



Aloha to our wonderful Hawaii Fi-Do Ohana,

As we embrace the holiday season, we want to take a moment to share some updates and reflections from our journey this year. It's been a year of growth, service, and connection, and we couldn't have done it without your support.

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**Human-Dog Bonding in Schools:** We've witnessed an increase in demand for our six-week human-dog bonding program in the public schools. Our puppy raisers and dog teams have been making a positive impact, bringing smiles and comfort to over 300 students at Princess Ruth Ke'elilolani and Ewa Makai Middle Schools. The program has evolved into a fee-for-service program which will help sustain it.

**Veterans Support:** We received two requests for service dogs from Hawaii veterans. An ADI-mainland program partnered with us to send a certified dog to a veteran in Hilo. We spent time with sailors and their families on the USS Michael Murphy Ship on Commissioning Anniversary/Resiliency Day.



**Dogs on a Mission:** Service dog team, Jordan and Pika lent a hand in Lahaina when they visited with first responders for some much-needed respite. Thank you, Jordan, and Pika.

**Just Plain Dog News:** Meanwhile, we welcomed two new puppies, Quinn and QT, to our program courtesy of the ever-generous breeder Debi Cary. Thank you to Linda Baretto and the Gowens for committing to raise Quinn and QT, respectively. On the graduate front, Pepper and Luna have finished their training.



**Community Engagement:** We've continued our monthly dog socialization and training activities at Kunia Community Center, bringing the joy of our service dogs to the community. Susan Luehrs, was honored by Hale Kū'ike as they recognized Vita (Nu'uau), Pepper (Bayside), and Luna (Pali) for the immeasurable joy and happiness they bring to the residents.

**Founder Transition:** This year marks a significant transition for Hawaii Fi-Do Service Dogs. After 23 years of dedicated service, our beloved founder, Susan Luehrs, has decided to step down from her role as Program Director. Susan's vision, dedication, and unwavering commitment have been the foundation of our organization's success. Her legacy and the transformative power of service dogs will continue to inspire us.





**Appeal for Funding:**

As we reflect on the past year, we are grateful for your unwavering support. The journey of Hawaii Fi-Do Service Dogs continues to thrive because of each one of you. Your contributions help us provide the necessary resources to ensure that our service dogs can continue making a meaningful impact on the lives of veterans, individuals with disabilities, and students.



This holiday season, please consider donating to Hawaii Fi-Do Service Dogs to help us uphold our mission of enhancing the quality of life for those we serve. Your support is truly appreciated.

May this holiday season bring you joy and peace. Together, we look forward to a bright and impactful future.

Matt Lorin  
Executive Director

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