

ROXYTM
Therapy Dogs

We retrieve hearts!

2023 Annual Report

We Retrieve Hearts



From Roxy's President



Sharon and her Roxy dog, Bleu

One word that best sums up Roxy™'s 2023 is Growth. Our reach has grown and we have been able to touch the lives of countless more children through our programs. Our organization has grown as we have welcomed not only new board members but new volunteer teams as well. This growth has undeniably strengthened our impact on the children in our community and enabled us to take steps as an organization to work toward sustainability. We want to make sure we are here for the children we serve for many years to come!

A VERY vital component of our sustainability as an organization is YOU, our donors. It is no exaggeration to say that we could not do this without you. Being an all-volunteer, donation-dependent nonprofit is somewhat of a rarity these days and your continued faith and support has enabled us to positively affect the lives of so many children! As we enter our 19th year (19! Can you believe it?!), we are so grateful for your support over the years, and we look forward to working together to ensure that the Roxy organization is able to continue to provide comfort and support to our community's children for at least another 19 years.

– Sharon Fleck, President, Roxy™ Therapy Dogs

About Roxy



Retrieving hearts at
Gayman Elementary School

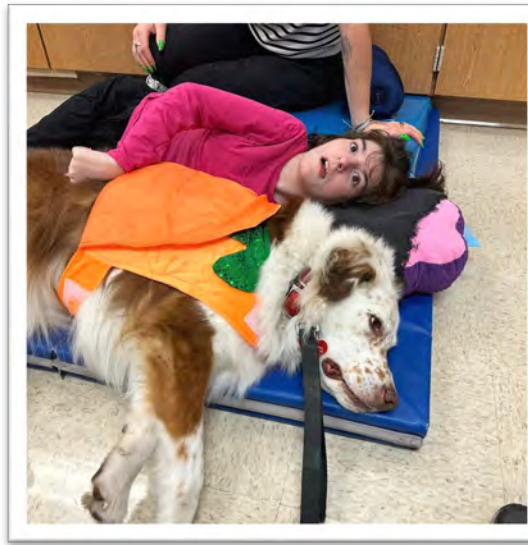


6 Programs to Comfort & Support Children



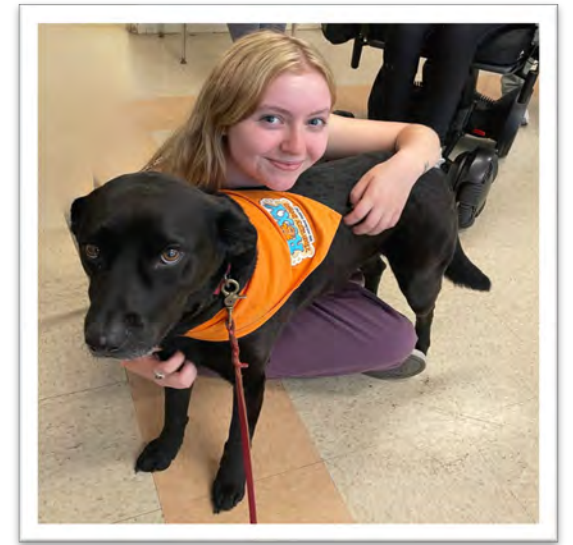
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL READING INSPIRATION

Roxy's flagship program gives young readers a chance to read aloud to a furry friend on a regular basis. Dogs don't judge or correct, but serve as a calming influence, building students' confidence, improving reading skills, and fostering a love of reading.



STUDENT SPECIALIZED SUPPORT

Students in Autistic, Multiple Disability, Life Skills, Learning Support, and Emotional Support classes benefit from regular Roxy visits that help them maintain a sense of calm, well being, openness to stimuli and learning while increasing social competence and empathy.



