



2009 Annual Report

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From the Founder's Desk:

2009 was a busy year and the beginning of Guardian Angels for Soldiers Pet becoming known around the country dedicated to assisting our deploying military service members with finding a caring, loving, and safe home to care for their beloved pets while they are deployed in harm's way. It is my honor to share with you through this annual report our many accomplishments during 2009. With the help of many individuals, various organizations and groups across the country our military community is learning about our programs available to them so they can be reunited with their beloved pets following a deployment to harm's way and emergency hardships.

On behalf of Guardian Angels for Soldiers Pet and the military service members we are here to serve, I wish to thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for being foster home caregivers for these beloved pets, helping us provide our programs and establish projects that will help ensure our ability to assist our military service members, veterans, and their beloved pets in the future.

To our military service members and veterans Thank You for your service (past and present) to our great country which allows us to serve you and your pets now and in the future.

*Respectfully and Angel HUGS from AR,
Linda Spurlin-Dominik
Founder
Guardian Angels for Soldiers Pet*

Our History:

Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet was started in 2005 by Carole Olmedo and Linda Spurlin-Dominik after learning that military service members across the country had pets that needed a caring, loving, and safe home to care for them during their owners' deployment to harm's way (combat or peace-keeping or humanitarian mission) and being unable to locate such a place were having to relinquish their legal pet ownership rights to an animal shelter or animal rescue group never to see their pets again, know if the pets were placed in a new permanent home, or ended up being euthanized.

Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet was incorporated in the natural state of Arkansas on January 28, 2005 as a 501c3 nonprofit public charity for the sole purpose of assisting our military service members with situations impacting their ability to retain their pet ownership rights and not have to relinquish those rights to a animal shelter or animal rescue group due to their service to our country or an emergency hardship because they had no other option.

The founders of the organization began by recruiting and interviewing potential foster home care givers (called "Guardian Angels") in Arkansas for these beloved pets to be known as our "Foster Home" program with the understanding that the pets were to be reunited with their owners at the end of the fostering term. Prior to the end of 2005 based on requests received from deploying military service members from such states as IN, KY, and TX our recruiting and interviewing efforts were expanded across the country in addition to the recruiting of volunteers to assist in the interviewing and pet placement coordination in their states and/or establish subordinate organizations (affiliated chapters) under the IRS "Group Exemption Status" capability.

Today, Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet is a national, all-volunteer based 501c3 nonprofit "military support organization" supporting our military, veterans, and their beloved pets to ensure the pets are reunited with their owners following a deployment or emergency hardship.

We accomplish our mission with volunteers including but not limited to our MN affiliated chapter, a National Volunteer Management Team involved with the organization's day-to-day operations, State Volunteer Management Teams (state directors and foster home coordinators and/or interviewers), and our national potential foster home network consisting of 1300+potential foster homes at the end of 2009 across the country.

Our Programs:

Foster Home Network

Our foster home program was developed and implemented as another alternative for an active duty service member being deployed to harm's way (combat or peace-keeping or humanitarian mission) other than surrendering his/her pet ownership rights to an animal shelter or rescue group or humane society so they could be reunited with their pets following a deployment to harm's way.

During 2007 our "Foster Home" program was expanded to assist military service members, families of deployed and wounded heroes, and our veterans requiring in-patient VA care needing short term (maximum 8 months) fostering which involved an "emergency hardships". These types of requests are handled on a "case-by-case" basis and ability to assist is based on available resources and the type of hardship.

Military Pet Assistance (MPA)

The MPA was established in 2008 as another way to assist our military community and their beloved pets from a financial perspective and coordinating pet ground transports.

MPA Financial Fund - *This temporary restricted fund allows us to support urgent and emergency veterinary or other care services for fostered pets when A) we have exceeded the pre-authorized spending amount approved by the military pet owner for medical expenses, B) the deployed pet owner is unreachable to authorize additional expenditures, or, C) when the recommended treatment/services are beyond the military service member's ability to pay on short notice. Besides pet care related expenses, we may need to move a pet to a different foster home during the foster term or we need a short term (maximum 2 weeks) place to care for the pets until we can place them in an individual home due to a last minute request for our assistance where we incur boarding expenses.*

*Where funds are available our objective is to provide assistance to military service members, military families with a deployed spouse, and veterans with pets who are not fostered through our organization but needs assistance associated with emergency veterinary treatment/services or temporary boarding expenses due to unforeseen emergency hardship. **Note:** These types of requests are handled on a case-by-case basis to determine our assistance does not prevent us from caring for pets fostered through our organization.*

Pet Transport Coordination - during 2009 this ability was discontinued when our National Pet Transport Coordinator stepped down. Though we have tried to re-establish this ability we have been unable to locate a volunteer with the time and expertise to do so at the national level.

