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Friends, I'm pleased to share with you the 2014 On With Life Foundation

Report. Within the report you'll find donor and volunteer highlights, a summary of recent support for On With Life's programs, and a listing of our generous donors from October 1, 2013 - September 30, 2014.

At On With Life we are forever thankful for the brain injury survivors and families that came together 25 years ago and said "We can do better." From that dream, countless individuals have received critical rehabilitation services that have helped them re-learn how to walk, talk, eat, and interact with their loved ones. The On With Life Foundation is fortunate to have friends and supporters like you, who continue to support our non-profit mission every year.

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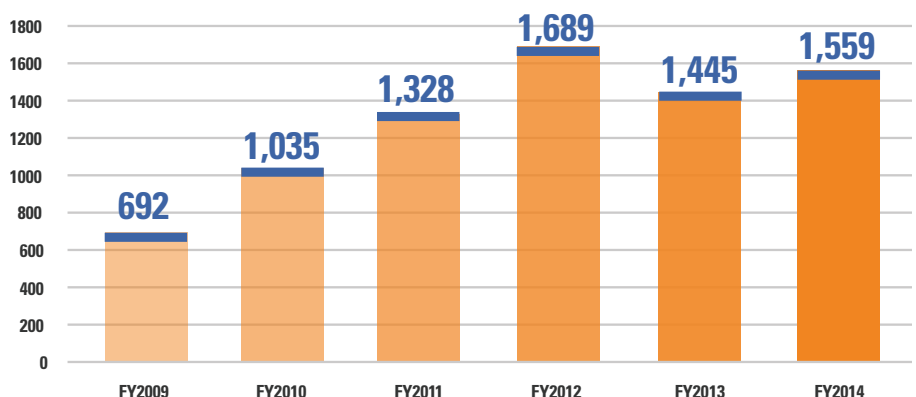
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Thoughtful and generous gifts of all sizes truly transform the lives of the people we serve, and we continue to take pride in being good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us. A new endeavor for us in the past year has been our first ever capital campaign project to enhance and expand our therapeutic programs in Ankeny. This project is the culmination of 20+ years of dreaming by our persons served, families and staff, and we thank those individuals and organizations who are helping to make it a reality. You can learn more about this special project by going to [www.onwithlife.org](http://www.onwithlife.org).

Happy holidays to you and your family!

Jeff Lamberti, JD, *Board President*  
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"On With Life is many steps above a traditional care facility. The staff is caring and they know what persons served need and like."

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**“I actually looked forward to my three-times-a-week outpatient therapy session and was able to improve my walking skills, balance and speech. Thank You On With Life!”**

**- Becky Volrath**  
*Person Served*

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# PHILANTHROPY IN ACTION

## IOWA ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE *Justice in Deed Project*

On With Life welcomed "Lolo," a permanent facility therapy dog, on October 17, 2014. Lolo will come to work every day with Pat Stilwill, administrator, as he and his family serve as Lolo's host family. The following Q&A was answered by Kam Stupka, membership director at IAJ and an On With Life board member who was instrumental in bringing Lolo to On With Life.

### **Why was an On With Life facility dog selected as IAJ's fundraising project?**

Trial lawyers with the Iowa Association for Justice often represent victims of traumatic brain injury following catastrophic accidents. On With Life serves these very same individuals on their road to rehabilitation. Through our Justice In Deed initiative, IAJ attorneys committed to raising the \$10,000 needed to breed, raise and fully train the facility dog through the Puppy Jake Foundation. As stated by Jim Daane, IAJ President, "this is an exciting opportunity to provide the ongoing benefit of a service dog to an important resource in our state and one that specifically serves our clients."

### **How valuable will a therapy dog be for the persons served, families and staff at On With Life?**

I witnessed the power of a therapy dog first-hand when my son was recovering from a traumatic brain injury ten years ago. The benefits of a therapy dog are well-documented and I have already witnessed how Lolo is a ray of sunshine for persons served, families and staff. Following her training, Lolo will assist with therapy for those with balance, mobility and strength challenges, while providing an emotional connection and motivation to persons served. Even early on in her training, Lolo is helping make miracles happen. She was recently working with a person served who was presenting with his eyes fixated and was unable to track objects and faces. Lolo was brought into the session and the person served looked up to find Lolo and began tracking her and moving his head. It is truly inspiring!



## **SANDY PATTERSON** *Clinical Office Assistant, Post-Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation*

### **What brought you to On With Life?**

Several of my coworkers from a previous employer worked at On With Life and had high praise for the work being accomplished. When I saw a job opening, I jumped at the chance to work for a healthcare provider that truly cares for those it serves as well as for those providing the care.

