

Volunteer Update



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Ways to Give to GRRR *By Francie Rekiec*

It's hard to believe that it is already October. It's even harder to believe that I have been an official GRRR employee for almost one year. This year has flown by! As we near the end of the year, some of us may be updating our estate plans. Here is a list of 11 ways you can include GRRR in your estate plan. And be sure to keep your eyes open on the 2020 Colorado income tax form—you can now donate your Colorado income tax refund to the non-profit of your choice! Pretty GRRReat!

1. Cash - This the easiest way to give and what we think of first. You can also set up recurring donations via the Colorado Gives website. Be sure to ask your employer if your company does employee matches as well.
2. Securities - Stocks and publicly traded securities are easy to give. They also offer wonderful tax advantages to you. The stocks can be electronically transferred to GRRR through your broker or the stock certificate, and signed stock power can be sent separately or directly to GRRR.
3. Bequests - You can make provisions in your will or revocable living trust to include GRRR. You can designate a percentage of your estate to go to GRRR, leave us a specified amount of money, or leave us a particular piece of property.
4. Life Insurance - Consider naming GRRR as a beneficiary in your life insurance policy.
5. Endowments - When you make an endowment gift with cash, securities, or other assets you are allowing us to spend only a small portion of your gift while the rest continues to grow.
6. Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT) – Depending on if you choose a unitrust or a variable trust, a CRT will pay either a variable or fixed dollar amount each year for the rest of your life from assets you place in a trust. After your passing, the balance in the trust goes to



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the charities of your choice. In addition, you are eligible for an immediate partial income tax deduction.

7. Charitable Lead Trust - This trust pays income to one or more charities, typically for a set number of years, and then the balance of the trust will pass to non-charitable beneficiaries. Lead trusts can have significant estate or gift-tax benefits.

8. Bank Accounts & CDs - GRRR can be named the “payable on death” beneficiary of your bank accounts (savings or deposit accounts) as well as any CDs. Upon your death, the assets will go directly to GRRR without going through probate.

9. Savings Bonds - When a savings bond is redeemed, generally taxes are paid on the deferred interest at that time. If the bond is never

redeemed, your estate or the person who inherits the bond is required to pay taxes on the bonds. The best way to bypass these tax burdens is to leave your bonds to GRRR. You can do this by either adding a codicil to your will or adding an amendment to your living trust.

10. Retirement Plans/IRAs - Oftentimes tax laws subject retirement plan or IRA assets to the highest income tax when given to your loved ones. Leaving these assets to GRRR may be a more efficient estate planning option, since 501 (c)(3) organizations aren't taxed the same. Your loved ones may be taxed more than 35% on these assets. Whereas charities, such as GRRR, are not.

11. Real Estate - Giving real estate is a tax-friendly way to make a significant gift. You can give the appreciated property directly to GRRR, which gives you an immediate tax deduction, or make a gift through your will or living trust.

VIP Update *By Sukie McMaster*

The dogs welcome all your visit—short or long. Some of the volunteers have commented that the dogs have all been "walked" already when they arrive. Please don't hesitate to spend time with the pups, no matter how many times they have been out during the day. The more socialization the better, especially for the recent mill rescues. As the weather gets cooler, you can always go for a short potty-break walk and then just spend time with them in their run. We have several stools just waiting for you to sit on when you are in the run. We have a wonderful group of VIP team volunteers. Whether you come weekly or monthly you make a difference in the lives of these sweet pups. Thank you for being a part of GRRR!



President's Letter

by Judi Servoss

There is something special about fall in Colorado. OK, I'm fortunate to live where the Aspens take center stage and my Perry seems to love the smell of upcoming snow.

As we start thinking about 2020's arrival, I'm happy to tell you that Francie has settled in nicely as Executive Director. She and Mary are humming along like a well-oiled machine (although Mary's purple cast looked like an "oops" moment).

We all rolled with the punches on moving the Reunion Picnic from the Boulder Reservoir when

worries about the blue-green algae prompted a wise decision from our professional staff. Although it was a hot day, the pups had lots of fun at Phoebe's Place, hopping from one kiddie pool to the next all day.

And I'd like to let you know that Kevin and Linda are happily relocated in their new home in Knoxville, Tennessee, in the shadow of the Smoky Mountains. They got to spend a month or so in a one-room hotel with their two dogs while they renovated the house, but that only made them appreciate the big yard more! I know we all wish them well.

Just a quick reminder that Colorado Gives Day will be coming soon—**December 10th**, for the 10th Anniversary of the online philanthropy event. Early Giving begins **November 1st**. It's a great way to avoid the crowds and check one more item off your to-do list! We are once again reaching for the stars with an ambitious **\$125,000** goal. Please help us help all our GRRR pups!



Volunteer Spotlight

Long-time GRRR volunteer Debbie Stratton was nominated by Francie Rakiec to have an article in Voyage Denver, an online magazine who's mission is "to find amazing souls that breathe life into our city." Read all about Debbie: <http://voyagedenver.com/interview/meet-debbie-stratton-design-dog-studio-se-denver/>



You're Invited to GRRR's

Halloween Party



Sunday, October 20, 12 - 2:30 pm

For all GRRR Members, Volunteers and Dogs!

Phoebe's Place

15350 W. 72nd Ave, Arvada

Costume Contest with prizes (doggie and human costumes encouraged!).

Costume Parade at 1 p.m. Raffle Baskets drawing at 2 p.m.

Lots of great merchandise...get a jump on holiday shopping including 2020 calendars!

We also have 15 large plastic travel crates for sale: \$50 each.

POTLUCK: We'll provide burgers & brats for grillin' but please bring side dish, appetizer, dessert (if in doubt, bring side dish.)

Eat • Drink • Be Scary!

REMINDER: well-behaved, well-socialized GRRR dog(s) and/or dogs in your family, whose behavior you know are allowed. No small dogs, please (for their safety). And remember, on or off leash, you need to adequately control your dog at all times, and you are fully responsible for your dog's behavior. Thank you.



Please check www.goldenrescue.com for weather postponement notice if bad weather

GRRR Picnic









Welcome New Volunteers!

**Sarah Anawalt • Camille Anderson • Heidi Archer • Kate Archer
Amanda Bacher • Brice Bartusek • Emily Connors • Annetta Dewald
Karen Erickson • Cathy Fennelly • Chasya Gallegos
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