

Dear friends, colleagues, and Sunny Side up Community,

We hope the first half of your year is as amazing as ours has been.

Keeping with our primary purpose, of our tiny but mighty, animal sanctuary, we strive to raise community awareness of those affected by physical and mental challenges and how these animals help to heal. With a focus on our program RAISE KIND HUMANS we spent a lot of time with kids!! We finished up last year joining Julian Pathways for a major fundraising effort at the Julian tree lighting hot chocolate booth.

We participated in two after school programs with a focus on visual impairment. We were accompanied by our friend, commonly and lovingly, referred to as Blind Dave along with our visually impaired dog, Sunni. The kids had an opportunity to learn about Braille as well as what challenges are faced by humans and animals.

We participated in 3 wellness walks with Julian Elementary and Junior High. Our paralyzed dog, Stella, walked with the kids promoting health and wellness. Demonstrating how capable she is despite her disability. We had a table at the Wellness fair at Julian Elementary answering questions and offering support.

We had a table at the Senior Resource fair at the Julian Library with Stella, offering help for those who may need assistance preparing their animals for an evacuation or other emergency.

We participated in the Wheelchair Regatta at the Silvergate yacht club. Both Sunni and Stella attended this incredible event. Please see attached information.

We are excited to be scheduled to present at The Spencer Valley school in July.

Each day we enjoy walking our 5 amazing dogs showing what joy they bring despite any disabilities they overcome. Happily representing acceptance and inclusion.

The second half of the year will bring our focus to volunteering, philanthropy and how we can be of service to our community.

None of this would be possible without YOU. Thank you will never be enough. You give this group of otherwise discarded animals another chance. We will be forever grateful and ensure these animals have a safe haven while living their best life.

Sincerely,

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Sunny Side Up Animal Sanctuary

Along with all the residents