

# The Paw Print Paws with Purpose Fall 2019



## Heather & Dr. Juno Norton Facility Dog

As a child life specialist at Norton Healthcare, part of my job is to help children and families understand and manage challenging life events and stressful healthcare experiences. I do that through providing education about procedures and new diagnosis as well as providing techniques for pain management and relaxation in order to improve coping skills. The addition of our Heel Dog Heal facility dog program has added to the work that child life specialists do by having the dogs assist with education, provide medical play, and be the distraction during painful or scary procedures. They also help to reduce the anxiety and stress that comes along with being hospitalized.

Juno is a sweet, loving, gentle, loyal, goofy, adorable working dog. The unconditional, non-judgmental love she gives is such good medicine for everyone she meets! Juno's ability to read the room and know who needs her the most is truly remarkable. Whether that be a patient in pain, a child who is scared or a grieving family member; she just seems to instinctually know what to do. Not only has Juno helped so many patients and families already but our medical staff too have been blessed by Juno and the work that she does. I have had many employees tell me, "It has been such a rough day and Juno's visit has made me feel so much better" or "Things at home are rough for me now, thank you for bringing her to see me. It means a lot!" Our facility dogs remind us that sometimes you need more than just medicine to feel better.

Thank you Paws With Purpose for this amazing opportunity. I truly have the best job in the world due large in part to sweet Juno! I look forward to our continued partnership and the expansion of our Heel Dog Heal program at Norton Healthcare.

Heather Stohr, MS, CCLS  
Child Life/Expressive Therapies Manager

# Zinnah Caluag & Basil

## Our Spotlight Puppy Training Team



It has been approximately 16 years since I was “trained by a puppy”, so I was so glad to have an opportunity to attend several PWP classes before I started working with Basil. It provided a great refresher for what to expect and what to do.

There is a crucial period of socialization between 7 weeks to 4 months old and at the same time being cognizant of how this is done because puppies are not fully vaccinated yet. So, socialization became a key focus in the adventures that Basil and I went on. Friends, neighbors and sometimes their pets helped with this. Walk-throughs occurred in places like grocery stores and offices (carry-throughs if they were places that frequented by other dogs). An important point I picked up from the classes was sometimes, the best thing to do is for Basil and me to sit somewhere (or in some cases park the car) and just take in the environment from afar. It allowed her to get comfortable with new places we visited and to watch people, dogs and other animals. Most importantly, it allowed me to get to read her in these environments and experiences. Basil is now 10 months old and we still apply appropriate socialization techniques with new experiences while practicing skills she has learned up to this point.

### WELCOME OUR NEW DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR ELLEN VARGA BALDWIN



Paws with Purpose is proud to introduce our new Development Director, Ellen Varga Baldwin. With over 25 years of experience in developing and strengthening client and business partner relationships, Ellen was the ideal choice to lead our development/fundraising efforts and raise awareness in support of PwP.



Our newest golden retriever additions to our puppy program come from our very own Walker! We want to introduce Edie, Ellie, Echo and Elton.



We have new Lab puppies from our very sweet Sophie. Sophie had five beautiful Labrador puppies that will be ready to start their training in three weeks.



Watch them grow and train on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/PawsWithPurpose!> It is an amazing journey that we could not continue to do without our amazing volunteer trainers and sponsors!

Paws with Purpose is celebrating it's fifteenth year of an amazing partnership with the Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women. The KCIW trainers who work tirelessly with our dogs are an integral part of everything we do. We have been very fortunate to receive a PetSmart Charities grant to help enhance the training and programs we offer the women at KCIW. We have partnered with PetSmart Charities to help our KCIW trainers receive educational certificates in dog training through an apprenticeship program. The apprenticeship program will help them gain marketable skills that can be used upon their released from KCIW. Our program will help the women involved give back in a way they never thought possible. Jennifer who is one of our trainers at KCIW would like to share her story with you.

**“My name is Jennifer and I have been with PwP for over seven years. It has been a life changing experience for me to have the opportunity to learn how to train service dogs. All the amazing resources and equipment this funding has provided is a staple to our education and provides us with a much broader perspective of the dog world. Nutrition, health, grooming and training are all very important, but the bond human and dog can form is much more meaningful than words can describe. My goal is not to just train dogs anymore but to teach people how to understand their canine companions and develop relationships built on respect, compassion and love. You are greatly appreciated for all you have given us.**

**Thank you and God Bless,  
Jennifer”**

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**Please welcome our newest Board Member!**

We would like to welcome Lauren Witham to our Board of Directors! Lauren is the Business Development Manager at Galen College of Nursing. Lauren has been involved with PwP since she completed her master's degree internship with us several years ago. We look forward to seeing Lauren at board meetings at all the PwP events that she attends!

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