SECONDARY SCHOOL STRESS RELIEF

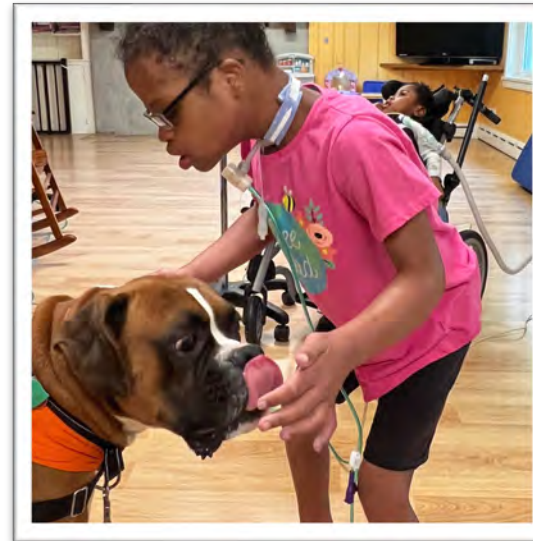
High school students struggling with stress and anxiety benefit from the much needed support and compassion provided by Roxy visits as part of Stress Management classes, organized support groups, and during exam times.

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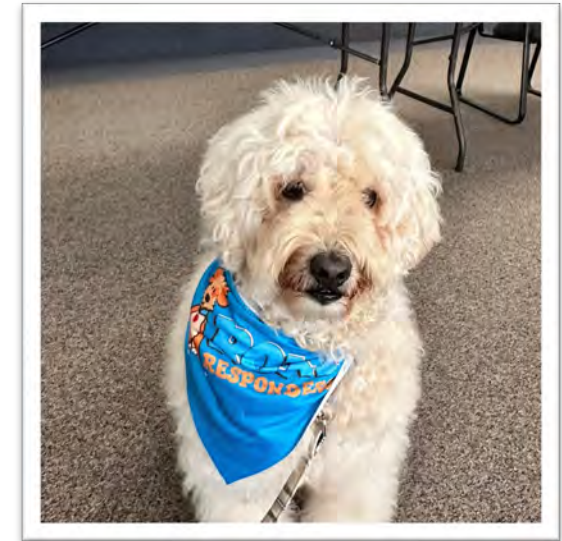
COURTHOUSE COMPANIONSHIP

At the Bucks County Courthouse, our dogs comfort children navigating Dependency Court or who are victims of violent crime. Children are able to relax and remain calm with a dog by their side. On occasion, dogs are invited into the courtroom.



PEDIATRIC COMFORT

Roxy teams bring joy to children in hospital and healthcare settings. Roxy visits calm patients' fears, give them a break from medical procedures, and ultimately speed the healing process.



ROXY™ RESPONDERS

Children feel comforted by the soft fur, understanding eyes, and calm demeanor of a Roxy Responder dog during stressful times associated with a traumatic event in the community.

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Retrieving hearts at Mill
Creek Elementary School



Retrieving hearts
at Central Bucks
West High School

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Mary Zucal

As of 11.27.23



Retrieving hearts
at Kutz Elementary School

Our Invaluable Roxy Dogs

Anya	Cody	Louie	Pip	Theo*
Athena**	Cooper	Lowen	Piper*	Trixie
Atticus	Cru	Lucy	Pippen	Tucker
Bambaroo	Daisy	Luke	Rebel	Tucker
Bandit**	Dizzy	Luke	Reilly**	Tukka
Bentley	Douglas	Mac	Ripley	Walter
Bleu	Finnegan*	Maggie	River	Wilma
Bliss	Freddy	Maple	Rocket	Zoey
Bodie	Freida	Marshall	Roger	
Bonnie Jean	Gwynne**	Maya	Sadie	
Brodie	Halley	Mila*	Scarlett	
Brody	Hazel	Missy	Shay**	
Buddy	Holly	Missy	Skylar	
Buddy	Horton	Molly**	Sunna	
Bullitt**	Josie	Nacho	Sydney	
Cali	Katie	Obi	Teagan	
Cedar	Kerri**	Oliver*	Teddy B**	
Chance	Lexie	Ozzie	Teddy V	

As of 11.27.23

* Rainbow Bridge

** Retired



Retrieving hearts
at Buckingham Elementary School

2023 Highlights



Retrieving hearts at Gayman Elementary School



Diane Smith, Roxy Founder, Retires

After 19 years of invaluable service to our community, Roxy's founder, Diane Smith, retired in December 2023. Through Roxy Therapy Dogs, Diane forever changed the landscape of the curriculum in Central Bucks School District, pioneered a program to comfort children in the Bucks County court system, made therapy dogs available to children in healthcare settings, and much more.

Diane's vision (which began with one class at Gayman Elementary and one dog – the original Roxy, a Boykin Spaniel) has grown into a 501c3 nonprofit, all-volunteer organization with 70 teams and 20 volunteers without dogs that brings comfort and support to 3,200 + children per week in the greater Doylestown area.

