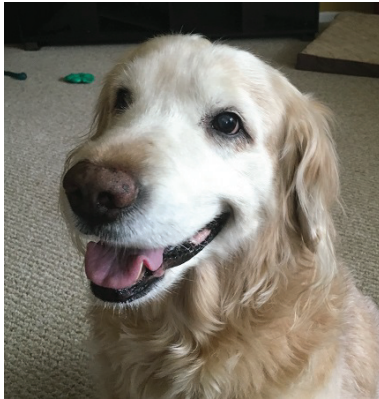


LEGACY DOGS



Beck (adopted 2008)

To most people, Golden Retrievers are, quite simply, golden. But for Stephen and his wife, who adopted Beck in 2008, they "hit the jackpot" when they welcomed this paw-fect puppy into their lives. As loving as he is lovable, Beck may be a senior in years at 13, but he's still a puppy in spirit. He still makes everyone he meets his new best friend, still greets visitors with a tail wag and a toy, still thrives on three walks a day, and continues to fill his fur-ever home with his gracious, golden glow.



Aurora (adopted 2002)

Lovingly dubbed "Hell on Wheels" or "Wheels" for short by her devoted mom Debbie, Aurora, like the mythological goddess of the dawn, filled their home with her radiant golden glow. Adopted in 2002 at the age of seven, she was tall and regal, ruled her world with a gentle paw and a wide smile, and was the best ball catcher ever. Famously fond of the attention she received from everyone she met, she worked on Education Days at PetSmart Tyrone, and peacefully crossed the Rainbow Bridge after nine precious years with the mom who adored her.



Barney and Ace (adopted 2002)

One month after Charles and his wife adopted 6-year-old golden, Barney, in 2002, they adopted 10-week-old Ace from GRRMF. Adorable Ace was one of 16 puppies, along with seven adult dogs, saved from a dire hoarding situation by Sarasota Animal Services, and affectionately dubbed the "Sarasota 23." Both earned their CGC certifications and Barney later became a therapy dog, visiting local rehab centers. They loved accompanying their parents to various PetSmart locations twice a month to educate the public about the importance of rescue. Barney and Ace were true ambassadors for GRRMF.



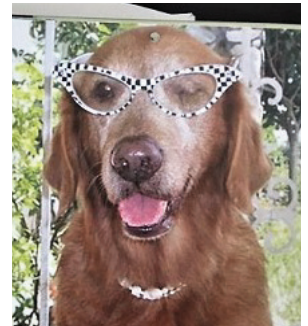
Kaelie (adopted 2014)

When John's family adopted seven-year-old Mona, an elegant English Cream Golden, they renamed her Kaelie. Blessed with a quiet gentleness and a "ladylike" demeanor, Kaelie loved everyone and everyone loved her. Dubbed "a country club girl" because she was such a well-mannered miss, she was also a true Floridian because she loved sitting in the pool after her walks. At 12, she crossed the Rainbow Bridge, leaving her family rich in memories too numerous to count. For them, their English Cream Golden truly was golden and she still holds a special place in their hearts.



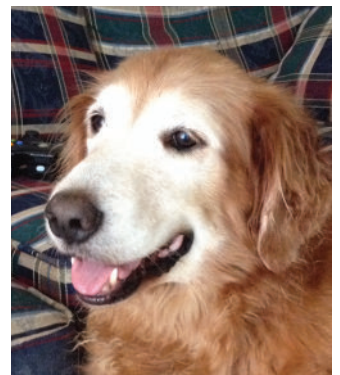
Haley (adopted 2002)

Haley came into Donna's life from a hoarding situation in Sarasota, as one of the "Sarasota 23." She loved to swim and taught her other fosters the rules of the house. She enjoyed going out to eat with the family and vacationing in North Carolina was a treat for her and her siblings. Haley was with us for five amazing years and during that time she showed us how resilient and forgiving rescued dogs could be. She was our second golden and first rescue. She always enjoyed going to the annual GRRMF reunions.



Autumn (adopted 2005)

No sooner had she entered her adoptive home than her doting dad Jeff changed the one-year-old golden's name to Autumn. Her gentle nature and sweet disposition made her a natural as an Assisted Animal Therapy dog, and she loved visiting the residents in the assisted living facility in their community. Autumn also loved swimming and playing fetch in the pool, but on dry land she preferred running after her brother Hudson while he chased the ball. A sheer delight the entire time she was with them, Autumn still holds a very special place in her adoring family's hearts.



IT TAKES A VILLAGE by Carol Forsberg

Starting in February 2020, we have been introducing our GRRMF "village" in each of our quarterly newsletter issues. The heartbeat of this amazing organization is our volunteers. Not a single dog could be saved nor could a family experience the happiness that golden joy can bring to their life without our cherished volunteers making that happen. Our 200 strong, 100% volunteer supported rescue has volunteers who started with us in the 1990s and who are still with us today ... active and ready to mentor the next generation.

