



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Connection is the Cure

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

Last year, Hand in Paw's **dedicated volunteers** delivered a staggering **169,205 therapeutic interactions** during more than 7,500 visits to **125 community partners**. This was all made possible thanks to **generous donors** like you.

169,205

Therapeutic Interactions



7,534

Visits

to

125

Community Partners

by

8,236

Hours

through

137

Volunteers

HIP PROGRAMS



PROMOTING HEALTH



FOSTERING RESILIENCE



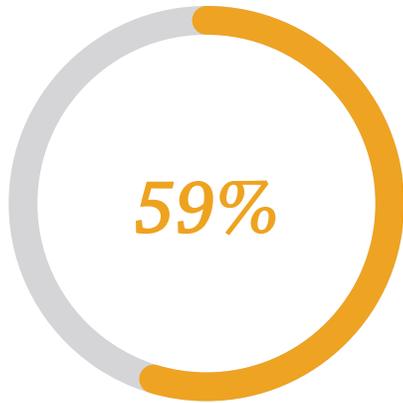
ENHANCING EDUCATION

Our programs are built around three core pillars: **Promoting Health, Fostering Resilience, and Enhancing Education**. Through a continuum of animal-assisted services — from the structured, goal-oriented work of Animal-Assisted Therapy to the joyful connection of Animal-Assisted Activities — we meet people where they are. Programs like Sit, Stay, Read!, our beloved literacy initiative, show what's possible when the human-animal bond is put to work in our community.

FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

Among Hand in Paw's core values are accountability and transparency. We strive to be excellent stewards of the funds entrusted to us by our generous supporters, which include individuals and families, foundations, and corporate sponsors.

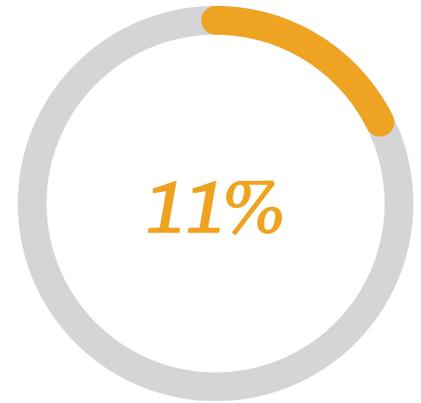
Income: \$755,418



\$445,094
Events

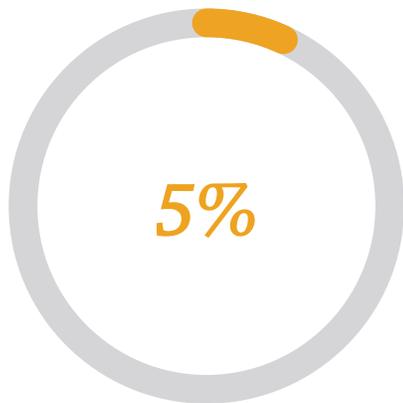


\$224,423
Donations



\$85,000
Grants

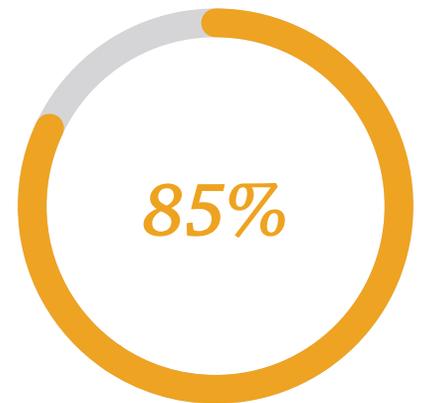
Expenses: \$709,136



\$36,214
Admin



\$108,673
Fundraising



\$564,250
Programs

ABOUT HAND IN PAW

Hand in Paw was founded in 1996 by visionary leader Beth Franklin. Our mission is to improve human health and well-being by providing Animal-Assisted Therapy services at no cost to our community partners. We train qualified animals and their owners to work as a team in therapeutic settings.

We recruit and train qualified animals and their owners to become certified Animal-Assisted Therapy Teams, bringing hope, healing, and comfort to more than 100 community partners across North Central Alabama. Our Therapy Teams show up for people of all ages facing emotional and physical challenges, delivering something powerful and irreplaceable: the unconditional presence of an animal and the compassion of a dedicated volunteer.

In hospitals, nursing homes, schools and universities, human service organizations, and workplaces across the Greater Birmingham area and Tuscaloosa, our volunteers are the heartbeat of everything we do. They give their time, their hearts, and their beloved animals — and the impact they create is immeasurable.



LEAVE A LEGACY

Some gifts endure far beyond the moment they are given. When you include Hand in Paw in your estate plan, you become part of a future where therapy animals continue bringing comfort, connection, and healing to those who need it most — a child overcoming trauma, a patient finding peace, a student discovering confidence.

Members of the Jessica Society secure that future by naming Hand in Paw in their Will or as a beneficiary of their Life Insurance or Pension Plan. Gifts of stocks and securities are also welcome.

Hand in Paw is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and planned gifts may offer significant tax advantages. We encourage you to consult your financial or legal advisor. Join the Jessica Society and help ensure our mission endures.

To learn more about making a difference, contact Executive Director Margaret Stinnett at margaret@handinpaw.org.