MVP Sanctuary Project:

The purpose of this major project is to establish dedicated pet care facilities in various states to:

- Provide a caring, loving, and safe temporary home-like environment where initially a Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet approved individual foster home is not available to care for the pet/pets to meet the pet owner's time line.
- Better ensure the pet is waiting for their owner's safe return from the deployment.
- Expand our program and service to our Arkansas veterans' who need a temporary home for their pet in emergency hardship type situations.

The first MVP Sanctuary is planned to be in the natural state of Arkansas initially accommodating up to 25 beloved pets with room to expand up to 100 pet guests

- Pet guests is anticipated to be from Arkansas and surrounding states such as LAI, MO, MS, OK, TN, and TX.
- The AR MVP Sanctuary will become the model for future MVP Sanctuaries located in states where our program/service is needed by our military service members and veterans.

The MVP Sanctuary property to include:

- Pet care facility to include dog suites with connected outside runs, veterinarian room, grooming room, laundry facilities, and storage
- Administrative offices for the sanctuary day-to-day operations
- Outdoor covered pavilion to hold fundraising events and other functions for our active duty/veterans, their families, and their pets
- Outside fenced in pet play areas and trails for walking/running with out canine guests
- Designated area to honor our military and veterans for sitting and enjoying the beauty of the surrounding area
- Full landscaping with parking areas, circular drive to enter and exit the sanctuary property

Efforts continued during 2009 with locating property for our first MVP Sanctuary. The location of the first site was re-evaluated in June 2009 and with the National BOD approval, the MVP Sanctuary moved their search to the state of TX with assistance through our TX Director. On April 26, 2010 the

announcement was made that our offer to purchase 13 acres approx 14 miles west of Fort Hood in Gatesville TX was accepted

Full details and updates to our progress is available at www.mvpsanctuary.org website

2009 Accomplishments



- Increased our foster home network with individuals opening their hearts and homes to 1300
- Placed 64 pets into caring, loving, and safe foster homes bringing the total number of pets in foster to 114
- Reunited 56 pets with their owners across the country bringing the total number of pets reunited to 71 between November 2007 and December 2009)
- Assisted military service members in locating temp homes outside of our network by recommending other alternatives.
- Increased the number of volunteers as state directors, foster home coordinators/interviewers to expand our ability to provides hands-on efforts in their respective state on behalf of our organization
- Continued our efforts to establish the first of its kind "Military & Veterans Pet" (MVP) Sanctuary to ensure we are able to care for these beloved pets when we do not have an individual foster home available when needed. 1/5/10 Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet filed and approved as a Foreign Nonprofit in the state of TX (TX File Number: 80121330 and Texas taxpayer number 32036737867).

Internet Resources & Communications:

Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet as a National and an ALL-volunteer 501c3 nonprofit military support organization has been able to grow, get the word out, and remain connected to our volunteers across the country through the internet. Our website is our door in which the general public, military community, other organizations, potential volunteers, and potential funders/supporters become involved with our mission.

Visitors to our website (www.guardianangelsforsoldierspet.org) will find full information about us, our programs and projects, and the various ways they can help in our mission and another way to support our troops, veterans, their families, and their beloved pets.

In addition we have a national quarterly newsletter, known as The Guardian, which is sent out to our volunteers, foster home caregivers, and others who have requested to be kept up to date on what we are doing and to learn new ways they may be able to assist and promote our organization to others with similar interests.

2010 National Board of Directors

Members of the Board provide governance to the organization, represent the organization to the community, and accept the ultimate legal authority for the organization. Board members to serve a two (2) year term with up to three (3) consecutive terms allowed for a total of six (6) years.