As of September 1, 2021 our volunteers have:

- ♥ Cared for 102 dogs in our program this year with intake, medical/behavioral, record keeping and foster care with 45 foster home volunteer families.
- ♥ Transported dogs in our care over 36,000 miles for intake support, foster care placements and medical appointments.
- ♥ Processed 475 adoption applications including vet checks, phone interviews and home visits.
- ♥ Matched and adopted 104 dogs to forever families with continued post adoption support.
- ♥ Provided special need care homes for our ten GRRMF sanctuary dogs.
- ♥ Sent thank you letters to 197 donors.
- ♥ Provided community service through our Hearts of Gold therapy dog program with 47 visits and gatherings for children and adults needing special comfort.
- ♥ Written and posted over 1,500 dog stories and education pieces through our website and Facebook page.



VOLUNTEER

How are we honored with so much talent? Our volunteers have passion ... for our dogs and for their GRRMF family of volunteers who support each other during happy times and sadness. Passionate people find us through word of mouth, online through our website and Facebook page and thankfully through becoming an adopter and/or donor. Their desire to further support the dogs and people in our organization who bring them happiness is at the heart of who they are. Would you like to join our GRRMF village? Visit our recently expanded volunteer area on our website at www.grrmf.org/volunteer/become-a-volunteer/, and complete an application of interest. Our coordinator will call you to match your passion to a fulfilling role in rescue.

GRRMF volunteers make a difference ... every day ... for every dog and for each other.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT - MINDY EVE by Lyn Holliday

What was it that made you step right into GRRMF to volunteer?

A lifelong volunteer at heart, I have a soft spot for Golden Retrievers. As a retired paramedic, I was ready to foster dogs and shower them with love.

How many years have you been volunteering and in what role(s)?

Just this summer and it's been a whirlwind so far. I jumped in to be a foster mommy to seven golden wonders within my first few weeks of joining GRRMF.

What is your most cherished GRRMF volunteer moment?

Initially, I would have said helping Amber deliver her puppies in my living room. It was long and we were tired, but she made it easy. All six puppies are happy and healthy. But then I was asked to make a special phone call to a potential adopter who had been waiting a long time for a dog. She was ecstatic and we both cried happy tears!



Is there something about being a GRRMF volunteer that changed you?

To be a part of a well-oiled machine of volunteers who work together helping one another to be successful in their roles.

What surprised you about volunteering for GRRMF?

The support for each other with intermingling of roles to help the precious dogs on their way to a new life.

What would be your advice to a potential volunteer for GRRMF?

Be ready for anything! Things change very quickly. If you have time and love to give, this is the group for you!

What is it that touches your heart most often about GRRMF?

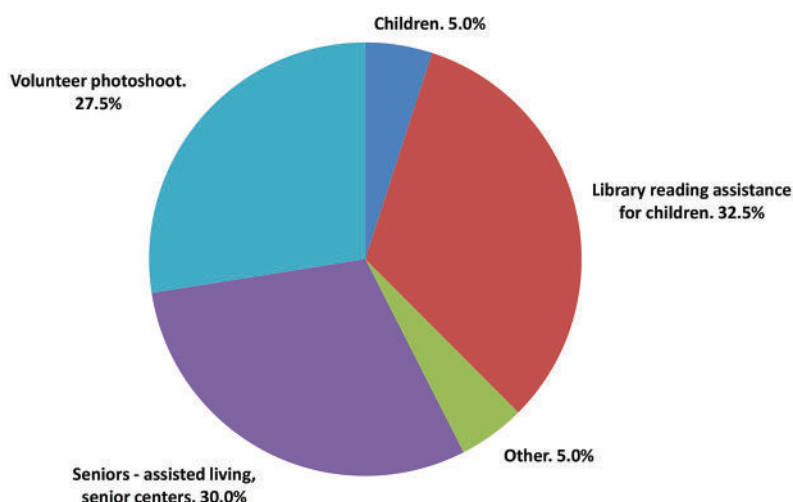
Everyone is so friendly and thankful for each little thing you are willing to do. It takes a village to make this process work. And GRRMF is indeed a village filled with loving and caring people. I intend to stay with GRRMF for a very long time!

HEARTS OF GOLD by Ginger Vincent

Closing out our program's third year, I am very proud of all the volunteers and therapy teams who recorded a total of 588 hours visiting 47 facilities and events from January through September 2021 and our amazing team members who work so hard behind the scenes to support our therapy program. The GRRMF Hearts of Gold YouTube channel has over 3,700 viewership and more than 46 videos created for your enjoyment of our pups in action. Congratulations to Boo (handler Patty), Darby (handler Toni) and Zoey (handler Helen) who passed screening in Sumterville and earned their CGC certification; plus we have two new west coast therapy teams, Jolie (handler Marlene) and Rocco (handler Cathy), who have created much excitement during therapy visits as Jolie is an Australian Labradoodle and Rocco is a long-haired chihuahua. With more facilities requesting therapy visits and events for the holidays being scheduled, our Hearts of Gold therapy teams have a busy schedule for the last quarter of 2021. We were honored to visit the caregiver staff at the Medical Center of Trinity to boost their spirits and give them much needed comfort. Several new facilities have been added to the new north Central area (Villages) and also the east coast. The year also brought us great sadness when five of our therapy dogs crossed the Rainbow Bridge. Olivia, Bella, Stormy, Dora and Hoss touched so many with the compassion they had for others and the smiles they created during therapy visits and at events.

