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“Empowering People To Greater Heights”

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**A Fond Farewell to our Development Director/Trainer Debbie Craig**

We are so sad to say goodbye! Debbie and her husband Andrew have headed to Madison, WI. Debbie is excited to be near her family again while her husband Andrew is excited to start a new job! The journey is sure to be adventurous. Traveling with their four large dogs, a cat and 2 kayaks on top of the Prius! What a sight! We hope for some photos and stories of their trip when they arrive and settle. We wish them all the best and thank Debbie for her years of dedication not only as an employee, but to so many as a friend. Debbie leaves some very big shoes to be filled at Summit!

Our warmest wishes for your future!



**THANK YOU for Helping Summit**

As most of you are aware, we rely on your support in many ways. One of those ways is the generosity of time that is given to Summit by so many dedicated volunteers. We would like to acknowledge some of those volunteers for their commitment they have made in helping Summit.

Skagit Parks and Recreation has been helping Summit for years by introducing the children to the work we do by having them volunteer at our offices and kennels. These wonderful kids do many different tasks like kennel cleaning, doggie care and grooming. Along the way plenty of love is given to the dogs. They do a fantastic job!! We are so grateful to them for all their hard work and the time they have given to Summit and look forward to having them back.



**Open to the public**

**Graduation Ceremony**

Oct. 19th 1-3pm

Brodniak Hall, Anacortes

**Our Annual Fundraising**

**Love Unleashed**

luncheons are as follows:

- **McIntyre Hall**  
Oct. 26th 1-2pm  
Mt Vernon
- **Bell Harbor Center**  
Nov. 6th 12-1pm  
Seattle

If you would like to attend one of the luncheons please call the office for further information at: 360-293-5609



Stay At Home Mortgage deserves an award!! Many employees volunteered in helping us staff our booth in the heat a couple weeks ago at the Marymoor Arts festival. We appreciate all your support!

A special thank you to Crystal Powell for all the fabulous photos of the puppies! Some of her beautiful pictures were used in last month's issue of the newsletter. THANK YOU!

**Dear Friends of Summit:**

We've had some big changes at Summit Assistance Dogs this year so we want to give you an update and let you know about some upcoming events.

First, some staffing changes. As mentioned above, Debbie Craig, our long-time dog trainer and part-time Development Director is no longer with us. We are planning to hire a new trainer to replace her since training is our core work. In the meantime, Wendy McDougal is working with Sue Meinzingler to keep our training program moving forward. Grant Richardson, a Summit graduate with service dog Joey, has taken over Debbie's development work.

Alice Collingwood, our former board chair and long-time volunteer, will join our staff on October 1st as Associate Director. Alice will take over the day-to-day management of Summit, allowing Sue Meinzingler to spend more time with our trainers and focus her attention on improving our dog selection, training, and placement. This is critical for us to be able to grow our organization and place more dogs to meet the needs of many people on our waiting list. Alice also will work to help raise Summit's profile and support Grant in his development work.

Alice's background in marketing is an asset we surely will welcome. Her experience with public relations and her devotion to the organization makes for a treasure we are pleased to have aboard.

Welcome Alice!

