

## **Barker Dog Foundation®**

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### **Personal Statement from Sherry**

It is amazing how one small instance can change the course of one's life. "It all started with a little brown dog named Barker..." He was a very sick puppy with Parvo, rescued, nurtured back to health, and gifted to us. Barker quickly became the rescue dog who rescued me! The Barker Dogs (Barker, Doc-Barker and Kidd-Barker) have guided me down a path of service, wonderment and growth. With a certified mobility service dog at my side, I became more independent, confident, and before I knew it, we were going places and doing things I never imagined possible.

With my service dogs also being cross-trained as a registered therapy animal, it truly enhanced our human/canine bond, as we became a TEAM in more ways than one. It didn't take long to discover there was a lack of information and understanding regarding the difference between a "Service Dog" (provides unique assistance to someone with a disability or handicap) or a "Therapy Animal" (provides love and comfort to anyone needing the feeling of calm, hope and joy). As volunteers, we have been privileged and honored to provide Pet Therapy with and on behalf of several well-known organizations at a variety of venues, all requiring us to adapt to every unique therapy animal visiting environment. Sharing the Barker Dogs with others has given me unforeseen purpose and unimaginable joy.

Through the Barker Dog Foundation, our vision is to help educate people about the positive impact of service dogs, therapy teams and enhance the human/canine bond through education. A few stops from our journey thus far are listed on the back of this page, we hope you will join us.

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**Sherry J. Buchbinder**  
Founder, President and CEO



**Ambassador Barker**  
2001/2010



**Ambassador Doc-Barker**  
2009/2018



**Ambassador Kidd-Barker**  
2017-Present



### **Training, Qualifications and Memberships**

AKC® Canine Good Citizen *2006-Present\**  
Therapy Dogs International®, Inc. *2006-2010*  
Delta Society®-Pet Partners® *2010-Present\**  
Paws 4 Healing® Orange County *2010-Present\**  
Hope Animal-Assisted Crisis Response® *2014-2018*  
Canine Support Teams® [Service Dog] *2006-2016*  
Partner Paws [Service Dog Team] *2016-Present\**  
Association of Professional Dog Trainers®  
*2016-Present\**

### **Awards and Recognition**

Make-A-Wish® *Canine Ambassador's [Barker, Doc-Barker, and Kidd-Barker] 2007 – Present\**  
Riverside Police Department *"Honorary K-9" 2009*  
Make-A-Wish America Phoenix, AZ- *Wishes Forever® Endowment Campaign 2010-2013*  
Bob Hope USO® Ontario- *"Official K-9 Mascot" "Started a well-received Pet Partners therapy dog program for Transitioning Military" 2013-2016*  
AKC *"Distinguished Therapy Dog" Title 2015*

### **Therapy Animal Activities**

#### ***\*Sustained appearances***

Police/Sheriff & Fire Departments *2009-Present\**  
Make-A-Wish Orange County and the Inland Empire- *Holiday Harbor Cruises and Various Special Events 2008-Present\**  
Bark at the Park Lancaster *2008-Present\**  
Kaiser Permanente® Fontana, CA *Christmas Day Visits-2008-Present\**  
Festival of Children® & Segerstrom & Sons *Corporate Offices Costa Mesa, CA 2010-Present\**

#### ***\*Veterans and Armed Services***

USO® Centers- *Various 2006-2016*  
Yellow Ribbon Events- *Various (Pre-Deployments) 2007-2018*  
Troop deployments- *Various 2007-2016*  
USO Headquarters, Arlington, VA *2015-2016*  
Bethesda Naval Base, Maryland *2015*  
Arlington National Cemetery *Virginia 2015-2016*  
Army Fort Belvoir, Virginia *2016*  
Gary Sinise Foundation® So-Cal Event *2016*

#### ***\*Community***

Wags-for-Wishes® CA and AZ *2007-2011*  
Special Olympics®- So-Cal *2008-2017*  
Make-A-Wish® America and Make-A-Wish International- Phoenix AZ *2008-2016*

Walk-for-Wishes® *Various- 2008-2016*  
Make-A-Wish Pittsburgh- *Truck Convoy for Wishes and Make-A-Wish Philadelphia- Mother's Day Truck Convoy 2011-2017*  
Macy's® *Corporate Offices Tempe, AZ 2011-2018*  
Grant's Wish- I WISH TO BE: *"A Therapy Dog Handler with the Make-A-Wish Dog" (Doc-Barker) Chandler, AZ 2011*  
Marnell Companies® *Corporate Offices Las Vegas, Nevada 2011-2019*

#### ***\*Universities and Colleges***

USC, UCSD, UCR, UCI, UCLA; Cal State- San Bernardino, Fullerton, and Long Beach; La Sierra University and South Coast College. *2006-2019*  
Bergen University of Canine Studies Santa Rosa, CA *2015 "Special guests"*  
Western University of Health Sciences Veterinary Medicine Pomona, CA- *Therapy Dog Study 2016*

#### ***\*Healthcare***

Loma Linda Veterans Hospital; Children's Hospitals- Mattel, Los Angeles, Orange County, Phoenix, Loma Linda, St Jude's, Shriners, Rainey, Banner, and Hershey Penn State *2006-Present\**  
Ronald McDonald House® *Various- 2006-2018*

#### ***\*Special Events and Guest Appearances***

America's Family Pet Expo® *2006-2017*  
Skip Fordyce- Harley Davidson® Riverside, CA *"Special Guests" 2007-2013*  
Knott's Berry Farm® *Ashley Whippet World Invitational "Grand Marshall" 2008*  
PRCA® Norco Rodeo- *Challenged Children's Rodeo & CA Circuit Finals Rodeo Norco, CA 2008*  
MLB® Angel's Stadium- *Make-A-Wish Night 2010*  
Make-A-Wish Arizona 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Wish Ball- [Founding Chapter] *"Special Guests" 2010*  
Santa Ana Zoo® *[Lights on After Dark] 2010-2011*  
American Cancer Society® *Bark for Life- "Grand Marshall" Various 2010-2014*  
Hollywood Christmas Parade® *2012-2014*  
Disneyland® Anaheim, CA *"Carousel of Possible Dreams" 2013-2017*  
Huntington Beach 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade® *2013-2017*  
NFL® *Super Bowl XLIX, Glendale AZ 2015*  
NHL® *Stanley Cup Event Ontario, CA 2015*  
Pet Partners® *National Offices Bellevue, WA 2015*  
***And much more...***