



A newsletter for the volunteers, sponsors and friends of Therapy Pet Pals of Texas, Inc.

PET PAL TALES

INTRODUCING TPPT'S 2016 HONOREES!



Kathy Grosch

Congratulations to Kathy Grosch for 25 years of Pet Pal volunteer service! To honor her incredible dedication, she was presented with a beautiful heart embossed "paw print" pendant engraved with the words PET PAL 25 Years. Kathy is our Deputy Director, Grant Manager, QT Class Evaluator, Trainer and Special Event Committee member. Kathy has been truly amazing in her absolute dedication to TPPT. We sincerely thank her!

Congratulations, 20 Year HONOREES!



Loral Haus



Ruth Anne Abraham

All of these Pet Pal volunteers have demonstrated their dedication to TPPT by their incredible service records! They have been vital and invaluable to TPPT's growth and success, and their devoted commitment to pet therapy is more than obvious!

Congratulations, 15 Year HONOREES!



Bruce McDougall



Darron Blackburn



Gayle Curl



Teddi Jackson

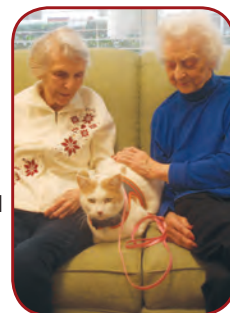
These superb honorees serve TPPT in many and diverse areas. They are enthusiastic Trainers, Q/T Class Evaluators, Special Events Committee and assist with various other numerous responsibilities.

The faithfulness these volunteers have exhibited, and their unique expertise in pet therapy services, has enabled TPPT to maintain its high standards of quality and excellence for 32 years!

(Meet more Honorees on pages 3 & 7)

TPPT'S 2016 VOLUNTEER REPORT

2016 was another rewarding year for TPPT! We are proud to report that our Pet Pal volunteers gave the incredible number of **11,181 HOURS** in loving service to their community! They traveled (at their own expense) **81,638 MILES**. Most important of all, Pet Pals were responsible for **114,429 SMILES** placed on the faces of the nursing home residents and hospital patients in the 90 healthcare facilities they proudly serve!



TPPT takes great pride in the totality of our volunteers' commitments and their caring hearts. Because of them, there is an abundance of love and companionship in many Texas healthcare facilities. Our loving *Pet Pals* "spread sunshine" wherever they go and they make many lonely hearts truly happy!

If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours.

--Dolly Parton

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- ♥ Recruit and train volunteers for work in pet therapy, and promote the human/animal bond through pet visitation programs.
- ♥ Work with health care staff and medical professionals in various institutions where pet therapy programs would enhance the quality of life for the patients.
- ♥ Provide institutionalized patients an opportunity for bonding with pets through weekly visits.
- ♥ Promote and publicize pet therapy through workshops, seminars, lectures, and discussion groups in order to elevate public awareness on the importance of pet therapy.

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Each year as our anniversary date approaches, we reminisce and count our blessings. In some ways, every year has been bittersweet, filled with joy and some sadness.

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to our Founder and Executive Director, Kathryn Lashmit. Kathryn left us in October 2016. As we all have fond memories of dear Kathryn, the office staff thought you would enjoy our favorite photos of her and her "Pekes"...the "go to" breed for our Founder and her loving husband, Jimmie.



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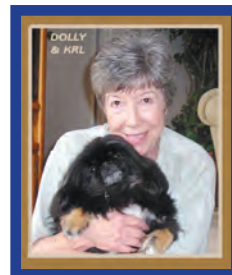
Hope & Joy



Sissy & Dolly



Sissy



Dolly



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While it is impossible to express the true depth of gratitude and love we feel for Kathryn, we can all celebrate, that through our work, her legacy will live on. Her spirit will always be a vital part of Therapy Pet Pals of Texas and though she may be gone, she will never be forgotten.

So, as we boldly enter our 33rd year as an organization, we build on the foundation Kathryn constructed. I implore each of you to continue your wonderful work. Our pets provide enduring comfort to the humans we serve and I sincerely thank all of you reading this missive for your generous support of TPPT.

In these tumultuous times the world needs more ambassadors of Pet Love like you!

Enjoy the end of your leash!

Nancy J. Gray

"The world is hugged by the faithful arms of volunteers."