We wish Diane all the best in her well-deserved retirement. We are forever in her debt and will carry Roxy into the future with Diane always on our minds and in our hearts.

A tribute to Diane will take place in Summer, 2024.



*Retrieving hearts since 2005,
Diane Smith and the original Roxy.*

Roxy Around Town



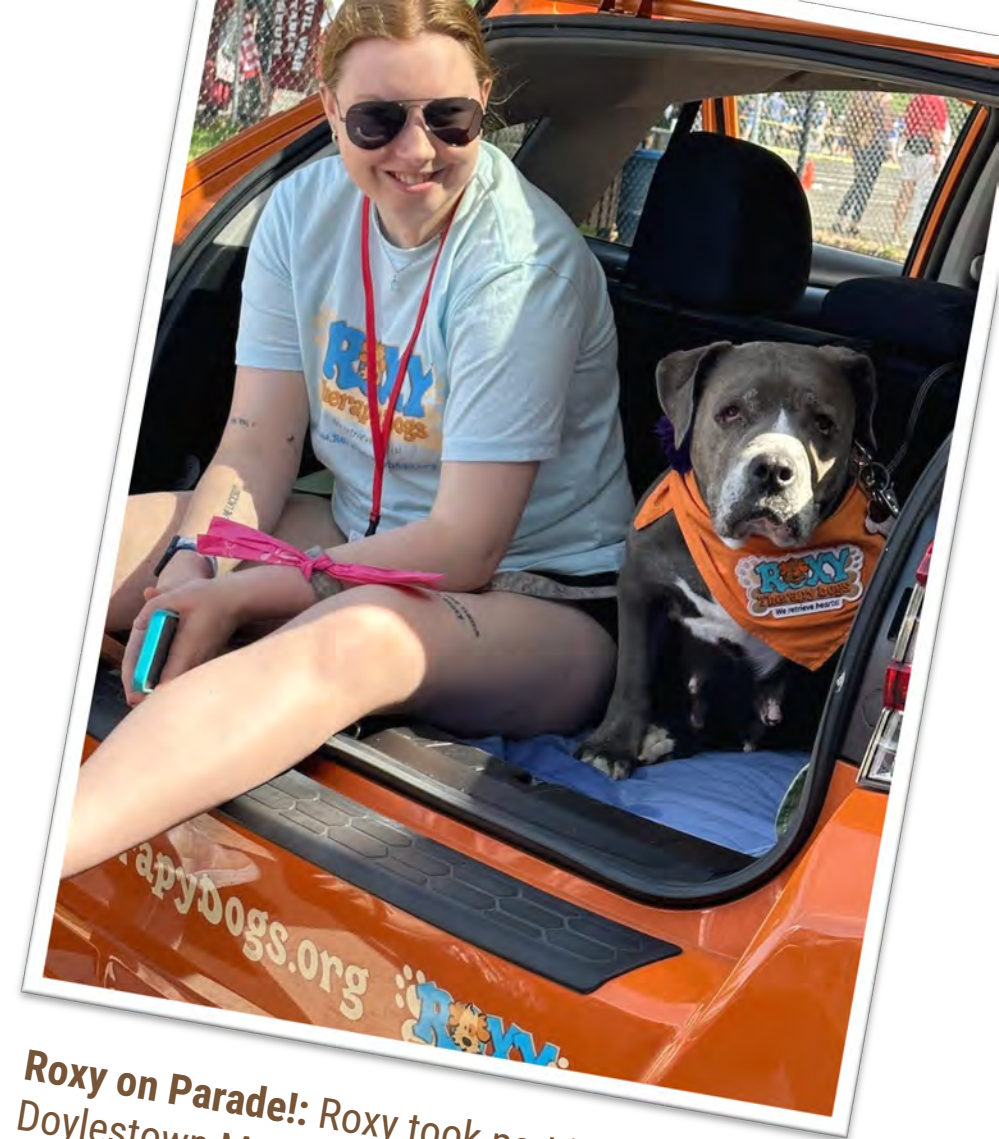
(Above) Roxy Clubs: Now there are Roxy Clubs in all three high schools since CB West formed one this year!



