

LIFE notes

LIFE prides itself on helping those in need and for being the champion for those who cannot speak but who enrich our lives and everyday make us a little more... human.

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Courageous Canines Edition



Star Board Member of the Month



Wendy Roberts

Wendy Roberts is a graduate of the University of Virginia holds a Masters Degree in Early Childhood Development. She is a licensed real estate broker in Florida and a certified interior decorator. Actively involved for more 30 years in charitable organizations, Wendy served Florida Atlantic University Honor's College as capital campaign director as well as director of development for the Armory Art Center, Home Safe of Palm Beach County, and the Jupiter Theatre. She has served on the boards of numerous Palm Beach County organizations, including Executive Women of the Palm Beaches, Burt Reynolds Center for Theater Training, The Governor's Club and the Junior League of the Palm Beaches.

In addition to LIFE, many other local and national charities have benefitted from Wendy's commitment as chairwoman or committee member including the WXEL Garnet Society Leadership Committee, the American Lung Association of Florida, Tri-County Animal Rescue, Alzheimer's Foundation, the Palm Beach Opera Guild, Place of Hope, Windows of Worth Centennial Celebration, March of Dimes, Angels of Charity, the Center for Family Services, Believe in Tomorrow Children's Foundation and the Palm Beach Foundation. In addition, Wendy has previously designed and manufactured her own line of luxury sportswear marketed and sold in the U.S. and abroad.

Wendy is proud to serve on the LIFE's Advisory Board and is looking forward to assisting with another successful "Lady in Red" Gala in 2016.

Upcoming events

September 10, 2016

American Humane Association
Sixth Annual Hero Dog Awards
Sponsored by
the Lois Pope LIFE Foundation
Los Angeles, California

December 3, 2016

LIFE's "Lady in Red" Gala
"Speakeasy"
Starring the Empress of Soul, Gladys Knight
The Mar a Lago Club
By Invitation

To learn more or to donate, visit
www.life-edu.org or call 561.582.8083.

Dear Friends,

Military Working Dog Matty, a magnificent German shepherd, served alongside Army Specialist Brent Grommet on a bomb detection team in Afghanistan. But a roadside blast in June 2013 ended their careers. Wounded in the explosion, they returned to the United States - where they were unceremoniously separated due to a bureaucratic snafu and despite Grommet having submitted the necessary adoption papers!

A few weeks ago, at the Annual Hero Dog Awards Gala Luncheon in Palm Beach, I was humbled and honored to meet this courageous canine and his equally intrepid human partner. They had been reunited thanks to journalist Maureen Callahan, who beautifully chronicled their saga in the pages of the New York Post, and our friends and partners at American Humane Association.



Lois Pope
and 2015 Hero Dog of the Year Harley

I was privileged to offer my support to the effort - just as I was proud to lend my assistance to AHA in its campaign to change the National Defense Authorization Act so that, for the very first time, it would include guarantees that would bring military working dogs home to U.S. soil from the war front upon their retirement and that their human handlers and their families would be given the first right of adoption. On November 25 of last year, President Obama signed the bill into law - a major victory for AHA and military dogs like Matty.

Reuniting battle buddies here at home is but one of an array of initiatives that now falls under the auspices of the new Lois Pope LIFE Center for Military Affairs at American Humane. Through the wonderful generosity of each of you -- LIFE's Board members, supporters and friends - American Humane can continue its 100-year legacy on behalf of serving our nation's military heroes, protecting those who protect us on the battlefields and on the home front. In 1916, AHA was asked to rescue wounded horses on the WWI front; more than 68,000 horses were tended to by the organization each month. Following WWII, AHA pioneered the field of animal-assisted therapy to help returning veterans readjust to civilian life and to help children of military families cope during their parents' deployments.

The new Center for Military Affairs will further this groundbreaking and essential work. In addition to helping military K-9 teams on and off the battlefield, the Center will provide: access to free specialty veterinary care for all retired military dogs; care packages to be sent to active duty military so that they have vital necessities and a taste of the comforts of home; service and therapy dogs to help returning veterans cope with the hidden wounds of war; warm, playful and living therapy dogs and other animals for children of military families; and trained volunteers from the veterans community who can mobilize on the ground during times of natural disasters, animal cruelty cases and other emergencies here at home.

Our new Center for Military Affairs is building a more humane world for those who protect us - our military heroes, human and canine. Thanks to all of you, we are giving them (please pardon the pun) a new "leash" on life!

With much love,

Lois

Founder &
President of LIFE

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