*National President/CEO - **Linda Spurlin-Dominik (AR)***

*National Vice President - **Sally White (MN)***

*National Secretary - **Nancy Donovan (MN)***

*National Treasurer - **Lynne Bourgeois (TX)***

*National Director-Marketing/Communications - **Jessica Semon (VA)***

*National Director - MVPSanctuary Site Leader- **Jack Smoot(AR)***

*National Director - **Patricia Lozier (AR)***

Note: *The National BOD meets on a quarterly basis via teleconferencing capabilities where all attending board members can communicate with each other. Due to our board members residing in states other than where the national office is located in AR, having physical "face-to-face" meetings was not in the best interest of this organization and financially not feasible to either the organization or the BOD volunteer members. Communications for keeping the National BOD updated between board meetings is handled via email updates from the National CEO.*

National Volunteer Management Team

The National Management Team provides the various responsibilities associated with the day-to-day operations of the organization, including but not limited to providing the necessary support to the State Volunteer Management teams.

Linda Spurlin-Dominik (AR)

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Jessica Semon (VA)

National Marketing/Communications Director

Victoria Scott (NY)

National Grant Writer/Researcher

Brenda Jewell-Scott (CT)

National Volunteer Interviewer/Recruiter

State Volunteer Management Teams

The state teams are the official liaisons in a specific state acting on behalf of Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet National Organization. They have been established to enhance the organization's presence in each state to better support our military service members, veterans, and their beloved pets.

As we are adding volunteers to the state specific teams, our "State Management" page at our website is updated accordingly.

To see the most current teams visit:

http://www.guardianangelsforsoldierspet.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=106&Itemid=242

2009 Volunteer Recorded/Verified Hours:

**Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet
2009 Volunteer Hours**

Classification	Total Hours	\$ Value
FosterHome	3655	\$ 76,206.75
MPA	280	\$ 5,838.00
MVPS	550	\$ 11,467.50
Total Programs	4485	\$ 93,512.25
Admin	1698	\$ 35,403.30
Fundraising	387	\$ 8,068.95

Totals 6570.0 \$ 136,984.50

2008 \$ Value - \$20.85 per hour

2009 Financial Information

**Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet
2009 Net Contributions/Expenditures Overview**

Inc/Exp Breakdown	Programs/Project				Mgt & Governance Expenses	Fundraising Expenses	Total (EFG)
	Foster Home	MilitaryPetAssist	MVP Sanctuary	TotalPrograms (BCD)			
Income	\$ 5,178	\$ 3,687	\$ 22,161	\$ 31,026	\$ 2,553	\$ 1,711	\$ 35,290
Expenses:							
Postage	\$ 128	\$ 10	\$ -	\$ 138	\$ 69	\$ 49	\$ 256
Printing	\$ 295	\$ 131	\$ 32	\$ 458	\$ 84	\$ 49	\$ 591
All Other	\$ 1,609	\$ 3,533	\$ 1,005	\$ 6,147	\$ 1,930	\$ 628	\$ 8,705
Total Expenses	\$ 2,032	\$ 3,674	\$ 1,037	\$ 6,743	\$ 2,083	\$ 726	\$ 9,552
Net Income	\$ 3,146	\$ 13	\$ 21,124	\$ 24,283	\$ 470	\$ 985	\$ 25,738

Total Program Service Expenses of Total Expenses: 71% (\$6743 divided by \$9552) BBB Standard min 65%

Total Fund Raising Expenses of Total Related Contributions: 3% (\$726 divided by \$35290) BBB Standard no more than 35%

Net Assets	
Net Fund Balances Beginning 2009:	\$ 5,955
Net Fund Balances End 2009:	\$ 31,693

2009 Financial Information: - continued

**Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet
2009 Contributions by Class**

Income Breakdown	Programs/Project				Mgt & Governance	Fundraising	Total (EFG)
	Foster Home	MilitaryPetAssist	MVP Sanctuary	TotalPrograms (BCD)			
Individual	\$ 1,496	\$ 1,672	\$ 7,519	\$ 10,687	\$ 351	\$ 452	\$ 11,490
Bus/Corp	\$ 113	\$ 750	\$ 1,562	\$ 2,425	\$ 102	\$ 129	\$ 2,656
Organizations		\$ 108	\$ 2,760	\$ 2,868	\$ 700	\$ 402	\$ 3,970
AffiliatedChapterMN			\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000			\$ 1,000
IPS-Igive				\$ -	\$ 31		\$ 31
IPS-MissionFish	\$ 3,569	\$ 1,075	\$ 9,168	\$ 13,812	\$ 1,345	\$ 728	\$ 15,885
IPS-NetworkforGood		\$ 70	\$ 152	\$ 222	\$ 24		\$ 246
IPS-Good Search		\$ 12		\$ 12			\$ 12
Total by Class	\$ 5,178	\$ 3,687	\$ 22,161	\$ 31,026	\$ 2,553	\$ 1,711	\$ 35,290