Healthcare Facility Visits: After a 3-year absence due to COVID, Roxy is back at Pedia Manor, and we couldn't be happier. Sadly, our visits to Doylestown Hospital ended when the pediatric unit was removed in 2023.



Roxy In The News: We are proud to appear in the media and this year we enjoyed features like these: [Tap Into Doylestown](#) and [Jay Spaziano Real Estate and Lifestyle](#) magazine.



Roxy on Parade! Roxy took part in the 2023 Doylestown Memorial Day Parade with the RoxyMobile leading the way.

Roxy Volunteer Appreciation

Our teams were recognized for their hard work this year with a complimentary photography session, courtesy of Kelsey Hartell Photography, for their therapy dogs.

Look at these amazing, hard-working dogs!



2023 Community Events

Roxy appeared at the following events at the request of the organization

- Boy Scout Troop Talk, Chalfont
- Bucks Arts and Barks Fest, Warminster
- Bucks County Community College, Quakertown
- Bucks County 911 Emergency Call Center, Ivyland
- Central Bucks South High School Shops at South, Warrington
- Central Bucks School District Events, Central Bucks area (Holly Jolly Express, Holiday Photo fundraisers, etc.)
- Delaware Valley University, Doylestown (Animal Assisted Activities Class, Animal Life-Line Club, Pre-Vet Club, Mental Health Night, Psychology Club)
- Village Improvement Association Fair, Doylestown
- Doylestown Memorial Day Parade, Doylestown
- Friends of Doylestown Library Reading to the Dogs, Doylestown



2023 Community Events (con't.)

- NOVA (Network of Victim Assistance) Upstander Day, Dublin
- Pennsylvania State Police Community Event, Dublin
- Won Institute of Graduate Studies, Warminster
- Worthwhile Thrift Dog Days of Summer, Plumsteadville
- Solebury Day Camp, New Hope
- Special Equestrians Therapeutic Riding Center, Warrington (Camp and Wine Event Fundraiser)
- Strayer Middle School, Quakertown
- Windmill Summer Day Camp, Doylestown
- Woman's Place Valentine's Day Party, Doylestown
- United Friends School, Quakertown

