



## PAWS AND PEOPLE | WINTER 2026

*"The Power of Us"*

At HSSV, our work is powered by people who choose to show up for pets and their families. Every community event, company service day, and volunteer hour helps create brighter futures for the animals and people we serve.

In this newsletter, you'll see how that impact comes to life — from hands-on volunteer efforts and company partnerships to community events that bring people together in support of our mission.

Together, we are building a stronger compassionate community, one act of care at a time.

### SERVICE IN ACTION AT PROMETHEUS HQ



We recently visited Prometheus' home office in San Mateo for a Porch event that reflected their strong commitment to community impact. With puppies on site and sleeves rolled up, team members jumped right into hands on service to support pets and people.

This day of service is just one part of Prometheus' broader impact. To date, **96 employees have contributed 288 volunteer hours**, helped package **61,753 meals**, prepared **hundreds of Pet Pantry bags**, and created **100+ enrichment toys** for animals in foster care.

These efforts help pets thrive, keep people and animals together, and strengthen the communities we share. Partnerships like this show what's possible when engagement turns compassion into action.

[See Prometheus in Action](#)

### A YEAR OF COMMUNITY IMPACT



When companies and community groups come together to give back, the impact reaches far beyond a single day of service. Through hands-on volunteer experiences with HSSV, teams directly support animals in our care and families throughout our community.

From assembling care packages and creating enrichment for shelter pets to supporting outreach efforts and improving our spaces, every activity helps save lives, keep pets with the people who love them, and strengthen the bond between people and animals in our community.

#### Impact of our partners through community engagement in 2025:

- **311,594 meals packaged** to help pets and their families stay together
- **4,119 volunteer hours** donated by caring community members
- **1,373 volunteers** participated in corporate and group service events
- **96 volunteer events** hosted in partnership with local teams
- **48 outreach events** extending support beyond our shelter walls

Whether your team joins us on site or participates from your own location, your time and effort make a meaningful difference for pets and people alike.

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### A SERVICE DOG, A LIFELINE, A COMMUNITY THAT SHOWED UP



Paul, a veteran and longtime California resident, has navigated housing instability, disability, and life on a fixed income. Through every challenge, Cody, his service dog and constant companion, stayed right by his side.

When Paul adopted Cody in 2023, Cody was just three months old, scrawny, and stressed after being left in extreme heat.

"I said, 'You saved my life, and I saved yours,'" Paul recalls.

While staying in a shelter, Cody injured his paw, and Paul was faced with an overwhelming veterinary bill. Through HSSV's Essential Care Clinic, Cody received treatment and vaccinations at no cost — easing both the financial strain and the worry. "It took away the stress of worrying about his well-being," Paul shares.

Today, Cody is a happy, well-trained service dog who goes everywhere with Paul — from daily walks to beach trips along the coast.

"He's my reason to get out of bed," Paul says. "Even on hard days, he keeps me moving forward."

Paul now pays that care forward, looking out for neighbors, fellow veterans, and their pets whenever he can. "It takes a village," he says. "If everyone does a little, it can go a long way."

### Make an Impact with us!

There are so many ways to get involved — and we rely on our community partners to help us expand our reach and impact. Whether you're dining out, planning a fundraiser, or exploring new ways to give back, your support makes a real difference for pets and the people who love them.

- [Dine for Good: Visit Lazy Dog March 13-20 and 15% of your bill will support HSSV.](#)
- [Bunny Paws: Celebrate with pictures of the Easter Bunny and your pet on March 15 at Santana Row to support HSSV.](#)

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