



SUPPORTING OUR MILITARY, VETERANS, AND THEIR BELOVED PETS SINCE 2005

August 2010

Message from the Founder

2010 has been a busy year for Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet! The biggest news is about to happen - moving the national headquarters to Gatesville, TX and the purchase of 13-acres of land for our first MVP Sanctuary! We are excited about our new home as well as for all of the people/organization who have made this dream a reality. As of September 1, 2010 our National Headquarters will be:

Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet
9725 FM 1783
Gatesville, TX 76528-4739

Business Hours: 10AM to 3PM Monday - Friday CST
Office Phone: 254-248-1818
After Business Hours and Weekends: 501-325-1591

A special thanks and appreciation to our state level volunteers always going above and beyond in assisting our deploying military service members and veterans needing our help in locating and placing their beloved pets into one of our caring and safe foster homes. Special angel hugs to Lynne Bourgeois (TX), Sarah James (MD/DC), Janna Hora (CA), Shawna Michaud (TN/KY), Tonya Phipps (IL), Adriana Lopez (AL/GA), Victoria Scott (NY), Rita Stokes (VA), Eleanor Scheidemann (NC), Cynthia Anderson (AZ), and Jennifer Roberson (WI).

Angel HUGS,

Linda

Linda Spurlin-Dominik
Founder



Meet Oni—our 100th Mission Accomplished!

State Directors

- **Arizona:** Cynthia Anderson
- **California:** Stephanie Taylor
- **Connecticut:** Sue Paquin
- **Illinois:** Tonya Phipps
- **Iowa:** Heather Weidler
- **Kentucky/Tennessee:** Shawna Michaud
- **DC / Maryland:** Sarah James
- **New York:** Victoria Scott
- **New Mexico:** Nicole Krebs
- **North Carolina:** Eleanor Scheidemann
- **Ohio:** Katheleen Wallace
- **Oklahoma:** Dusty Walker
- **Texas:** Lynne Bourgeois
- **Virginia:** Rita Stokes
- **Wisconsin:** Jennifer Roberson



Remembering a Fallen Hero from Concord CA

Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet will be attending the Patriot Guard Riders 2010 National Gathering of the Guard in Killeen, TX from September 9 -12, 2010. Part of this event will be a Field of Honor-Memorial Flag setup— we have ordered a flag to be flown In Memory of PFC Scott G Barnett (KIA - Tallil Iraq on January 28, 2010).

After the event the flag flown in Scott's memory will be at the MVP Sanctuary property in Gatesville TX. In addition to the flag in Scott's memory, 2 dog tags will also be provided, where one of them will be placed with the Yellow Rose Tree that will be planted in Scott's memory at the MVP Sanctuary (Honor & Remember Garden) in Gatesville, TX and the other will be sent to his widow in Concord, CA along with a picture of the flag flying with our volunteers visiting the Honor-Memory Field.

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Did You Know?

Since 2007, \$14,455 has been disbursed from the organization's national fund for temporary pet boarding, veterinarian care, and pet transport purposes. This averages to be about \$300 per pet equated to assisting 48 pets.

Want to help support this fund? Visit our [Contribute](#) page and learn more.

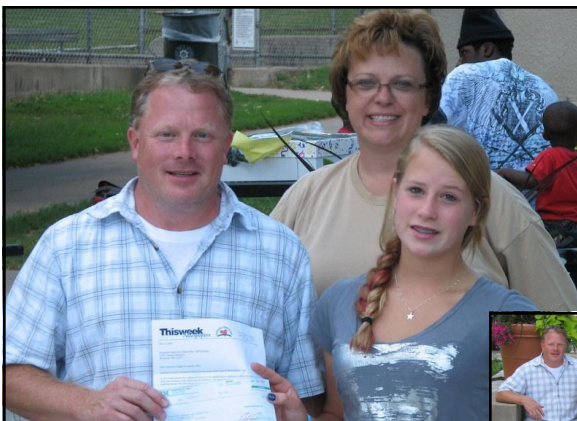
Organizations Supporting Our Mission

- [Barkey Barkerson](#) donated 40% of their patriotic collars sales to the organization during June thru July 4th. \$150 was donated to the organization.

News from the Minnesota Chapter

The Minnesota Chapter of Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet has been busy!

In July, the chapter received a grant from Thisweek Newspapers / ECM Publishers Community Affairs Council to benefit the Military Pet Assistance Fund, which provides limited financial assistance to the pets of deploying military and veterans in hardship.



MN foster family Paul Carruth and daughter, Elizabeth with MN Chapter President Sally White accept the grant on behalf of the organization. The Carruth family fostered a veteran's dog for four months while the pet owner received care through a VA program. The dog and owner were successfully reunited in July 2010 (inset).



New State Management Team Volunteers

- **MVP Sanctuary On-Site Implementation Director:** Jerry Bourgeois
- **WI Foster Home Coordinator:** Deanna Dunbar
- **WI Foster Home Interviewer:** Donna Kelley
- **CA Communications:** Kathy Brinck
- **KY Community Outreach Liaison:** Miche Bauscom
- **OK Community Outreach Liaison:** Stephen Beck



MVP Sanctuary

Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet announced in April the official site for the establishment of the organization's first "Military & Veterans Pet" (MVP) Sanctuary. The site consists of 13 acres west of Fort Hood in Gatesville, TX and will be the future home of a pet care facility, the organization's National Office and room for events to support the troops, their families and their pets. As of today, this dream is becoming a reality thanks to many individuals and organizations. The structure for the National Office has been purchased and many exciting things are happening with the property. A special thanks to the following for being part of this amazing effort:

- Extraco Banks, Harker Heights TX
- Shine Team Realtors, Killeen TX
- Clayton Homes, Killeen TX
- Multi-County Water Supply Corp, Gatesville TX
- Higginbotham Building Supplies, Gatesville TX
- Lone Star Structures, Lott TX
- SAG Trucking, Kempner TX
- John Reed, US Army Iraqi Disabled Veteran, Gatesville, TX
- Soldiers' Angels
- Adopt-A-Platoon, TX
- Tomlinsons Feed & Pets Inc, TX
- Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet, MN Chapter
- Sittin Pretty USA, OK
- Barnett Family & Friends In Memory of PFC Scott Barnett, CA
- Benchmark Elementary and Pre School Students, Phoenix AZ
- D W Horton, TX
- Intermark Inc, Tulsa OK
- BF Cosmetics, Spring TX
- Barkey Barkerson Inc, Aurora IL
- JR Healthy Inspirations Inc, Mount Sinai NY
- J Osborn, Oklahoma City OK
- Compustar Data Systems Corp, Frisco TX
- Collier Chiropractic, Atlanta GA

A special thanks to Shane Sanders and Clayton Homes in Killeen, TX for their generous support and dedication in Helping us find a home for our National Headquarters!!



Director Awarded Fort Hood Hero Award

Lynne Bourgeois, Texas Director was awarded the Fort Hood Hero Award for the 1st Quarter 2010 from the Fort Hood 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment for her volunteer activities around Fort Hood.



Recent Reunions



Stabler (above) reunited with family
Buddy and Buttercup (below)
reunited with family