~ Terri Guillemets

CONGRATULATIONS!

Outstanding Volunteers of the Year - 2016



Jane Anderson

TPPT takes tremendous pride in presenting the **Outstanding Volunteer** awards each year! As in past years, there were many volunteers who were worthy of this award, which is what makes the recipients each year so *outstanding*!

The four honorees shown here have all been truly amazing in their absolute dedication to pet therapy. Not only have they gone that "extra mile"... they have gone many, many extra miles in service to their cherished friends in many nursing homes and hospitals.

We *congratulate* **Jane, Nancy, Gail and Gene!** We sincerely **THANK** them for their loving and faithful service to TPPT!



Nancy Hocevar



Gail Penney-Chapmond



Gene Hahn

10 YEAR Honorees!

Congratulations to these faithful and dedicated 10 Year honorees. Your commitment to TPPT is truly appreciated!



Marja Wallace



Mary Schani



Robert Lang



Suzanne Baldwin

(Unavailable for photo) **Rachel Hayes, Vicki Spencer**

(More Honorees on Page 7)



Hope's Hints

Q. One of the questions most frequently asked by our members is: "May I take a family member or friend with me to share my Pet Pal visit?"

A. First of all, *no one under the age of 12 years may go with you on a Pet Pal visit to your healthcare facility.* Of course, **NO ONE** but the TPPT volunteer may handle the Pet Pal during the visit - regardless of age!

This is first and foremost a safety issue. It is impossible to adequately supervise both a pet and a small child since both can become highly energetic at times. *This is comparable to the same safety requirement for which we cannot permit a member to take two dogs on a visit.*

The two things enjoyed most by residents and patients are children and pets. Pet Pal volunteers say that after they have "bonded" with their senior friends, they are often asked to bring their young children on a visit.

Knowing how much the residents and patients truly love being with little children, we always urge TPPT members to consider making extra visits. *On days that are not scheduled for Pet Pal visits, take your child on a visit and leave your Pet Pal at home.*

We know that all our members have "nearly perfect" children and pets but even they can have an occasional bad day. TPPT cannot risk the safety of our institutionalized friends no matter how slight the risk might be.

TPPT rules/regulations are based on the absolute desire to provide our healthcare facilities with the best possible pet therapy program attainable. Without all necessary safety measures in place, we would be shirking a grave responsibility.

TPPT's utmost goal is to provide the joy of "unlimited, unconditional pet love" and the companionship of our PET PAL volunteers!

FAITHFUL FOUNDATION FRIENDS!

TPPT is BLESSED by the amazing foundations who have been so generous in their support of our mission and goals! We take pride in listing those who have donated to TPPT since the last publication of our newsletter.

The ForeSight Foundation of Austin has been a treasured friend of TPPT since 2002 and has never missed a year in giving their generous, caring gifts! We are truly humbled and gratified by their faithful support and unswerving belief in TPPT. **THANK YOU!**

We are grateful to all of the Board members for their 2016 gift of **\$5,000.00!** Special thanks to Director Jennifer Jones Newbill, who is an avid pet lover and a staunch believer in pet therapy.

Ray & June Smith Charitable

Foundation of Houston has blessed TPPT again in 2017 with their fourth annual grant by donating a charitable gift of **\$5,000.00!** **THANK YOU!**

It is always such a pleasure to find caring and benevolent friends who believe in the power of pet love! These generous folks share our goals and truly desire to help in fulfilling TPPT's mission to serve the ill and elderly. This foundation's compassion creates a lot of joyous days for many ill and elderly people!



Carl C. Anderson, Sr. & Marie Jo Anderson Charitable Foundation of Austin is highly respected by TPPT as one of our very long-term valued foundations! They have been precious friends and supporters of TPPT with a generous grant gift of **\$5,000.00** in 2017, and have given \$5,000.00 every year since 2006.

Their loyalty in support of TPPT's growth is a strong motivator for our organization. We strive always to work toward the expansion of our Pet Pal programs in order to honor the faith which they have placed in TPPT. We are deeply and sincerely grateful for their many generous charitable gifts. **THANK YOU!**

Murar Foundation, Inc. of Austin has proven their dedication to providing loving companionship for the ill and elderly through pet therapy. For the fourth consecutive year they have honored TPPT with a generous 2017 grant of **\$5,000.00!** We are blessed by their desire to support our Pet Pal programs! **THANK YOU!**

One of the purposes of this caring foundation is "to perpetuate organizations that contribute to making the world a better place." TPPT is honored and humbled to be recognized as a worthy recipient under the guidelines of this very philanthropic foundation. We will strive always to make sure their faith and trust in TPPT is well placed.