IPS=Indirect Public Support

**Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet
2009 Expenditures by Class**

Expenditure Breakdown	Programs/Project				Mgt & Governance Expenses	Fundraising Expenses	Total (EFG)
	Foster Home	MilitaryPetAssist	MVP Sanctuary	TotalPrograms (BCD)			
Books,Subscriptions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 299		\$ 299
Postage, Shipping	\$ 128	\$ 10	\$ -	\$ 138	\$ 69	\$ 49	\$ 256
Printing/Copying	\$ 295	\$ 131	\$ 32	\$ 458	\$ 84	\$ 49	\$ 591
Supplies	\$ 265	\$ 114	\$ 432	\$ 811	\$ 378	\$ 76	\$ 1,265
Software	\$ 23	\$ 23	\$ 23	\$ 69	\$ 217	\$ 125	\$ 411
Computer Repair				\$ -	\$ 25	\$ -	\$ 25
Telephone/Internet	\$ 430	\$ 120	\$ 35	\$ 585	\$ 60	\$ 25	\$ 670
PayPal Transaction Fees				\$ -	\$ 25	\$ 195	\$ 220
Guide Star				\$ -	\$ 32		\$ 32
Constant Contact	\$ 46	\$ 21	\$ 21	\$ 88	\$ 131	\$ 33	\$ 252
Board Source				\$ -	\$ 30	\$ 10	\$ 40
D&O Insurance	\$ 175	\$ 175	\$ 135	\$ 485	\$ 94	\$ 67	\$ 646
Bonding Insurance	\$ 27	\$ 25	\$ 23	\$ 75	\$ 15	\$ 11	\$ 101
Credit Card FinanceChg	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 60	\$ 216	\$ 6	\$ 282
Advertising Expense	\$ 344	\$ -	\$ 265	\$ 609	\$ 59	\$ 56	\$ 724
Volunteer Development	\$ 22	\$ -		\$ 22	\$ 36		\$ 58
GASP Website Hosting	\$ 22	\$ 21		\$ 43	\$ 76	\$ 5	\$ 124
MVPS Website Hosting			\$ 39	\$ 39	\$ 28	\$ 4	\$ 71
Travel Expense	\$ 52	\$ 10	\$ -	\$ 62	\$ 26	\$ 15	\$ 103
MVPS Project Meeting			\$ 12	\$ 12			\$ 12
Pet Veterinarian Care		\$ 726		\$ 726			\$ 726
Pet Boarding		\$ 1,977		\$ 1,977			\$ 1,977
Pet Food/Treats		\$ 118		\$ 118			\$ 118
Allowed Depreciation	\$ 183	\$ 183		\$ 366	\$ 183		\$ 549
Total by Classification	\$ 2,032	\$ 3,674	\$ 1,037	\$ 6,743	\$ 2,083	\$ 726	\$ 9,552

2009 Financial Information - concluded

Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet - 2009 Statement of Position

Assets

Current Assets

Checking

GASP	\$	2,808
MPA	\$	1,938
MVPS	\$	27,486

Total Checking \$ 32,232

Other Current Assets

Prepaid Expenses

D&O Insurance	\$	54
Bonding Ins	\$	9
Go Daddy Hosting	\$	105
ConstantContact	\$	189
Volunteer Match	\$	31
Board Source	\$	40
Host Monster	\$	65
Total Prepaid	<u>\$</u>	<u>493</u>

Total Other Current Assets \$ 493

Total Current Assets: \$ 32,725

Fixed Assets (Furniture & Equipment)

\$ 855

Total Assets

\$ 33,580

Liability & Equity

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Credit Cards: Office Depot	\$	1,497
Staples	\$	390

Total Liabilities: \$ 1,887

Equity

Retained Earnings-GASP	\$	764
Net Income-GASP	\$	1,438
Retained Earnings-MPA	\$	1,074
Net Income-MPA	\$	865
Retained Earnings-MVPS	\$	4,117
Net Income-MVPS	\$	23,435

Total Equity: \$ 31,693

Total Liabilities & Equity

\$ 33,580