

2024 ANNUAL REPORT









MISSION IN REVIEW

Therapeutic Interactions 157,587



Last year, **Hand in Paw Therapy Teams** delivered **157,587** therapeutic interactions thanks to our **dedicated volunteers and generous donors** — an incredible **58.6% increase** over 2023.

Hours

How did we do it?

Visits

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6,491 7,346

Community Partners

100

Therapy Teams Visit Assistants

Staff

99

18

7

Volunteer Hours



- Mental Health & Wellness: 2,703 Me
- Healthcare: 2,331
- Community/Training: 1,374
- Education: 938

Visits & Trainings

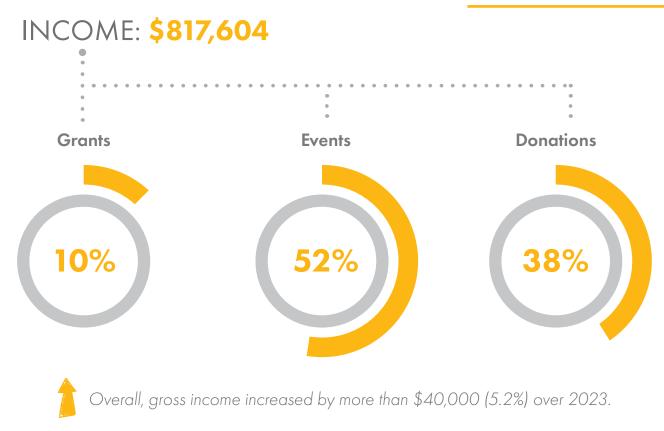


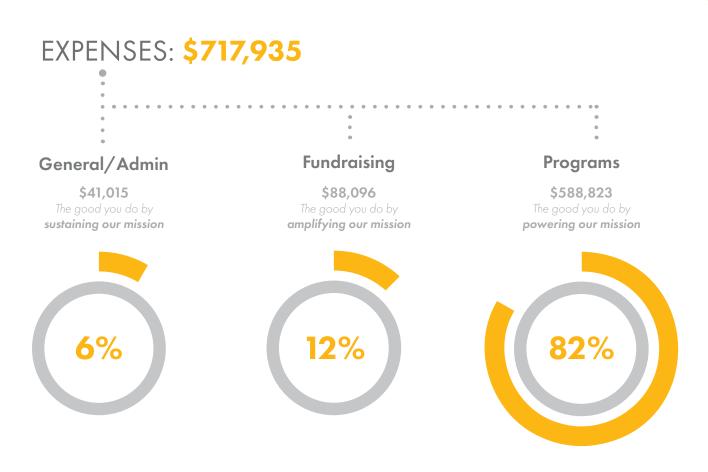
- Mental Health & Wellness: 2,602
- Healthcare: 2,291
- Community/Training: 687
- Education: 903

Interactions



- Mental Health & Wellness: 60,975
- Healthcare: 43,228
- Community/Training: 31,147
- Education: 22,237





Our mission in action

Programs



HIP Therapy Teams provide therapeutic visits in a variety of settings including hospitals, nursing homes, universities, fire and police departments, and schools for stress and anxiety relief visits. Animal-Assisted Therapy and Animal-Assisted Activities are two methods HIP teams utilize to enhance health and wellness and reduce stress.



HIP aids children in special needs classrooms through our School's Best Friend program. Our Pawsability program reaches friends in early intervention programs, as well as disabled adults. HIP partners with the Greater Birmingham Humane Society for animal advocacy. In 2023, HIP launched Paws on the Court to assist Jefferson County Family Court System.



Animal-Assisted Education helps students achieve academic and educational goals in the classroom. HIP Teams help children build reading skills, gain confidence, and foster prosocial behaviors. We deliver Animal-Assisted Education with a focus on literacy through our Sit, Stay, Read! program.

Making an Impact

Your generosity fuels Hand in Paw's life-changing work, bringing comfort, connection, and healing to those who need it most. You help our Therapy Teams reach thousands of individuals each year — whether it's a child overcoming trauma, a patient finding relief in a hospital room, or a student learning confidence through Animal-Assisted Interventions.

Every gift strengthens our ability to serve, grow, and innovate, ensuring that our programs continue making a profound impact. Join us in shaping a future where therapy animals transform lives every day.



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