



# 2022 Annual Report



# From Roxy's President

If there is one word that sums up Roxy's 2022, it is "opportunity". Our organization was afforded so many wonderful and meaningful opportunities to comfort and support the children in our community last year. Roxy worked with children in places and capacities that we had never done before and we are incredibly grateful for those opportunities.

I can't stress enough the selflessness of each and every person who volunteers for Roxy. By definition, to volunteer means to offer oneself, and Roxy is so very fortunate to be made up of people who do that on a daily basis and without hesitation.

We are only able to do this incredibly important and impactful work with children because of YOU, our Roxy supporters. Without your donations and encouragement, these amazing opportunities last year would not have been possible. From all of us at Roxy, THANK YOU for making them possible.

— Sharon Fleck, President, and her Roxy dog, Bleu



# About ROXY



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## Programs to Comfort & Support Children



### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL READING INSPIRATION

Roxy's flagship program gives young readers a chance to read aloud to a furry friend on a regular basis. Dogs don't judge or correct, but serve as a calming influence, building students' confidence, improving reading skills, and fostering a love of reading.



### STUDENT SPECIALIZED SUPPORT

Students in Autistic, Multiple Disability, Life Skills, Learning Support, and Emotional Support classes benefit from regular Roxy visits that help them maintain a sense of calm, well being, openness to stimuli and learning while increasing social competence and empathy.

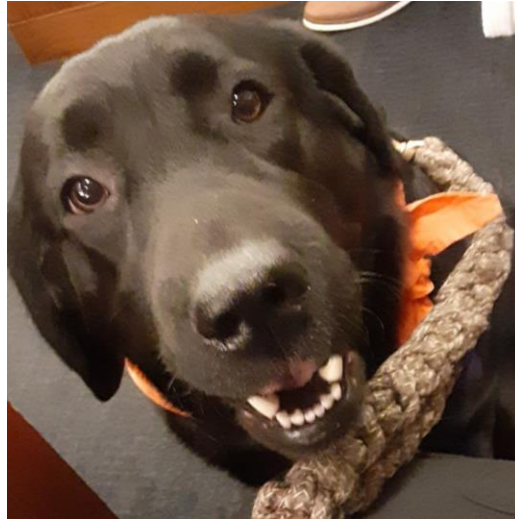


### SECONDARY SCHOOL STRESS RELIEF

High school students struggling with stress and anxiety benefit from the much needed support and compassion provided by Roxy visits as part of Stress Management classes, organized support groups, and during exam times.

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## Programs to Comfort & Support Children



### COURTHOUSE COMPANIONSHIP

At the Bucks County Courthouse, our dogs comfort children navigating Dependency Court or who are victims of violent crime. Children are able to relax and remain calm with a dog by their side. On occasion, dogs are invited into the courtroom.



### PEDIATRIC COMFORT

Roxy teams bring joy to children in hospital and healthcare settings. Roxy visits calm patients' fears, give them a break from medical procedures, and ultimately speed the healing process.



### ROXY™ RESPONDERS

Children feel comforted by the soft fur, understanding eyes, and calm demeanor of a Roxy Responder dog during stressful times associated with a traumatic event in the community.

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# Our Incredible Volunteers

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*As of 12.31.22*



# Our Invaluable Roxy Dogs

Anya	Bullet*	Josie	Murphy*	Tenny**
Athena	Chance	Katie	Nacho	Theo
Atticus	Chloe*	Kerri	Obi	Trixie
Bambaroo	Cody	Kizmet*	Oliver	Tucker
Bandit	Cooper Sn.	Lexie	Pip	Tucker F.
Bauer*	Cooper So.	Louie	Piper	Tucker G.
Bella	Daisy	Lowen	Reilly	Tukka
Bentley	Dizzy	Lucy	Ripley	Walter
Bleu	Finnegan	Luke	Roger	Wilma
Bliss	Fiona**	Mac	Sadie	Zoey
Bodie	Freddy	Maggie L.**	Scarlett	
Boomer*	Gwynne	Maggie S.	Shay	<i>* Rainbow Bridge</i>
Bonnie Jean	Ivy*	Maple	Skylar	<i>** Retired</i>
Bono	Halley	Marshall	Sunna	<i>as of 12.31.22</i>
Brodie M.	Hansa*	Maya	Sydney	
Brody L.	Hazel	Mila	Teagan	
Buddy D.	Holly	Missy	Teddy B.	
Buddy H.	Horton	Molly	Teddy V.	