Gearing up for our fourth year in 2022, we are starting to focus on our expansion into the Orlando/Oviedo area. We need handler team volunteers and a coordinator to help us get started. If you have an interest to become part of our central team, please contact us at GRRMFtherypups@grrmf.org. To learn more about becoming a Hearts of Gold therapy handler team or offering your talents to support the program behind the scenes, visit our website at www.grrmf.org/grrmf-hearts-of-gold-therapy-team/

Hearts of Gold/Therapy Dog team- Total YTD visits by attendee type



Unleash Generosity



GIVING TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 30

On November 30, the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving, GRRMF joins the world in celebrating Giving Tuesday. Created in 2012, Giving Tuesday has become a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity. It's a day to inspire generosity in all forms - a day for people to generously share whatever they can, whether it is their time, skills, voice, or money. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, GRRMF received \$26,000 during last year's Giving Tuesday event. We hope to top that this year and appreciate your support! **Save the date for November 30!**

Adoption Stories



YUKON JERI

Yukon not only brightened his new home with his presence he lightened its floors with his long, white fur! Adorably affectionate, he loves putting his head in his parents' laps, leaning in for head rubs, almost hugging them. He also loves going for walks, occasionally playing with tennis balls, and greeting them when they awaken or after they've been gone with boundless joy and happy wags of his fluffy tail.



PANDA JIMBO

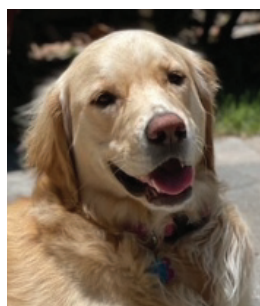
Panda was 9 months old in June 2020 when he padded into Janet and Jeff's home and promptly put a lock on their love. Passionate about every person he meets, his other passions include playing "keep away" and games of fetch, frisking about with his older golden sister and chasing lizards, stitch-ripping soft toys, and brightening his family's days with a smile that's worth its weight in gold.



AURORA JANI

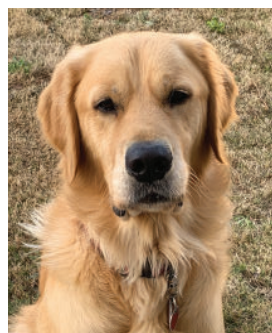
Her family's personal alarm clock, Katie wakes them each morning with a toy in her mouth, making noise. Sweet and social, enthusiastic and energetic, she adores attention and is always up for adventure, enjoys chasing lizards and squirrels, playing tug-a-war and taking long evening walks. A true people-pleasing pup, she's living the most

golden of lives by loving wholeheartedly and being loved just as much in return.



CHLOE MILLY

Setting her adoptive home aglow, Chloe captured her new family's heart with her sweetness and sassiness, high spirits and smarts. A mischievous 19-month-old miss, she loves cuddling with her mom and playing chase with her dad, shredding fluffy toys and swimming in the ocean. Not only does this precocious pup keep them laughing, she keeps them wondering about what she'll do next.



MEMPHIS JIMBO

Jaime's family swapped foster for fur-ever when they adopted Memphis. Now one of a trio of Golden Retrievers, he's both silly and sweet, part time clown and full time cuddler, who loves toys, truck rides and camping trips, and visits to the lake, beach and mountains. Having successfully completed basic obedience

training, Memphis hopes to receive his Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certificate this year.



LAWRENCE JONNIE

The size of a small pony with a large heart to match, Hunter (formerly Lawrence) is happiest in the company of his family, lapping up their affection and lovingly returning it. Adept at flinging doors shut with his nose, passionate about his stuffed alligator and cow, taking them everywhere, he especially enjoys chasing

squirrels and ridding the yard of lizards when he's not inside cuddling on the couch with the people he adores.

RAINBOW BRIDGE

Bambi Anderson-Ivers - Tony
Helen and John Armolea - Amos
Helen and John Armolea - Hoss
Ed & Sherry Ayres & GRRMF Family - Duke
Stephen and Leigh Baccich - Ben
Kim Broida - Stormy
Cathy and Marc Christy - Bella
Phil Doherty - Henry
Dowdle Family - Monkey
Paula and Andy Downey - Bauer

Haker Family - Dora
Jacquie and Gary Hasbach - Rusty
Donna and Mike Hollingsworth - Snapper
Trish and Clayton Hopkins - Copper
Keri and William Milo - Sprinkles
Teri Trudell - Trudy
William and Gay Webb - Coco
Heather Welch - Cookie
Bill and Sue Welser - Olivia



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