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# Canine Cadence Newsletter Spring 2023

**Believet, Canine Service Partners™ • Freedom for Veterans, Dogs with a Mission**

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## New Executive Director

### Message from Jane Rydholm, Executive Director

I am truly honored to join Believet as its new Executive Director. During my career managing non-profit programs, I've focused on empowering people to enable them to achieve their goals. In this position with Believet, I look forward to supporting veterans so they can enjoy the freedom and independence they deserve.

Personally, I hold great compassion for veterans, especially as my father served in the Vietnam War. I believe the sacrifices made by those who serve are truly extraordinary. I feel privileged to be able to work to give veterans hope for the future and tools for more success.

Plus, on a lighter note, who doesn't love dogs? I'm astonished at the capabilities of Believet's expertly trained dogs. Believet's service dogs are the best of the best, and I'm in awe of what they can accomplish as a result of Believet's skilled trainers.

Don't worry, Founder Sam Daly and his competent team are not going anywhere. They are still working tirelessly to serve veterans in the best way possible.

I'd love to connect with you, Believet's supporters. I want to learn why you support Believet and how you'd like to help us further our mission. We are at an exciting stage, ready for growth. I'm glad to be here for it.



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## Volunteer Spotlight: Jennifer Hanauska, Believet Ambassador

Jennifer lives in St. Michael with two dogs and a cat — Frankie the Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Olive the Gordon Setter and Rimbey the Ragdoll. When she's not working in Corporate America, she enjoys traveling with her dogs and friends all over the US to compete in nosework trials.

Jennifer volunteers with Believet because she knows how impactful dogs have been on her own life. She adds, "I've known veterans who needed support, but just couldn't find the missing piece that would help them move forward. I volunteer because I believe that a service dog can be that missing piece and am excited that it's Believet's mission."

When asked what she would tell others about volunteering, Jennifer states, "Don't hesitate! Founder Sam Daly has gathered an amazing group of people who are incredibly passionate about caring for and training the dogs, identifying the needs of the vets, training the vets with their paired dogs, growing the outreach, growing the mission. Everything they do is for the purpose of improving the quality of life for our veterans so they can return to families, friends, jobs, activities and once again be a part of society. And there are DOGS!"



Jennifer Hanauska

*Jennifer, thank you for supporting Believet! If you are interested in volunteering with Believet, please complete our online application. We look forward to hearing from you!*



### Thank you to our donors!

Your generous donations help transform the lives of our veterans, their families and our communities.



**Donate today!**

## Believet Ambassadors Needed!

Are you interested in spreading the word about Believet? We'd love your help! We are looking for volunteers who would like to represent Believet at community awareness outings, fundraisers, and local engagements.



We provide training on what to say



We teach you how to take along a Believet dog if you'd like



You can train your own dog to be a Believet Ambassador



If interested, reach out at [info@believet.org](mailto:info@believet.org)!







## A Winning Team: Jaclyn and Nussy

Jaclyn's first experience with Believet happened during one of her darkest days. She had been trying to find a service dog, and had all but given up hope. She had reached out to multiple service dog organizations and not heard anything back. But Believet was different. Believet responded immediately to her request, asking her if she was interested in a service dog. So began the journey of Jaclyn and Nussy.

Jaclyn first completed an overview of Believet's program, and then started working with multiple service dogs in training. During the training process, it was clear that Nussy was her forever match. Jaclyn shared that she appreciated how comfortable everyone at Believet made her feel. In the end, she felt much more optimistic about her future.

Now Jaclyn and Nussy are on their way to success. With Nussy by her side, Jaclyn is able to return to work, visit smaller stores, and be a part of her community. Even on tough days, Jaclyn knows that, "I have to get up and take care of Nussy because she takes care of me." Throughout the ups and downs, darkest moments and stressful times, Jaclyn and Nussy are a team and face the world together.

*Thank you, Jaclyn, for your service and for bravely sharing your story!*

## Believet Spring Event Success!

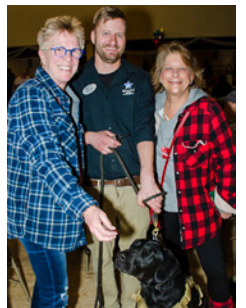
Our 5th annual Spring Event at the Northfield Ballroom was a huge success. Expertly coordinated by Believet Board Member Lori Davies, the event boasted the highest attendance ever!

Emcee Kevin Olson, Veteran and SnowGlobe Public Relations CEO, facilitated the evening. Speakers included Believet Founder Sam Daly, Board Chair Brian Smith, and Executive Director Jane Rydholm. The audience learned about Believet's exciting time of growth and desire to expand so that it can serve even more veterans.

Attendees enjoyed a boisterous live auction, extensive silent auction, raffle, wine and spirits pull, appetizers and dessert. Believet dogs-in-training circulated the venue throughout the evening. Live music was provided by the Drive South trio and included the lively "How Much is that Doggie in the Window?" fundraiser.

We truly appreciate our amazing volunteers and sponsors who made this event possible. Our sponsors included: Iron Workers Local Union #512, Southeast Minnesota Building Trades Council, Harry Brown's Family Automotive, Iron Workers District Council of the North Central States, VFW Post 4393, American Legion Auxiliary Northfield Post 84, Construction & General Laborers Local 563, and Northfield Ford and Chrysler.

*Thank you to all of our supporters who share our goal of strengthening the lives of our veterans!*





## A Note From the Family of Believet Veteran David DuChene



*Veteran David DuChene and his Believet service dog, Jack, were an amazing team. The DuChene Family designated Believet for memorial donations for which we are very grateful. We are thankful to have known David and that he became part of the Believet family.*

Dear Believet Friends, Thank you all for your presence at David's memorial visitation and service on February 10th. Seeing your kind faces and warm hearts brought us peace and comfort during this very difficult time. Dave would have been so honored and proud to have all of you there.

We are incredibly grateful Dave found a place to belong at Believet. He treasured the connections he made there. It soothes our hearts to know that the last few years of his life were not only full of Jack but also the special friendships he had with each and every one of you. We appreciate your support and know you are grieving with us. Your kindness will long be remembered.

*With much gratitude,  
Kathy, Sara & Justin DuChene and family*