# New in 2022





## Roxy™ Responders Formed

Roxy™ launched Roxy Responders™ as our sixth program which specializes in on-call trauma response to bring comfort to children and youth experiencing upsetting reactions to traumatic events. 33 + Roxy teams have been specially trained and have already been called to three events in the community. The program's director is Andrea Dadigan. Her Roxy dog, Lowen, is pictured with his Responders bandana.



## New Roxy Club at GB South



## **Volunteer Appreciation Party Returns**

After being on hiatus due to the pandemic, the Volunteer Appreciation Party was held in person to the delight of all who attended. Thanks to Catherine Refice and Anne Hoy for chairing this event.

**Gold  
Transparency  
2022**

**Candid.**

**Roxy Earns Candid (formerly GuideStar) 2022 Gold Seal of Transparency.** Less than 5% of non-profits registered with GuideStar are recognized with a Gold Seal—the leading symbol of non-profit transparency and accountability.

## New Board Members Named in 2022



**Rob Marchand**  
*Agency Owner, Allstate  
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Responsibility*



**Jen de Richemond**  
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"Thank you so much, Roxy, for all of your support and love. Your handlers and dogs are so amazing, and always brighten up the day for students and staff. To see others de-stress by engaging with the dogs is a sight to behold!!"

**—Justin S. Rubenstein,**  
**Supervisor of Student  
Services, CBSD**

## **Roxy™ Recognized by Bucks County Bar Association and Foundation**

On December 1, 2022 Roxy™ Therapy Dogs was honored to receive the Bucks County Bar Association and Foundation's William H. Eastburn III Award for extraordinary service to our community. The award was bestowed for the stability and a sense of calm our certified therapy dogs bring to children who are victims of abuse or neglect as they appear before a judge in the courtroom. Roxy volunteers provide this service year-round and at no cost to anyone.

*Pictured: Roxy Therapy Dogs volunteer Daire Goettler and her therapy dog Teagan; Melissa D'Amato, Director, Roxy Therapy Dogs Courthouse Program; Julie Goldstein, Bucks County Bar Association Outgoing President, and Grace Deon, Partner Eastburn & Gray*



# ROXY'S Impact in the Community



**“The Roxy dogs** were an absolute blessing and brought much-needed solace to our students who were grieving the sudden loss of a beloved classmate. Seeing the smiles on their faces after a week of tears—we could not have asked for more! Thank you to the Roxy dogs and their owners for their love and support during a challenging time.”

**—Tammy Butts, School Counselor, Bucks County IU,  
Archbishop Wood High School**



**Roxy™ Responders**



**“At times, the stress and anxiety** is palpable at the Courthouse and people tell us how comforting it is to have Teagan there to bring excitement and joy during a stressful time...to take them out of the moment, possibly help dry their tears. This program provides children a way to get through some difficult times in a wonderful, joyful and calming manner...with a therapy dog by their side. To know that we were able to provide that for the children is rewarding and meaningful.”