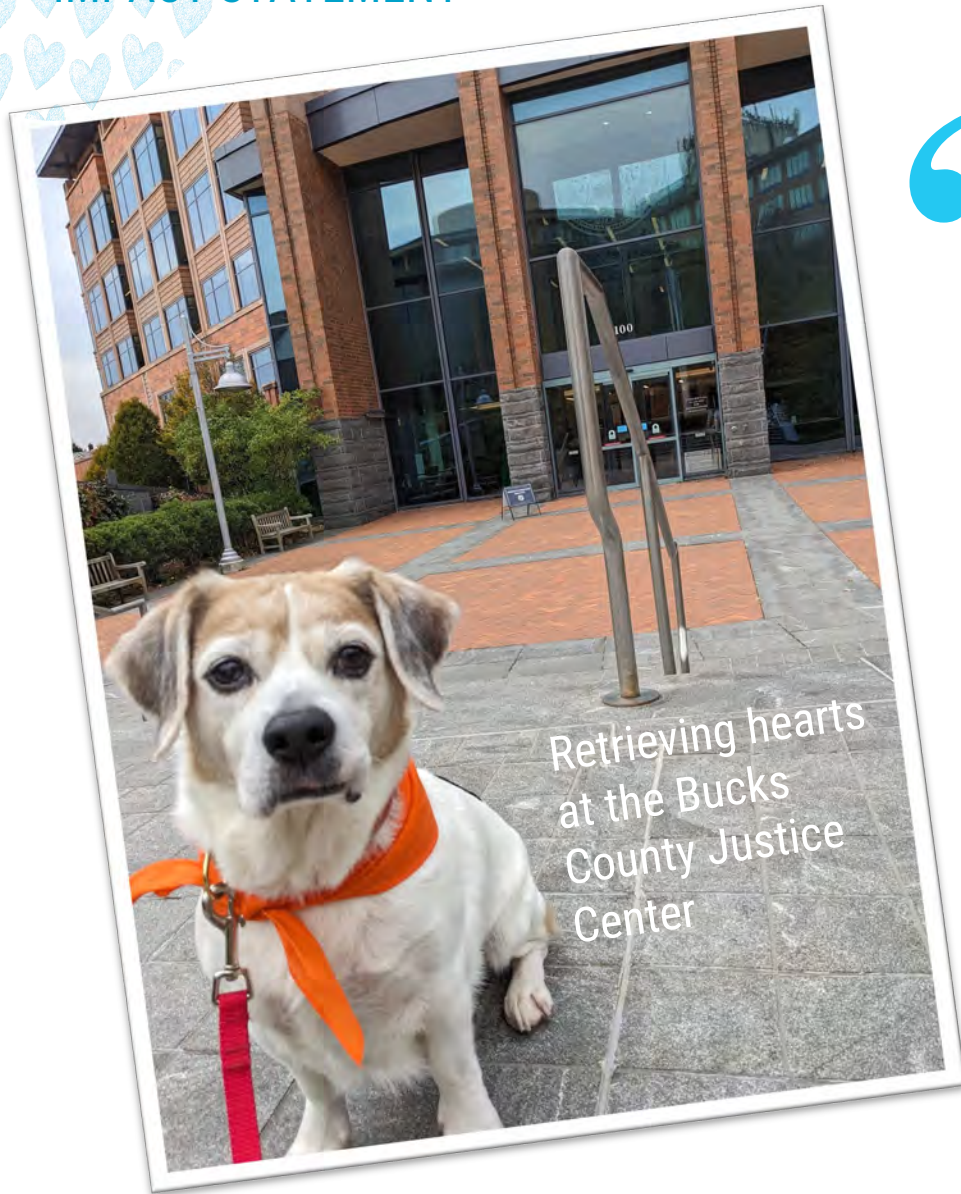


Retrieving hearts at
The Village Fair

Roxy's Impact



Retrieving hearts
at Groveland Elementary School



Courthouse Companionship

“

I can't say enough about this extraordinary organization and their dedicated NOVA-trained volunteers. They have always been accessible and professional partners, providing an invaluable service for everyone involved, but most importantly, the children. We look forward to working with them for many years to come.”

**—Itzamir Perez Pagan, Victim/Witness Coordinator,
Office of the Bucks County District Attorney**



Retrieving hearts
at Linden
Elementary School

Elementary School Reading Inspiration



Bridge Valley Elementary has had the good fortune to work with Roxy Therapy Dogs for many years. We've had teams visit our classes from kindergarten through sixth grade and our Autistic Support Classes. The comfort and joy brought to our school by Roxy have made a significant impact on our students. It is evident in the student's smiles when they see the dogs in the hallway or get a chance to read to them in their classroom. We are very thankful to have them as part of our Bridge Valley community."

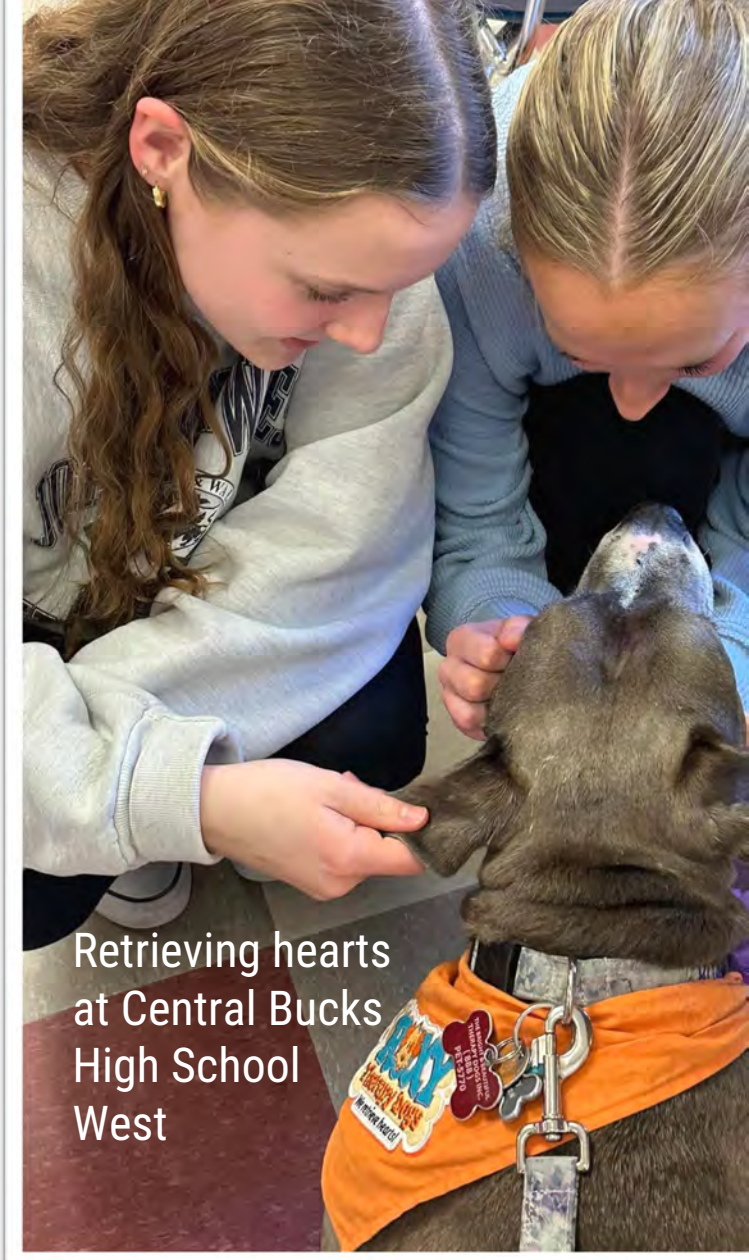
**—Katie Melberger, School Counselor, Bridge Valley
Elementary School**

