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10 YEARS OF SERVICE
8 YEARS AS A NON-PROFIT
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I want to share another story with you. We never ask our clients to pay, contribute or donate. We do ask them to let us use photos and stories. Our clients especially our veterans, fight to just make ends meet. They survive on somewhere between $1,200 and $3,400 a month here in California. That is why we provide everything that we can to help them be successful with the program and their service dog. We work with the families and provide the therapist at each class and whenever needed. We even supply gas cards so they can get to and from training or to appointments. WE CAN NOT KEEP DOING IT WITHOUT YOUR HELP.

My life is blessed every day, working with an amazing staff, but most of all, working with our amazing clients, their families and the dogs we rescue to match with them. Here is a simple story that brought me to tears.

One of our clients, who has changed and grown over the years from the OFP program and lives on a very small fixed income, came up to me and asked if he could speak with me. I, of course, said yes only if I got my hug. We are space invaders around here, but that's a story for another day. We go sit down and he pulls out an envelope and hands it to me. I asked what it was, his reply, "it's not much, I wish I could do more, I can never repay you for giving me my life back, my family back, my amazing buddy". I opened the envelope to find a $20 bill. He was crying and I asked what it was for and why. He said "because people don't get it but you and OFP do. I saw your Facebook post and want others to have what OFP has given me, a new life,hope for tomorrow. I hope it helps". At this point I am crying and remembered why OFP came to be. I said thank you, gave him another hug, and let him know that his $20 would go with the $30 in my pocket to buy one more gas card so that a client could get to class. He smiled and said "thank you, I wish I could do more.

So my challenge to you is what can we count on you to do? Help us save lives PLEASE.

You can set up monthly donations via the OFP website donate button, you can create fund raisers, you can put out a jar like one of our supports at their family BBQ and share the story of OFP and what it means to you (by the way they raised $321.00 that day).

You can set up a donation through your bank like paying a bill, you can see if your company matches donations, the list goes on and on. Attend one of our events.

Thank you to all who have donated this year and supported the OFP Mission in any way. It is greatly appreciated. BUT PLEASE help our clients, the dogs, their families. They need you and those yet to come.

My Sincerest Gratitude,
Mary Cortani
Founder and Executive Director