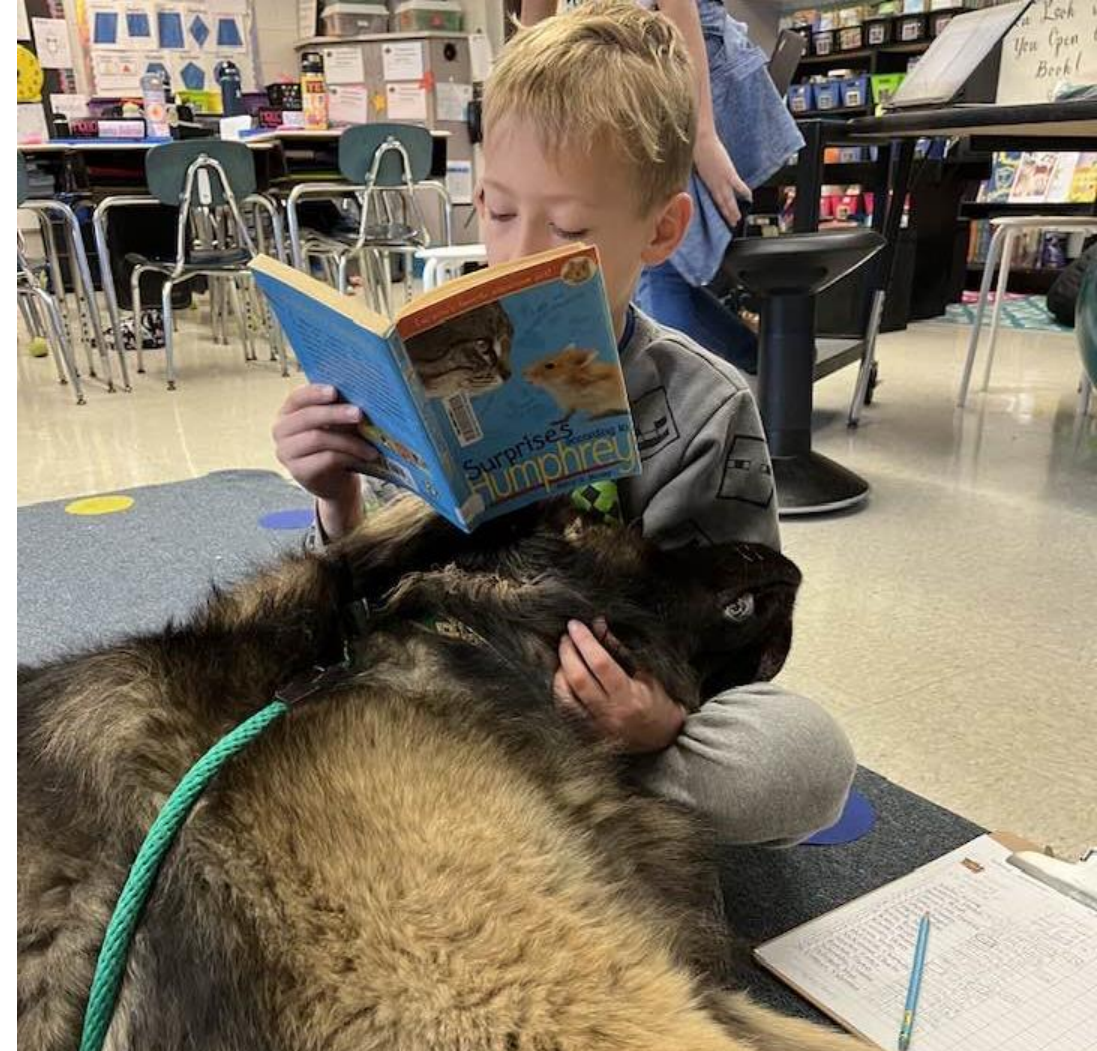
**—Daire Goettler, Roxy Volunteer**



## Courthouse Companionship

**“Partnering with Roxy Reading** has brought so much joy to my classroom. Not only do the kids’ faces light up when our Roxy dog arrives at our room, but the atmosphere settles into a calm, safe space as the kids read their writing to our Roxy team. Reading to Roxy has become an integral part of our weekly routine, and it allows the kids to revise and edit their writing in a supportive environment!”

— **Amy Bullard, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher,**  
**Gayman Elementary**



# Elementary School Reading Inspiration

**“When the Roxy dogs** and volunteers visit, it is an instant boost for so many people at school. It’s amazing to see the smiles on so many faces as the dogs pass through the halls, and the way the kids light up when they get to spend time with the pups. The Roxy visits are an amazing resource for stress relief and creating positive experiences for students at school.”

**—Jessica Kirwin Shaw, Emotional Support  
Counselor, CB South High School**



## **Secondary School Stress Relief**

**“Marshall and Mr. Bob are an *amazing* addition and support to our classroom. “Marshall Time” is so helpful to calm the anxieties and minds of our students. Thanks to Marshall’s snuggles and love, the students are able to take a break from circling thoughts and take a deep breath. Marshall and Mr. Bob provide an intangible service that isn’t otherwise available in our curriculum.”**

**–Amanda Bailey & Lou Fanelli, Teachers,  
CB West High School**



## ***Student Specialized Support***

**“Thank you for all that you do** for the children at Pedia Manor. Your services have been truly invaluable to us and we are grateful for the positive impact you have made on our children’s lives.”