Secondary School Stress Relief



The Roxy dogs provide such joy and comfort to Central Bucks High School West community. Both students and teachers enjoy spending time with the dogs during lunch and learn. The doggy photobooths have brought students, teachers, and administrators together and provided opportunities for fun and laughter. In addition, the faculty has found that having the Roxy dogs during state testing days has provided a much-needed opportunity for students to destress. We are grateful to the Roxy Teams for sharing their dogs with our school!”

— Kim Payne, CB West Roxy Club Advisor



Retrieving hearts
at Central Bucks
High School
West

IMPACT STATEMENT

Student Specialized Support

“

‘Patient, calming, friendly, and loving’ describe Mr. Steve and Tucker who have visited the Multiple Disabilities Classrooms for years. Tucker teaches our students to tolerate being near an animal and feeling safe, or interacting with and petting Tucker nicely. Then there are our friends who CAN NOT wait for a snuggle session with Tucker. Thanks to these two the mutual love is hard to miss and the smiles are priceless!”

**— Colette Hennessy, Special Education Teacher,
Groveland Elementary**



Retrieving hearts at
Groveland Elementary

Pediatric Comfort

“

Brody and I enjoy our visits to Pedia Manor. The children there are unlike others we visit at the schools or courthouse...and make them so special. Most are non-verbal, but that does not matter to Brody - he's non-verbal, too! The children enjoy getting the soft tactile sensation that only a furry coat can provide. Although many of the children may 'seem' unresponsive, Brody senses their needs and approaches them gently. They respond with a change in facial expression or movement. What a gift to be able to work with these children!”

