



## 2005 Annual Report

Orthodogs' Silver Lining Foundation. is a pending 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in May 2005 to provide some relief for caregivers of orthopedically challenged dogs, who were struggling to help their pets lead a healthy life. Our goal is to provide access to fundraising resources and to make emergency funds available for exceptional cases.

**Silver's Cause**, a unique fund created specifically for service dogs, will provide financial assistance for any medical problem that these special companions may face. Silver's Cause contributes to ensure that the relationship between a disabled person and their partner will not be threatened by costly medical expenses.

OSLF is a potential resource where funding medical treatment for a service dog, for a companion pet or for an abandoned or rescued dog is unavailable or inadequate, owing to insufficient funds available due to temporary or long term financial distress, or exhaustion of all other avenues of funding.

Our organization is Internet based with international representation. By using the communication powers of the Internet, we are and have been able to intercede rapidly on behalf of dogs worldwide. In addition, through our efforts, we aim to stimulate a dialogue that will educate the general public about the special role that service dogs play in their companion's lives by being their gateway to the world and enabling them to live independently.

As an organization with limited volunteers and resources, we recognize that without significant long-term help, some of our goals are beyond our reach. Yet, we know that what we do makes a difference in the lives of those who reach out to us for assistance. Their lives are affected by what we set in motion and influence. Our efforts translate into organizational alignments and commitments, improved perceptions and attitudes, changes for the better in communities' perception of our goals.

By reaching out to dog lovers and disability advocates, our organization, since May 2005, has been able to raise over \$ 17,000 to provide necessary surgery to 10 canine companions – two of whom are service dogs and one a rescue. Total funding in 2005 amounted to over \$ 5,700, with accounts payable for funding to the amount of about \$ 1,600.

During 2005 we received 15 applications; 13 applications were approved for funding – 4 cases were foreclosed for non compliance with OSLF applicant guidelines, only one of which received partial funding to the amount of donations received specifically tagged for that dog; 2 cases were not approved because they did not meet our funding guidelines.

Our policy has been to ensure that direct donations and other revenues are spent on funding dogs rather than on administrative costs. For the fiscal year 2005 Administrative and Paypal fees represent 6.9% (\$ 487) of our global expenses; funding represents 82.8% of our expenses .

95% of our revenues is represented by individual donations. The remaining funds have been raised through merchandising.

Pursuant to one of our more recent cases, we realized there was also the need to establish an Emergency fund. About 10% of our yearly revenues is now dedicated to “Sadie’s Gift” – the specific fund for emergency cases. At the end of the year, \$2,000 have been set aside for emergency cases.

Our goals for the year 2006 are to reach out to many more individuals, both to make the public aware of a new resource for low income or financially challenged individuals facing orthopedic complications with their companions or health issues with their service dogs and to find new donors and sponsors for our applicants.

We also hope to find new volunteers to assist us in our efforts and to enable us to continue providing our applicants with the necessary support at a difficult time in their life.

We will continue to implement the information available on our Community Forum in the hopes that it will be a valuable resource for anyone dealing with orthopedic issues. Our goal is to also involve more participants who will be able to provide first-hand information and a valuable support group to applicants and other members.

Without the strong support of contributors who believe in our work, none of our efforts could succeed. We thank all of our supporters who make it possible for us to improve the lives of canines dealing with orthopedic or other debilitating health issues.

Our un-audited financial report is available in downloadable PDF format on our website.

Sincerely yours,

Paola Ferraris  
OSLF Co Founder and President