### **How is working at On With Life different than working at other organizations?**

Every person that works here has a passion for caring for others, and I am able to witness first-hand how much they want to make a difference in the lives we have been entrusted to care for. We are a family, and we collectively strive to give those we serve

the best possible outcome. Personally, I have also been given the opportunity to continually learn and grow within the brain injury rehabilitation field.

### **What inspires you to give to the On With Life Foundation?**

Giving back to On With Life has never been a hard decision. I know that every dollar I give goes directly towards enriching the lives of those we are privileged to serve. I've been able to see first-hand how the "wish list" purchases truly make a difference in the lives of the persons served and their families and being able to help them in any way is a privilege.



## **DAWN BOHRER** *LPN, Long-Term Skilled Care for Youth and Younger Adults*

### **How were you first introduced to On With Life?**

About 16 years ago I was a new single mom raising 3 sons and needed to find stability. A friend referred me to an opening at On With Life and I'm so thankful that she did. I started as a CNA and am now a nurse – a decision that On With Life played an important part in.

### **How has On With Life impacted you in your 16 years working here?**

It has been an honor to serve the amazing persons we serve and their families, and to be a part of something so great. I have been in healthcare for 34 years and the care provided at On With Life truly is remarkable. It is something that I have never experienced

anywhere else. I am blessed to be a part of the lives of our persons served and to have made great memories and friendships along the way. I have seen On With Life grow and I have grown along with it, learning so much about brain injury.

### **What inspires you to give to the On With Life Foundation?**

I choose to give through payroll deduction because I have seen how the dollars are used to enhance our facility and to provide the things our persons served can benefit from, including the sensory stimulation gym, the OWL's Nest therapy garden and new equipment.



## **MAGGIE BERMEL** *Volunteer, Senior at Woodward-Granger High School*

### **What led you to become an On With Life volunteer?**

After my youth group visited On With Life, I was interested in learning more about the program and decided to become a full-time volunteer. Even though I'm still undecided about my college major, On With Life has helped me decide that I'd like to serve others in whatever profession I choose.

### **How has your experience been as a volunteer?**

It truly is amazing to see the interaction between the staff and persons served. They truly love their jobs and they create a very positive environment that is contagious. One of my best memories as a volunteer was during a music therapy session. A person

served began singing a song with his wife that was very moving and something that was obviously very meaningful to both of them. The work and therapy performed at On With Life is always very inspiring and it even led me to a senior project that would benefit the organization.

### **Your senior project was to organize a 5K run to benefit On With Life, how did that go?**

Organizing a 5k run was a great learning experience for me and I was excited about the ability to help give back to an organization that has helped so many people. The event was held on Saturday, October 11 in Granger and raised a total of \$2,020!



# CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Introduced to many of you in the 2013 Foundation Report, the "Life Forward," capital campaign project is now in full swing. In addition to a 10,000 square foot outpatient therapy center, the campaign will support the addition of an aquatic therapy pool, therapy gardens, additional inpatient beds, a family house, a wellness center and an enhanced cafeteria.

To date the campaign has raised more than \$1.4 million of our \$5 million project cost. We are proud to say that 100% of our board members and leadership team have made financial contributions, as have many staff members, volunteers, individuals and families previously served by On With Life. In addition, many local community members and organizations have made significant contributions to the project. If you've been on our campus lately, you'll notice that construction is already underway, but we still need your help to make various components of the project a reality. To learn more about how you can support this effort, please go to [www.onwithlife.org](http://www.onwithlife.org).

**Thank you to the following individuals and organizations that have pledged major gifts (totaling \$25,000 or more) to our Capital Campaign as of November 30, 2014:**

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## YEAR-IN-REVIEW

**Here is a snapshot of just a few of the ways that the Foundation dollars have been spent in the last year.**



Thanks to a \$10,000 grant from the SCI-CAN Foundation, therapy staff now have an objective way to measure and assess balance issues. The Biodex Balance System, purchased in early 2014, quantifies a survivor's ability to maintain stability on a static or unstable surface, providing critical data that helps therapists optimize a customized treatment plan for that individual.

Sixty percent of persons served in our Post-Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation program are from outside of Central Iowa, meaning significant travel for families wanting to be by their loved one's side during the rehabilitation process. Through the Foundation, hundreds of dollars in Casey's gift cards have been purchased and given to family members to help with travel expenses.



The 2014 On With Life Golf Outing raised more than \$30,000 to support various program needs. The Long-Term Skilled Care program in Glenwood purchased a bath tub that uses hand controls, a reclined bathing position, and height adjustability to eliminate manual lifting, strain and stress for the person served and attending staff member. The Post-Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation and Outpatient programs in Ankeny purchased a ceiling-mounted harness system for performing gait analysis and training with persons served learning to walk again.