

ICAN believes in the power of connection. Our program enhances the lives of all that it touches - from the volunteers, staff and the inmate handlers to the clients and the community. The love and dedication put forth by so many is what truly makes the ICAN program successful! The story begins with a nationwide collaboration. Assistance Dog International Breeding Cooperative (ADI ABC) and ICAN work together to evaluate the genetics of dogs in programs throughout North America to determine potential breeders and appropriate matches. After a litter is born, staff and volunteers spend weeks, around the clock, tending to this new generation of hope. The volunteers continue to raise and shape the puppy, all the while learning and benefitting from relationships they foster and the lessons learned from watching a young puppy navigate an unknown world. As the puppy begins training in the prison, the inmate handlers develop a sense of purpose and an opportunity to give back. Furlough volunteers who socialize the dog will connect with community members directly through events and outings and indirectly by setting a good role model in public. Our community will see these volunteers with dogs in blue vests and ask questions and learn, sometimes engaging their coworkers to volunteer time or referring a loved one who could benefit from the help of a service dog themselves. These community members become donors who support the program knowing their gift is making a difference. When it is time for the dog to graduate, a client is carefully matched to the strength of a dog who is confident and excited to work. The connections continue as the inmate handler passes the leash to the client, who receives the dog with fresh excitement of what their future together holds. And that client will begin their own journey, full of joy and hope. It will continue on, with each new puppy brought into the ICAN program. Connections are made in the big moments and the small. Thank you for being a part of this story of changing lives on both ends of the leash.

Jillian Ashton Jillian Ashton, President Indiana Canine Assistant Network

#### ICAN Mission Statement:

ICAN trains and places assistance dogs with individuals with disabilities and provides foundation life skills to inmates through their experiences as trainers.

#### **ICAN Vision Statement:**

Individuals with disabilities and their families are unleashing new possibilities; and, individuals who experience incarceration are discovering a new sense of self.

#### **ICAN Core Values**

**Integrity** – We do the right thing and lead through service.

**Empathy** – We embrace differences and similarities and treat one another through dignity by seeking first to understand.

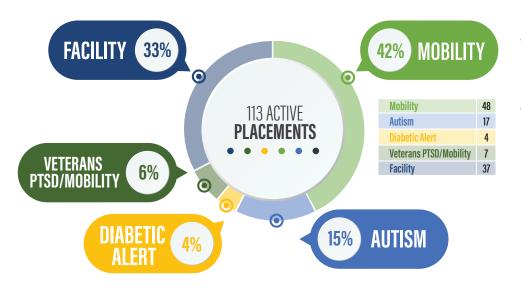
**Excellence** – We perform at our highest potential and are willing to improve.

**Empowerment** – We believe empowerment is the catalyst for transformation leading to a higher life-balance.

Celebration - We honor and recognize our achievements and the privilege of serving others.

### A LASTING IMPACT

At ICAN we provide lifetime support of our dog/client partnerships. Since 2002, ICAN has placed 200 assistance dogs and currently have 113 active partnerships.



- Since 2010, 132 ICAN handlers have been released from prison and 86% of those inmates have not re-entered the judicial system.
- Since 2015, 18 out of 29 released handlers who have completed the ICAN Department of Labor Programare now working in a dog-related industry. "Without ICAN, I would have came out a felon, with these pretty big felonies, and nobody was going to be willing to hire me. If it wasn't for my family and ICAN, who knows what I would have done."- Ashley, released ICAN handler

## **A LOOK AT 2019**

2019 Income \$840,350	(30% increase over 2018)
Program Revenue	9%
Individuals	36%
Corporate	3%
Foundations	14%
In-Kind	4%
Events	30%
Other	4%

2019 Expenses \$778,631		
Direct Program Expenses and Salaries	52%	
Events	12%	
Operations	12%	
Professional Expenses	6%	
Admin and Development Salaries	18%	

- Volunteers spent 4,763 days with a dog-in-training on furlough.
- ICAN offered 34 hours of continuing education to Furlough Volunteers.
- 34 households attended Foundations Class to begin their journey of furloughing service dogs in training.
- 31 Dogs were sponsored by Corporations and Individuals.
- On a weekly average, an ICAN Facility Dog had 383 interactions.
- 6 ICAN dogs were successfully transferred to other working dog programs.
- 32 puppies were born into the ICAN Breeding and Whelping program.
- 50 volunteers helped with the early days and weeks of three ICAN litters.
- 15 puppies were welcomed into the ICAN family from other service dog programs.
- Our dogs-in-training delivered 617 Puppy Love deliveries throughout the Greater Indianapolis Area.
- Five Fundraising events and 92 Outreach programs took place throughout Indiana.
- Qualified Applicants waiting for an assistance dog: 85.
- ICAN hosted the Assistance Dog International (ADI) conference welcoming 13 countries and 300 international professionals working in the Service Dog industry.
- The City Council of Indianapolis recognized ICAN's work in the community with Resolution 29.







"Once I became a part of it and I saw how many lives it was changing and how much it helped people, and how much it helped me, I just felt like I was so privileged to be able to do this,"

Alkeia Blackmon, ICAN handler at Indiana Women's Prison - Inmate Handler

"When I return a dog at the end of puppy raising or a furlough, I feel anticipation rather than sadness because I look forward to seeing how the skills I reinforced in those few weeks bring him a little closer, not just to the new service dog skills the handler will teach him, but also the ways he will impact the lives of his handlers and his client as he continues his training journey." – Christiana Ganahl, ICAN Furlough Volunteer & Puppy Raiser – Volunteer

"Sometimes, a kid needs what an ICAN dog can give more than anything my clinical training and degrees can provide. There is zero chance of judgement from a dog. Kids know that. That feels safe to them. Kiley is the best choice I ever made as a social worker." – Bronwyn Shroyer, MSW, LCSW, LSSW with facility dog Kiley - Client

#### 2019 CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS .....

Allisonville Nursery, Inc. Bank of America

Bastet Cat Care & Sitting, Inc.

Biltwell Event Center Blondie's Cookies **BMO Private Bank** 

Bose McKinney & Evans, LLP

BraunAbility

Bright Ideas in Broad Ripple

BSA Pack 130

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Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits of Indiana

Spees Family Dentistry Sun King Brewery Taylor's Bakery

The National Bank of Indianapolis

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VCA Advanced Veterinary Care Center

Vets for Vets YourCause, LLC Zionsville Century Club

# 2019 FOUNDATION PARTNERSHIPS

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AmazonSmile Foundation Ayres Foundation, Inc. **BHI** Foundation

Central Indiana Community Foundation

Congregation Beth Shalom, Inc.

**Dayton Foundation** DJ McManus Foundation DOZ Charitable Foundation, Inc. Duke Energy Foundation Eli Lilly and Co. Foundation

F.A.C.E. ICAN at IU

Indiana Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star Service Dog Project

Indiana Society of Association Executives

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National Christian Foundation

Network for Good

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