**—Sumit Singh, Program Director,  
Pedia Manor**



**Pediatric Comfort**

# Financials



# 2022 Financials

## Income

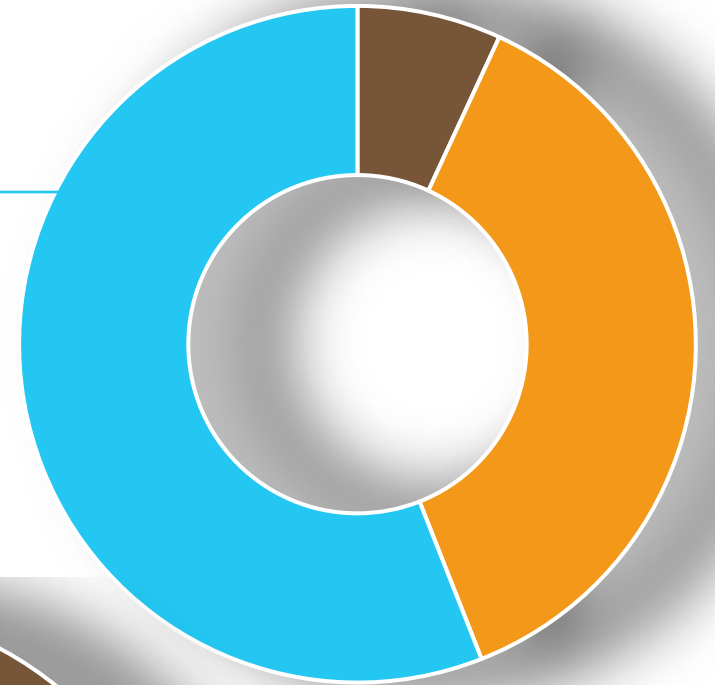
	\$ Amount	Percent
Business Contributions	3,060.58	6.87
Grants Received	16,500.00	37.03
Individual Contributions	24,872.18	55.82
Other Income	<u>128.19</u>	<u>0.29</u>
Total Income	44,560.95	100.00

## Expenses

	\$ Amount	Percent
Program Expenses	6,526.37	29.71
Administrative Expenses	5,691.11	25.91
Fundraising Expenses	<u>9,750.00</u>	<u>44.38</u>
Total Expenses	21,967.48	100.0

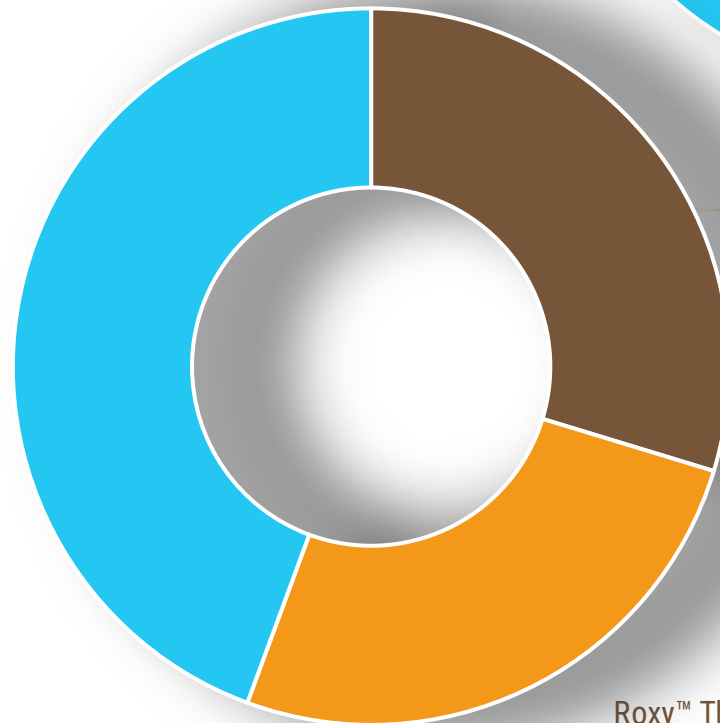
## Income

- Business Contributions
- Grants Received
- Individual Contributions



## Expenses

- Program Expenses
- Administrative Expenses
- Fund Raising Expenses



# Donors





## **Platinum Paws (\$5,000+)**

Bucks County Foundation  
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## **Gold Paws (\$2,500-\$4,999)**

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## **Silver Paws (\$1,000-\$2,499)**

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## **Bronze Paws (\$500-\$999)**

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David Rozzelle  
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Diane & Riley Smith

# 2022 Donors

## **Consecutive Donors (5 or more years)**

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Sharon Fleck  
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# Thank You