WELCOME TO TPPT'S NEWEST FOUNDATION!

The Robert and Janice McNair Foundation of Houston is a new friend, which we are delighted to add to our list of generous supporting foundations. Their 2017 grant to TPPT was a very generous \$5,000.00 **THANK YOU!!**

We are delighted that The McNair Foundation has found TPPT's mission and goals worthy of their support. It is very rewarding when we share the volunteer work of our Pet Pals and get such a positive response from the caring foundations we contact.



Nannette C. Wickham Charitable Foundation of Austin is a family dedicated to the well-being of both pets and the elderly! In 2010 they became proud supporters of our Pet Pal visitation programs and they have been faithful, generous friends in giving grants to TPPT every year. **THANK YOU!**

For 2016 they bestowed a grant of **\$2,400.00** to TPPT! They have witnessed the pleasure that our Pet Pal pups give to our friends in the nursing homes. It is always very special to have such enthusiastic sponsors who are so committed to TPPT's mission.

The Rachael & Ben Vaughan Foundation of Austin is a very long-term friend of TPPT. Their first grant to TPPT was in 1997 and their commitment to our mission and goals has been proven every year since their very first grant. **THANK YOU!**

They have continued to honor TPPT with their 2016 grant of **\$2,500.00**, which was gratefully received! We value their continuous faith in TPPT and rejoice in this long-term relationship with such a caring foundation. We are blessed by their dedication and ardent belief in pet therapy.



The Arnold Foundation has been giving TPPT their support and "stamp of approval" since 2002! Their faithful, long-standing friendship is deeply treasured, for we know how sincerely they believe in TPPT's mission of sharing Pet Pal love. **THANK YOU!**

We delight in their continuous support, and their 2016 grant of **\$2,000.00** shows they are more than pleased by our volunteer services. We are truly blessed by these caring folks.

Only by GIVING are you able to receive MORE than you already have.

- Jim Rohn

(More Foundations on page 9)

MEMORIALS - Donations made in loving memory of:

Kathryn Lashmit
*Beloved Founder of
Therapy Pet Pals of Texas*

By: Geri & Jim Repass
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*Beloved Husband of Lou Magel &
Wonderful Pet Pal Volunteer*
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By: Susan Hays

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Beloved Wife of Rox Edgar
By: Rox Edgar

Rose Macko
Beloved Mother of Karen Macko
By: Karen Macko

Mary Susan Strong
By: Mary Stuhr & Elfriede Falvey

Roux
Precious Pet Pal of Mary Horner
By: TPPT Office Staff
Mary & Dwight Horner

Dora
Precious Pet Pal of Lynn & David Ashley
By: TPPT Office Staff

June
Beloved Dog of Angela Howell
By: David & JoNell Harlow

Tuffy
Precious Pet Pal of Lou Magel
By: TPPT Office Staff

Captain
Precious Pet Pal of Susan Hays
By: Vicki Spencer
Doug & Tricia DuBois

Duke
Precious Pet Pal of Tricia DuBois
By: Vicki Spencer

Beckily
Precious Pet Pal of Jack & Sue Shirley
By: TPPT Office Staff
Barbara Buchanan

Bean
Precious Pet Pal of Pat Freytag

Spencer & Eva
Precious Pet Pal of Mary & Don Johnson

Bubba
Precious Pet Pal of Gayle Curl

Lucky
Beloved Pet Pal of Lynn Hunt
By: TPPT Office Staff

Daisy
Beloved Pet Pal of Ann Paclik
By: TPPT Office Staff

Billy Bob
Cherished Cat of Annette Argall

LuLu
By: Bill Keith

Slider
Beloved Dog of Lauren Hays
By: Susan Hays

Mia
Beloved Border Collie of Susan Hays

THANK YOU, JUDY & STEVE RUNYAN!

The beautiful awards, which are proudly displayed by TPPT's Outstanding Volunteers, were designed and donated by **Judy and Steve Runyan**.