—Mary Lacquaniti, Roxy Volunteer

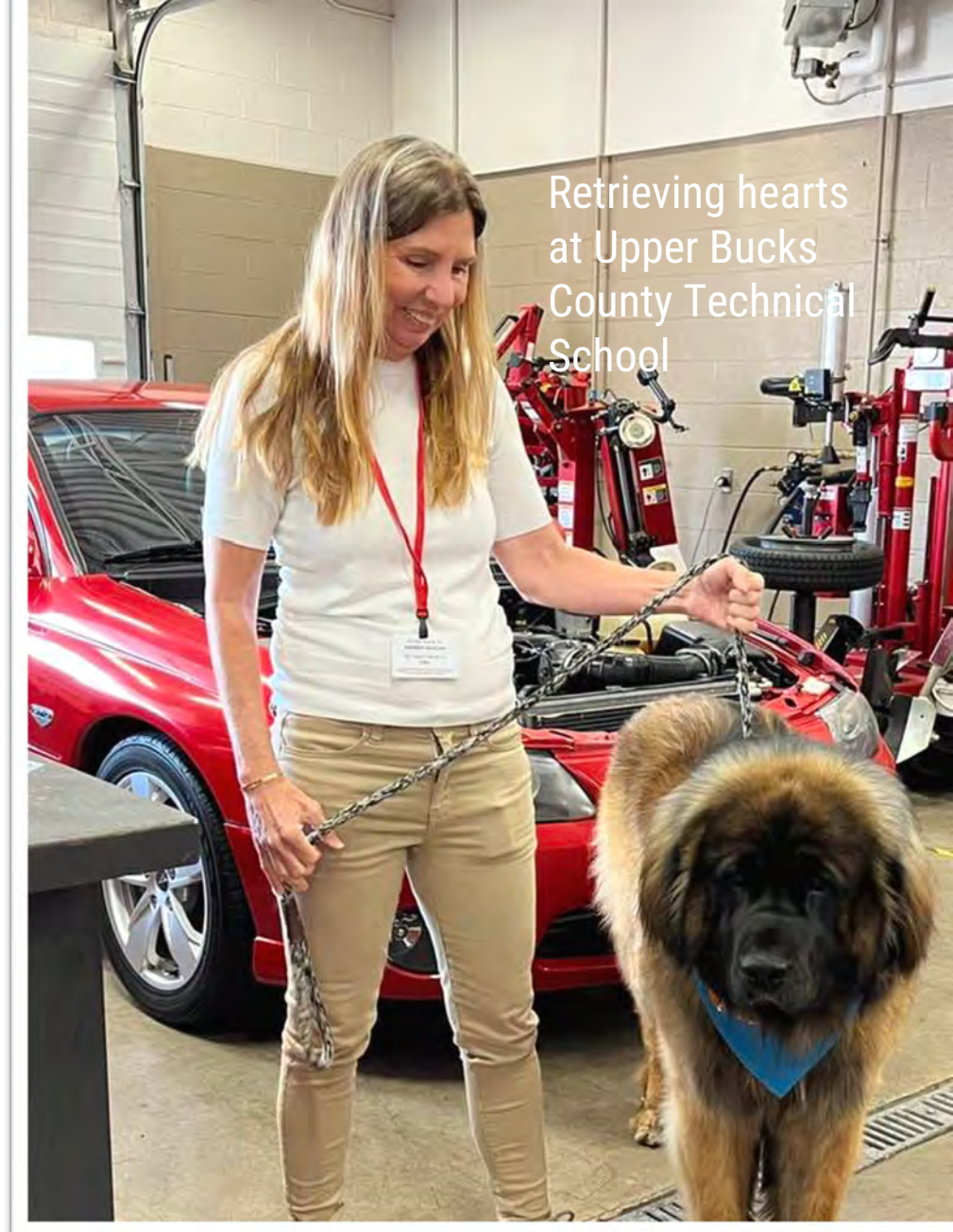


Roxy™ Responders

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Upper Bucks County Technical School had the most loving dogs come and visit our students during a time of grief and sadness. The dogs brought much-needed smiles to their faces. I would definitely recommend Roxy's dogs and owners to anyone going through a hard time. Roxy's dogs and owners were there for us!”

