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2022 WAGS Annual Report



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WAGS PROMOTES FUNCTIONAL
INDEPENDENCE AND QUALITY OF
LIFE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH
DISABILITIES, PRIMARILY MOBILITY
IMPAIRMENTS,, THROUGH
PARTNERSHIPS WITH SKILLED
SERVICE DOGS.



Volunteer Trainers

All the WAGS dogs-in-training live in the homes of volunteers and are trained by them exclusively under the guidance of a certified trainer on WAGS staff.



Statement of Activities

Unrestricted Net Assets	2022	2021
SUPPORT & REVENUE		
United Way of Dane County	\$ 12,872	\$ 13,628
Contributions	189,568	164,7920
Special Events	10,977	8,161
Donated Services	--	2,695
Program Services	3,275	3,400
Interest/Other Income	91	272
Gov't Grants—PPP	--	26,250
Total Unrestricted Support		
And revenue	216,783	219,196
EXPENSE AND LOSS		
Program Services	190,671	155,440
Supporting Activities		
Management and General	29,797	38,111
Fundraising	19,050	36,196
Total Expenses	237,422	229,747
Net Assets released	--	--
Total expenses and loss	(20,639)	(10,551)
Net Assets at End of Year	87,956	108,595



Statement of Financial Position

Wisconsin Academy for Graduate Service Dogs, Inc.

Statements of Financial Position

December 31, 2022 and 2021

Assets	2022	2021
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 70,242	\$ 111,489
Accounts Receivable	28,000	--
Prepaid Expenses	671	893
Security Deposit	1,340	1,340
Lease Right-of-Use	21,909	--
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 122,162	\$ 113,722
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 6,971	\$ --
Payroll W/H	5,019	4,711
Customer Deposits	--	416
Operating Lease Liability	22,216	--
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	87,956	108,595
Total Net Assets/Liab	\$ 122,162	\$ 113,722

Service Dogs Make A Difference—a BIG one!

Dear Friends,

While all of our service dogs-in-training hold the potential to provide independence, dignity, and unconditional love to members of our community with physical disabilities, it takes a great deal of work and support. WAGS highly-trained dogs learn a variety of skills such as retrieving dropped or out of reach items, tugging open the refrigerator door and retrieving an *uneaten* item from it, gently tugging off clothing articles, and opening and closing drawers or doors. Not only can a WAGS service dog literally open doors for their partners with disabilities, they can also open the doors to a greater sense of freedom, safety, and social interaction.

In the last five years, WAGS has made tremendous steps forward in providing effective and efficient services to our clients. The annual contributions from our Annual Appeal have been crucial in helping us achieve these goals. The number of applicants waiting for a WAGS dog in 2023 was approximately 8 individuals with disabilities. That wait list has now been more than cut in half! That's the power of your WAGS Annual Ask investment in action and we can't thank you enough.

It takes a huge investment of time, expertise and, yes, money to create a *quality* placement between a WAGS service dog and person waiting for the dog to make a huge difference in their life. Increasing independence and quality of life for an individual are big goals for any puppy to fill. But with your support, our service dogs-in-training will have that power!



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About WAGS

The Wisconsin Academy for Graduate Service Dogs, Inc. began in 1987.

Our mission is to promote functional independence and improved quality of life for persons with physical mobility impairments through partnerships with highly skilled service dogs.

We are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization which depends on donations, contributions, and grants from foundations, businesses, and individuals to fund its mission.



WAGS service dogs can go anywhere in public places with the person they serve. WAGS trains mobility-assist service dogs for people with physical disabilities that need support, assistance and companionship. WAGS places 5-8 service dogs every year and have 8 –12 in training at one time. WAGS training facility is located in Madison, WI but serves people from Dane, Rock, Milwaukee as well as surrounding counties within 80 miles of Madison. WAGS has provided this service to people with disabilities for 35 years!

WAGS service dogs-in-training go through 2 years of training, socialization and behavioral assessment, like Zac here —>.

