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## PAWS Houston Named 2016 PETSET Grant Recipient!

PAWS Houston received notice in November that it was among the charitable organizations chosen to receive funds through **Houston PetSet's** 2016 annual grant program! On November 29<sup>th</sup>, grant recipients gathered to celebrate and receive their award at PetSet's 2016 Houston Gifting Event.

It is rewarding to have an organization like Houston PetSet recognize the importance of PAWS Houston's mission to reconnect pet parents and their pets when patients are going through a terminal and/or chronic illness.

All applicants for grants must go through an extensive, formal application process and be interviewed by a member of PetSet's Granting Committee. Thank you to Mary Geehan and Mitch Gibbons for all their hard work in applying for this grant.

Since inception, PetSet has awarded more than \$1 Million dollars to Houston-area animal charities. Thank you to Houston PetSet for their continued support!

*Houston PetSet is a 501(c)(3) umbrella organization dedicated to making a difference by providing grants to animal welfare-related nonprofits in the Greater Houston area.*

### PAWS Brings Smiles to Patients and Their Pets!

**If you have ever wanted proof that a pet visit can bring a smile, just take a look at this recent visit!**



"We shall never know all the good that a single smile can do." - Mother Teresa

## Sixth Annual Symposium: The Collective Soul



*"Transforming Lives of Patients with Advanced Illness and Caregivers in Suffering"*

January 27-28, 2016

PAWS Houston is honored to have been asked to participate in MD Anderson Cancer Center's Sixth Annual Symposium, "The Collective Soul". The purpose of this two-day meeting is to provide community, hospital based chaplains, and spiritual and religious ministers and other healthcare professionals with the knowledge and skills they need to better understand the role of the **The Collective Soul** (Palliative Care Team) in relieving the suffering of patients with advanced illness.

PAWS Houston founder, Donna Dishman, and PAWS Hospital Liaison and volunteer, Camile Dumoit, BSN Coordinator integrative Medicine at St. Luke's Hospital, will lead a discussion around healing and strengthening connections through pet visits in patients with advanced and terminal illness. This symposium provides a great avenue to spread the story of the PAWS Houston mission!

# THANK YOU!



As we start the new 2017 year, we want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped to support PAWS over the last year. We could not continue the PAWS mission if it weren't for our dedicated volunteers and all the people who donated time or money in 2016. Please know how very much you are appreciated!

Have a "Paws-itively" Happy New Year!

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