

## Circle Tail is Expanding...

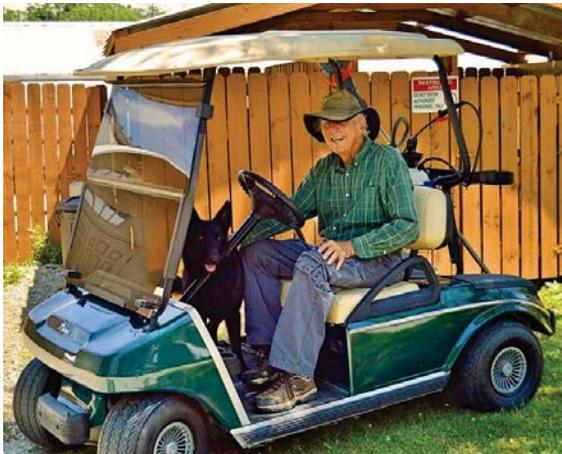
Since being founded in 1997, Circle Tail has partnered hundreds of assistance dogs at no cost to recipients with disabilities. Circle Tail is expanding our campus, which will allow us to increase our impact. We will be able to touch the lives of more dogs and the lives of more people living with disabilities. Our new facility will provide housing as well as exercise and training spaces for our adolescent and adult dogs. The new space will enhance the quality of our dogs' lives and improve the staff and volunteer experience at Circle Tail. A drawing of the new building:



## In Memory....

*Larry Staley*

Circle Tail is saddened by the loss of one of our most dedicated volunteers and loyal supporters. Larry Staley, father of founder/Executive Director Marlys, passed away recently. A true steward of the land, he spent summers transplanting trees, tending to the ponds, and anything else he could do to keep Circle Tail beautiful. Anyone who had the pleasure of meeting him could immediately tell where Marlys gets her work ethic. We are grateful he was part of Team Circle Tail.



## New Partnership

*Guy & Service Dog, Kimmel*



Guy was partnered with Service Dog Kimmel in October. Kimmel is Guy's second service dog from Circle Tail. He will help with tasks like retrieval and opening and closing doors, drawers, etc. Guy says Kimmel looks like a tough guy but is a softy!

## Recent ADI re-accreditation



Circle Tail was recognized at the 2019 Assistance Dog International (ADI) annual conference in September.

ADI accredits not-for-profit programs that place assistance dogs to ensure that they adhere to the highest standards in all aspects of their operations, including ethical treatment and training of dogs, ethical treatment of clients, solid service dog training and follow-up care.



## Tails on the Inside

### Stories from our Inmate Handlers

"My name is Rebecca. I have trained Circle Tail dogs under Ms. Staley's guidance for the last 7 years. The experiences I have had with dogs have enriched my life beyond measure.



I have discovered I possess many leadership qualities that I never realized before. The knowledge and experience that I have gained has inspired me to utilize this platform to enhance other people's lives. I plan to impact the next generation through Children Service Organizations by implementing therapy dog programs which will provide well trained, obedient dogs to foster care homes.

I feel that there is no better way to provide a confused, frightened child with a sense of security, companionship and unconditional love in the midst of a crisis. Not only will dogs make those situations more positive for everyone involved, it will also teach valuable lessons which improve lives.

I know firsthand what interacting with dogs has done to change me and I watch the progress made by others every day. No one can ever imagine how grateful I am for this opportunity and I pray that Circle Tail will continue their success for many, many years to come."

Check out Circle Tail's website and calendar for:

Pet first aid classes, dog training classes, campus tour, community education events, and fundraising events!

[www.circletail.org](http://www.circletail.org)



## Volunteer Spotlight

### Our spotlight shines on Linda



Linda writes, "I started volunteering in 2007 after I retired from my career. I started by walking dogs on Saturdays, but soon became involved in dog adoption. Currently, I do career-change puppy and dog adoptions for Circle Tail. I love finding homes for our wonderful dogs—this is my favorite Circle Tail activity.



I also like to be a resource for our organization in many other areas such as staffing the training center office on Saturdays, transporting dogs, puppy duty (which also is really fun, if not exhausting with those little balls of activity), helping out on special events such as our major fundraiser. While I am busy in my retirement life with church activities and family obligations, volunteering at Circle Tail has been an extremely fulfilling blessing to me. I love the dogs, the staff and the volunteers—a great opportunity to serve my community."

Volunteers are the backbone of this organization. Interested in volunteering or becoming a foster family? Email us at [volunteer@circletail.org](mailto:volunteer@circletail.org), call [513.877.3325](tel:513.877.3325), or come to our next Campus Tour!