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Stevie Wins Alzheimer's Middle Tennessee Pet Mascot Contest

By Jason Shrum, Community Relations Director

This year's Pet Mascot contest was a real nail biter and it came down to the last few donations. Stevie won by just \$64 and ended up raising over \$2,000. She works very hard by reaching out to the community and raising awareness at networking events. When Stevie has a goal she not only meets it but goes above and beyond expectations.

We set a goal of \$500 and certainly went over that mark. We went to our local dog park (Fair Dog Park) and handed out QR Codes for people to scan and donate. My mom (who is an artist) sold two paintings for \$250 each and donated that money as well.



Left to right: Cheryl Blanchard, Stevie and Jason Shrum

We were supported at the walk by my mother, who flew in from Florida, and my two nieces, Blake and Becca, as well as Becca's boyfriend Jack. We were all excited to walk for Alzheimer's as my mom lost her husband to the disease. Gary Rue battled with Alzheimer's for several years – he was Blake and Becca's grandfather and my stepdad. This event and this organization is very near and dear to my heart and my family's heart. We will continue to work alongside Alzheimer's Middle Tennessee.

Second Harvest Food Drive Update

By Jason Shrum, Community Relations Director

I thought a Fall Food Drive was a great idea to continue our growth in the community. We reached out to Second Harvest Food Bank and Jack Stell (Manager of Community Partnerships) helped us get started. We set a goal of 250 pounds of goods and we are currently at 143 pounds collected with just one week to go. Stevie thinks we're collecting food for her.



Amy, in the red-checked shirt, with her husband and grandchildren.

Employee Spotlight: Amy Huggins

I was born and raised in a small town in north Georgia. For years my father was the only doctor in town. I grew up watching him give the best care possible to his patients. This really instilled in me a love for caring for others.

I married my high school sweetheart and we are blessed with 4 children. Now we have 6 grandchildren!

I moved to Nashville in 2011 and started working at Rita's in 2018. What I love about working for Rita's is the one-on-one care we can provide to our clients. We take the time to not only learn their care needs, but to also know our clients as people.