Tony Leonard had donated these very special awards every year for 16 years, until his death in 2006. His daughter, Judy, vowed to keep his legacy alive, and along with her husband, Steve, has continued making the wonderful **Tony Awards** for the past **11** years! They continue to honor us with their talent, generosity and loving dedication to TPPT!



A Special **THANK YOU** to KUT Public Radio for broadcasting information about our Qualifying and Training Classes.

It's always challenging to find ways to reach potential volunteers with the "Pet Pal Story" and the generous people at KUT have helped spread the word and fill up our classes!

THANK YOU so much KUT Public Radio!

DOGS IN OUR LIVES

We are not house-proud. If we were, we would't abide the scratches on the door frame, the holes in the screen, the darkened shine of worn spots on the chair. We would wince at the mottled carpet and fret at the hair clinging to our clothes.

We don't. If anything, we lovers of dogs are a tolerant lot, finding greater value in the unabashed affection of our friend than immaculate sofas. Shoes can be replaced but heroic retrievers are timeless.

Without dogs, our houses are cold receptacles for things. Dogs make a fire warmer with their curled presences. They wake us, greet us, protect us and ultimately carve a place in our hearts and our history.

On reflection, our lives are often referenced in parts defined by the all-to-short lives of our dogs.

- Paul Fersen, Orvis Associate



HONORS

Donations made in honor of:

Rico

Our wonderful Pet Pal
By: Gayle & Val Curl

Joy Schellhorn

A wonderful friend
By: Pam Jacobs

Michael & Tina Lucas

By: Rev. William P. Lucas

Rio

By: Suzanne Baldwin

"Dogs are our link to paradise. They don't know evil or jealousy or discontent. To sit with a dog on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring -- it was peace".

- Writer, Milan Kundera

"JUST A DOG"

From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a dog." or "that's a lot of money for just a dog." They don't understand the distance traveled, time spent or costs involved for "just a dog". Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog". Many hours have passed with my only company being "just a dog" and not once have I felt slighted. Some of my saddest moments were brought about by "just a dog". In those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog" provided comfort and purpose to overcome the day.



If you too think it's "just a dog" you will probably understand phrases like "just a friend", "just a sunrise", or "just a promise". "Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust

and pure joy. "Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that makes me a better person.

For me, and folks like me, it's not "just a dog". It's an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, fond memories of the past and the pure joy of the moment. "Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday people can understand it's NOT "just a dog". It's the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a man or a woman".

So, the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog", smile, because they "just don't understand".

(Author Unknown)

TPPT CALENDAR OF EVENTS — 2017

Qualifying/Training Classes

AUSTIN/CENTRAL TEXAS: THE WOODLANDS/HOUSTON:

January 15th — April 2nd

July 9th — October 22nd

March 1st

September 6th

Advance registration is required for all classes! Visit TPPT's website: www.therapypetpals.org or for more information call 512/347-1984.



Please submit
NO LATER
than the 10th
of the month!

VISITATION LOGS:

1st Qtr. due April 1st
2nd Qtr. due July 1st
3rd Qtr. due Oct. 1st
4th Qtr. due Jan. 1st

MAKING PEOPLE HAPPY

"People have a hard time achieving happiness in their lives. They tend to get wrapped up in their own little world. People get confused because they do not know what they need or want and then depression sets in. Dogs do not have this problem. They know exactly what makes them happy -- doing something for someone. They will do everything they can think of to please their human companion and any signs that they have been successful, makes them very happy".



(John Richard Stephens)

CONGRATULATIONS, 5 Year HONOREES!



Austin/Central Texas
(Pictured L-R) **Patty Tune, Christine Gilbert**

(Unavailable for photo) **Renee Voss, Kathy Lattavo, Rolinda Carrington, Marge Wood, Joan Eurey**

TPPT HONORS CELEBRATIONS are very special times for all TPPT members. They enjoy sharing some of their volunteer experiences of the past year, greeting their old friends and welcoming the new members to TPPT. The highlight at both of the celebrations is seeing (and sharing) the honorees' joy as they so graciously receive their beautiful and well-deserved awards!

Austin/Central Texas Area volunteers celebrated with great enthusiasm at their 28th annual Honors Banquet on January 29th. For the 14th consecutive year, members were delighted that the party was held at their favorite meeting place, *County Line on The Hill*. It was a fun-filled afternoon. Everyone had a great time!



