## Greetings!

I'm reaching out to you on behalf of Puppa's Pals. We are 501c3 non-profit serving the Twin Ports region. At Puppa's Pals our mission is to prevent people in crisis from having to surrender their pets. We provide respite foster care and medical support for the animals, as well as resource support to keep pets and their humans together.

Our third annual Wags and Wine Fundraiser Event is quickly approaching! We are currently seeking donations from neighbors and area businesses to support our program efforts into the future. Because we do not charge a fee for the services we provide, we rely entirely on public support in order to continue our mission. Our goal for this year's event is to raise \$30,000.00. Can we count on your support?

Possible donation ideas include event sponsorship, gift baskets and items for our silent auction, or monetary donations. If you are unable to contribute at this time, the opportunities to engage with our organization throughout the year are limitless. We have a small entirely volunteer team, and an ever-growing list of folks in need of our program.

In total we have received 387 requests for foster placement or outreach services. The number of applications we received increased by 150% between 2023 and 2024. Puppa's Pals began collecting Surrender Diversion Data when our organization was founded in 2022. In time, this data will demonstrate direct relation to cost savings by tax-funded and private organizations. The individuals we serve include domestic violence survivors, veterans, survivors of house fires, individuals in need of hospitalization or an inpatient stay, people experiencing homelessness, and those serving brief jail sentences. Most of the folks we serve are highly motivated to overcome whatever obstacles they face in order to reunite with their pets much sooner than our 6 month program maximum.

As we look into the upcoming year, our goals include purchasing a transport vehicle, and securing an office location with on site storage capacity. We are always working toward increasing our program capacity for fostering, veterinary care, and affordable spay/neuter options. We will also expand on our ability to provide community outreach services, which is another step toward prevention of pet surrender.

Donated items may be dropped off at or mailed to: Puppa's Pals 512 N 54th Ave W Duluth MN 55807

\*Donations are tax deductible, our EIN is 88-1202399. To expedite the return of your tax receipt, please note the value of your item and preferred mailing address when sending your item. Monetary donations may also be sent via one of the donation links using the included QR code.

On behalf of our team at Puppa's Pals, **thank you!** We are tremendously grateful for your support! We hope you'll join us September 25th from 6-9pm at the Pike Lake Golf and Beach Club.

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