# 2022 Donors

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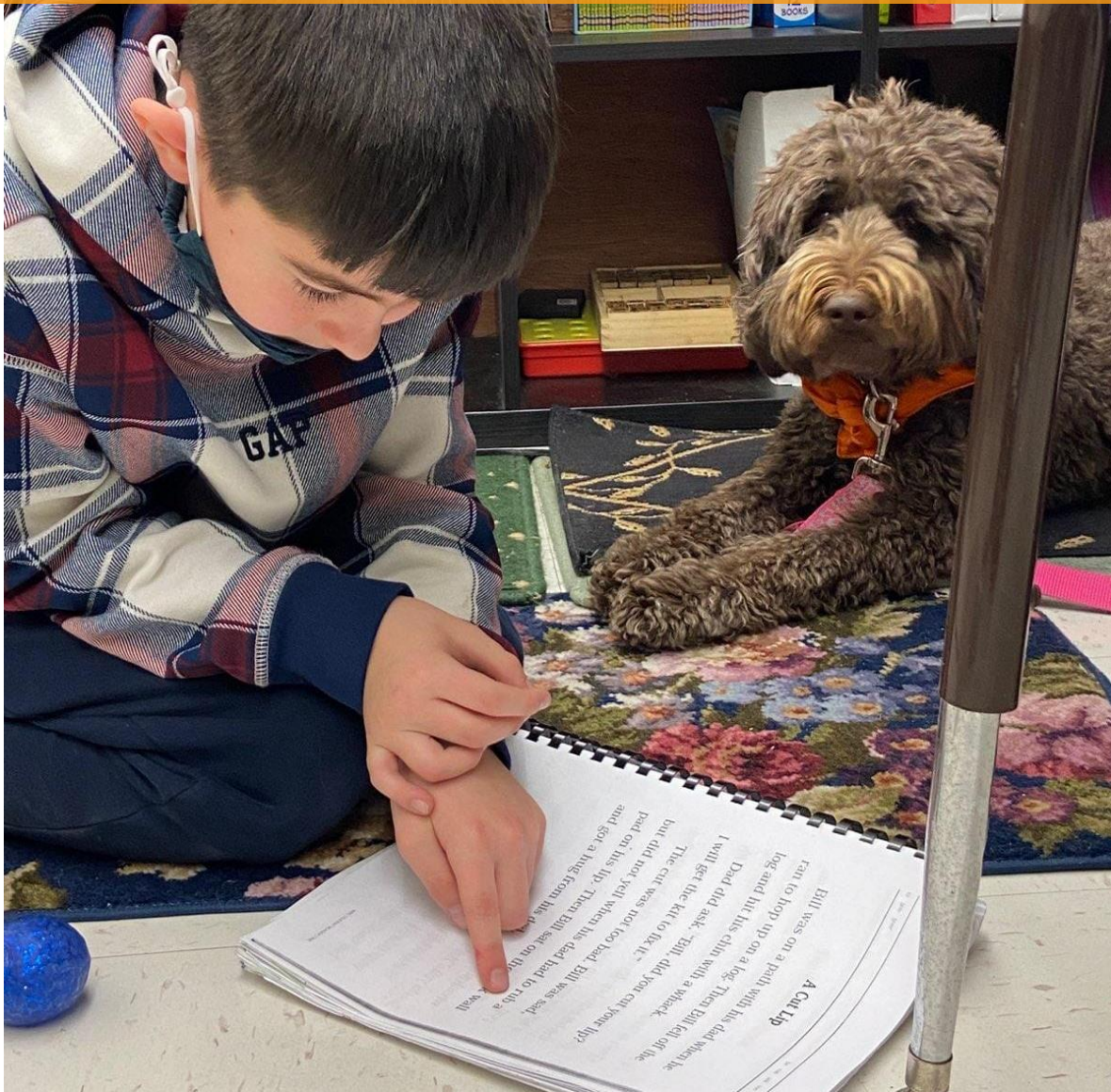
Mary Wendland

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Suzie Woodland



# Where Do The Funds Go?



**What does Roxy do with the funds** that are raised from our generous supporters if you are an all-volunteer organization?