The Woodlands/Houston Chapter members enjoyed their 21st Honors celebration on Dec. 4th at the beautiful home of Teddi and Cliff Jackson, who warmly welcomed their fellow Pet Pal volunteers. A delicious "pot luck" luncheon was served to the great enjoyment of all the members and their invited guests. It was a delightful afternoon for all those in attendance.



TRANSITIONS..... WARM WELCOME TO:



Courtney Cleveland, New Volunteer Coordinator!
Since October 2016, the TPPT office staff has had the pleasure of working with our new Volunteer Coordinator. Courtney has a tremendous amount of enthusiasm and it has been a delight working with her. She has also proven to be a valuable and willing worker in helping the volunteer office staff. Courtney is dedicated to serving all of our Pet Pal Volunteers. If you have not met Courtney, we invite you to stop by the office and say "hello".



Dr. Nedy West has been volunteering with us for 3 years. Her dedication to Pet Pal visitations delights her residents on a weekly basis. She is an avid and inspiring TPPT Trainer and a valuable asset to the TPPT office staff. She has taken on a new role as a volunteer staffer. Nedy assists in many areas of need every Wednesday and other days as needed.

From the PET PAL MAILBOX.....



Dear TPPT,

I am writing to let you know of a very special experience that Clancy and I had while making our weekly visits.

Clancy and I visit Northwoods Health & Rehabilitation Center. As we made our rounds through the facility, we entered the Rehab Center. On this day, there was considerable activity at the Center and many people were waiting their turn to receive much needed treatment. There was a young man in his mid-twenties on a mobile stretcher. The young man was almost totally paralyzed and rested patiently with his eyes closed. As Clancy and I approached the young man, a physical therapist began to lift him into a better position, he opened his eyes. Seeing Clancy for the first time, his face came alive as his eyes filled with a warm and grateful expression. He made an attempt to move towards Clancy but displayed limited ability to do so. Though no words were spoken, no contact made, the young man's eyes were all telling. He was pleased that Clancy had come to visit him and one could see the energy come into his frail body. Yet again another therapy dog worked his magic by bringing a little joy and perhaps some hope to one who needed it the most. Several physical therapists witnessed the exchange between Clancy and the young man and were deeply touched by the experience. They thanked Clancy for making a difference and encouraged Clancy and me to return to the Center as soon as possible.

Clancy and I thank Therapy Pet Pals of Texas for providing us with the opportunity to serve. Each week, Therapy Pet Pal members go about bringing cheer to retirees and on those rare occasions, we experience a very special moment. This was one "special moment" for Clancy and me. Therapy Pet Pals does such outstanding work and sometimes our work becomes routine but we should all rejoice each day that we can serve. Thank you for all that you do.

Best Regards,

Clancy and Gene Hahn

TPPT's "VERY SPECIAL FRIENDS"

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TPPT Volunteer Mary Horner and her eight canasta partners have generously donated a total of \$125.00 to Pel Pals. These ladies collect donation money year round and at the end of the year 2016, elected to give their annual donation to TPPT.

We would like to thank Mary Horner, Helen Gaw, Adele Hanson, Sharon Jorczak, Shirley Lafayette, Glenda LaRocca, Shelley McCoy and Patty Moran for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

Thank you ladies!



FAITHFUL FOUNDATION FRIENDS! (Continued from Page 4)

Shomos Family Foundation is such a special blessing to us because it is proof of how our former members remain committed to TPPT's mission in sharing Pet Pal love. We sincerely thank our friend and former Pet Pal volunteer, Monica Shomos who has initiated grants on behalf of TPPT since 2010. We are very grateful to the Shomos Family Foundation for their 2016 grant of \$2000.00. **THANK YOU!**

The Lind Family Foundation

of Austin awarded their first grant to TPPT's pet therapy visitation program in 2005, and they have been very dedicated and faithful supporters every year since.

They understand the significance of what a vital role pets play in adding quality of life to those people who are no longer able to have a pet of their own. Their 2016 grant of **\$1,500.00** was truly gratifying, and enables TPPT to keep the pet love flowing into many lonely hearts. **THANK YOU!**

Montgomery County Community Foundation has once again bestowed a generous grant of \$2,000.00 for 2016. It is very special to be supported by the communities in which TPPT serves and their donation was received with great appreciation. This is the 4th grant that TPPT has received from this caring foundation and we are grateful for their continued generosity.



