



Working Animals Giving Service for Kids

We invite your company to join us in sponsorship of the Second Annual W.A.G.S.inCLE Night Out on **Thursday, September 21, 2017 from 7:00pm to 11:00pm at the Ariel International Center** in Downtown Cleveland. Proceeds from this gala fundraiser will go to support the W.A.G.S. 4 Kids Step By Step Autism Spectrum Service Dog Training Program.

Working Animals Giving Service for Kids (W.A.G.S. 4 Kids) is the only 501(c)(3) organization in Ohio that exclusively provides service dogs for children with disabilities, up to the age of 18, and is distinctively positioned to provide support services to families with nowhere else to turn in seeking an animal custom-suited to their child's needs. Our model of continued support before and after animal placement makes us local and keeps us local. We are the Charity that Cleveland grew and it is only with your support that W.A.G.S. 4 Kids can continue to make life changing service dog partnerships for children with disabilities right here in the communities you serve. Geographically, our communities are your communities.

In 2016, over 200 people came out to W.A.G.S.inCLE Night Out, including 75 first time donors; dog fans, advocates for the abilities of people living with challenges in their everyday lives, front-runners within the re-entry community, parents and other leaders of our community will be out in force, enjoying an evening together to benefit our programs and children. That's a lot of caring people! Together we raised \$25,000 and threw open the doors to a brand new Step By Step Training Program serving 6 more counties in Central, Ohio.

Because of you - we have now stretched beyond Northeastern Ohio to a second location in Central Ohio at Franklin Medical Center (FMC), a correctional facility in Franklin County. Now, we need your support to reach the children there. FMC houses the end of life hospice care unit for the ODRC. Our W.A.G.S. dogs, while in training for their final placement with a child, will be used for periods of comfort care in the hospice unit. Another way your support affects the lives of so many. With this expansion we look forward to serving a greater population of kids in need and to build another program affecting real life rehabilitation through skills training and the Workforce Development Initiative of our inmate trainers through job creation.



Our 2017 goal is simple – more dogs, more trainers, and more financial support for training tools, medical expenses and puppy acquisition; so we can continue our mission to reach more kids who need our help. Please join us this year and consider donating an item for our live or silent raffle. Anything is greatly appreciated! We also have sponsorships starting as low as \$250. And opportunities for reserved table attendance to this night you won't want to miss. No matter what level you choose, our W.A.G.S.inCLE Night Out offers a great opportunity to get your name out to this audience of caring, community involved leaders. Everyone who donates has the ability to get their ad on our event page and social media sites, and you could also be mentioned during our live interview on WKYC and other media leading up to the event.

We promise to keep showing you how your tax- deductible donation has directly impacted a child; has lifted them to their greatest potential and most joyful life. This year, more than any before, please give. The children have found us, they are depending on us, they are depending on you, and they are waiting.

For more information regarding sponsor and donor opportunities, please contact Director of Development and Special Events, **Sera Nelson at 216-586-5853 ext. 2 or sera@wags4kids.com.**

Thank you for your continued help and support!

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