— Jenn Rubin, School Counselor, Upper Bucks County Technical School



Financials



Retrieving hearts at Jamison Elementary School



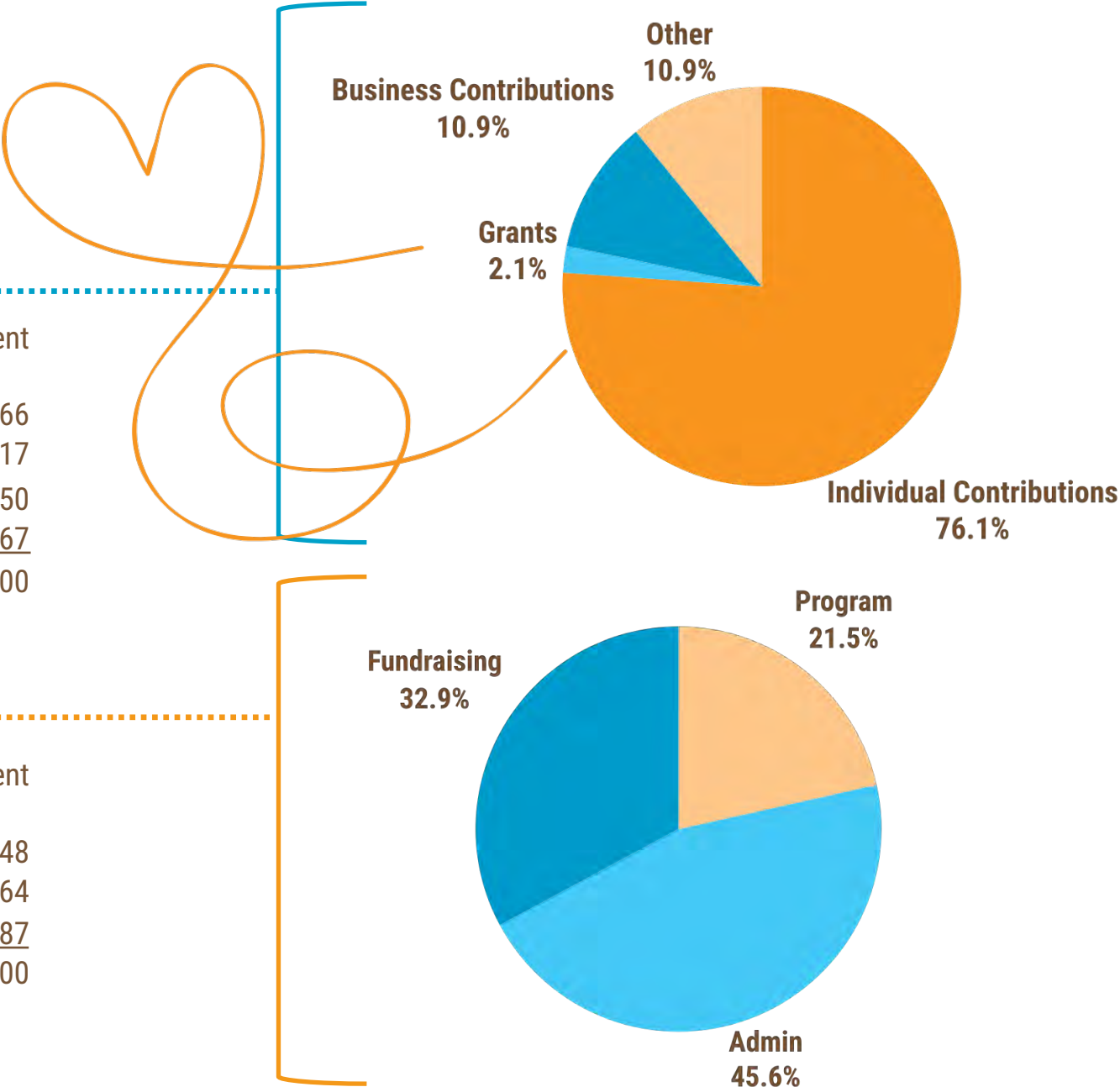
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INCOME

	\$ Amount	Percent
Business Contributions	2,455.00	10.66
Grants Received	500.00	2.17
Individual Contributions	17,613.33	76.50
Other Income	<u>2,456.40</u>	<u>10.67</u>
Total Income	23,024.73	100.00

EXPENSES

	\$ Amount	Percent
Program Expenses	5,423.26	21.48
Administrative Expenses	11,521.72	45.64
Fundraising Expenses	<u>8,298.86</u>	<u>32.87</u>
Total Expenses	25,243.84	100.00



Thank you, Donors



Retrieving hearts
at Buckingham
Elementary School



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Retrieving hearts at
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Retrieving hearts at
Gayman Elementary
School

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**Thank
You!**



Retrieving hearts at
Strayer Middle School



Retrieving hearts at
Special Equestrians

Where Do The Funds Go?

What does Roxy do with the funds that are raised from our generous supporters if you are an all-volunteer organization?

Your donation covers:

- New therapy dog team recruitment
- CBSD School Program fees and supplies
- Roxy Responder community outreach supplies
- Courthouse Companionship fees and supplies
- Fees for outreach events to benefit local communities
- Communication
- COE courses and video library
- Electronic newsletters
- Insurance

Roxy Has Earned Your Trust

Roxy earned the Candid (formerly Guidestar) Gold Seal of Transparency again in 2023.



Less than 5% of non-profits registered with GuideStar are recognized with a Gold Seal—the leading symbol of non-profit transparency and accountability.

[See our profile on Candid.](#)



Retrieving hearts at Mill Creek Elementary School

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With Or Without A Dog

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For Roxy

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Retrieving hearts at the
Doylestown Library



We retrieve hearts!

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**Thank you for
helping us
help children**





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