Robert H. & Anita Q. Lawe Foundation of Cypress has delighted us with their approval of our third grant request. For the year 2016, they have bestowed a gift of \$1,000.00 to TPPT! **THANK YOU!**

It is very rewarding when we share the volunteer work of TPPT's members, and get such a positive response from the caring foundations we contact. We are proud and thankful they have found us worthy of their trust.

Paul B. & Frances Lenora Terry, Jr. Family Foundation of Houston first honored TPPT with a grant in 2014. They continue to endorse TPPT's mission of pet love for the ill and elderly with a 2016 grant of **\$1,000.00!** They believe in the importance of a pet's love and companionship and the health benefits to be derived from pet therapy. **THANK YOU!**



REWARDS FOR EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEERING!

EXXONMOBIL FOUNDATION

rewards employees and retirees for their community volunteering. For every 20 hours given in volunteer service, ExxonMobil donates **\$500.00** to the non-profit with which they are affiliated!

In **2016** ExxonMobil donated **\$3,500.00** to TPPT in **HONOR** of:

Sue Butler and *Johnny B. Goode & The Fonzy*

Gene Hahn and *Quincy & Clancy*

TECUMSEH Foundation of Austin has bestowed a gift of **\$1,000.00** to TPPT for the year 2016. This is the 3rd year they have provided funds for the furtherance of TPPT's mission of providing Pet Pal love. We are delighted by their belief in the health benefits of pet therapy, and we are proud they have chosen to support our special "pet project." **THANK YOU!**

Abbott Foundation of Austin has been a good and loyal friend to TPPT since 2011. Their belief in our Pet Pal visitation programs has resulted in a 6th year grant of **\$500.00** for the year 2016! We thank them for validating our volunteer efforts with their faithful caring gifts, and supporting TPPT's mission and goals. **THANK YOU!**

YES!....

*I believe in the
"Unconditional Love"
provided by Pet Pals!*

Enclosed is my tax deductible
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Austin, TX 78746

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THANK YOU



Share Your Pet Pal Volunteer Experiences!

Every week there are so many heart-warming occurrences between our beloved Pet Pals and the residents and patients they serve in health care facilities. There are many precious memories to be shared and we encourage all TPPT volunteers to send in their favorites.

We want everyone to know the reasons we love our volunteer work and why pet therapy is so very important to so many people.





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BIG HEARTED "ANONYMOUS" CARING DONORS!

You will see many of TPPT's very generous donors' names listed in our *Very Special Friends* section on page 8, but you will not see them ALL.



For a myriad of reasons, these caring folks have requested that their names not be published. However, every now and then we like to acknowledge them "anonymously" so they will know we will never forget the love and support their many dedicated gifts bring to TPPT and those we serve!

FACEBOOK! Please remember to visit TPPT's FACEBOOK page and encourage all of your Facebook Friends to "LIKE" us! They might just decide that they want to become PET PAL volunteers! We encourage all TPPT members to post favorite pictures of their Pet Pal doing their volunteering in the healthcare facility they serve!

When you shop at **Randalls**, make sure you have a "Randalls' Remarkable Card" with TPPT's # 2563.



SUPPORT TPPT when making your purchases from Amazon! It is easy to do, just sign in at: smile.amazon.com Then choose Therapy Pet Pals of Texas and we will receive a percentage of your total purchase!

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Gift Certificates from Office Depot/Office Max

For more information call the TPPT office at (512) 347-1984

*Extra copies of this newsletter are available at the TPPT office. **PET PAL TALES** is also posted on TPPT's website.*

Newsletter submissions:

We are delighted to receive Pet Pal pictures for our newsletter! Also, if you would like to submit a short story (or just a paragraph) send it along with an appropriate picture before **August 15, 2017** for publishing in the Fall/Winter edition of **PET PAL TALES**.



Website additions:

TPPT has space for the addition of many more pictures on our website! If you want to share a picture of your Pet Pal "volunteering," send it to the TPPT office and we will be happy to publish it on our website: www.therappetpals.org

Wherever you see the TPPT Logo, you can be proud knowing that these pets are "making a difference" in our community —it is our seal of "quality assurance!"