Your donation covers:

- New therapy dog team recruitment
- Roxy Responder community outreach supplies
- Courthouse Companionship fees and supplies
- Fees for outreach events to benefit local communities
- Communication
- Website maintenance
- COE courses and video library
- Electronic newsletters
- Administrative and professional expenses
- Insurance

# How You Can Help

## **Volunteer**

With Or Without A Dog

## **Spread the Word About Roxy**

To Family, Friends, and Organizations

## **Create a Facebook Fundraiser**

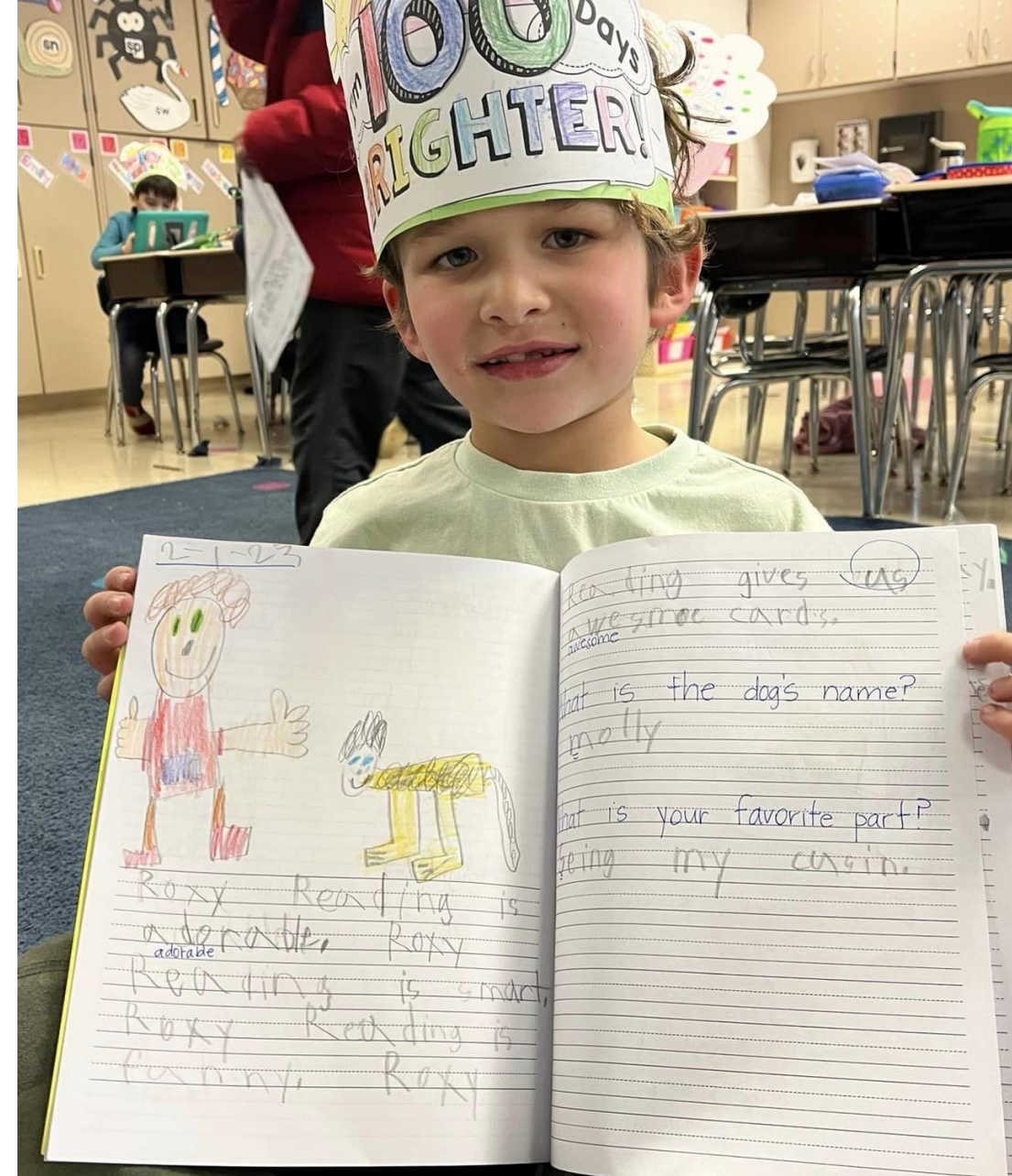
For Roxy

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No Contribution Is Too Small

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On Social Media





**Thank you for helping us help children**



*We retrieve hearts!*



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