



**Conneaut Lake Bark Park, INC.**  
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*"I am very proud to offer the latest state of the art technology for our patients. I am also proud to offer them the support of our local therapy dogs. While the therapy provided by the dogs certainly isn't a standard of care, it is unconditional love and care. The dogs provide a sense of calm, love, warmth, and often laughter to those who have not had anything to smile about in days."*

Valerie B. Waid, Director  
Yolanda G. Barco Oncology Institute

## LEND A PAW TO RAISE THE ROOF

### AN INDOOR TRAINING AND RESOURCE CENTER TO FACILITATE THE IDENTIFICATION, TRAINING AND PLACEMENT OF CERTIFIED CANINE THERAPY TEAMS IN THE COMMUNITY



Studies have shown that being around dogs, playing with them, and just handling them decreases stress, increases physical, activity relieves depression and anxiety, calms and motivates patients in hospitals and rehab centers, and helps normalize difficult situations.

Those who have benefited from canine assisted therapy include nursing home patients, hospice patients and their families, special education students and children, autistic children, children with behavioral problems, prison inmates, teenagers and adults with substance abuse problems, senior citizens, hospital patients, and rehabilitation patients.

The Bark Park's mission is to provide a variety of pet-related programs to the local and surrounding communities with an emphasis on facilitating the identification, training and certification of therapy dogs in cooperation with Paws Hand Delivered. Forty percent of the therapy dogs come from rescue situations, such as the Humane Society. Volunteer canine therapy teams spread miles of smiles when they visit our other community partners. This is typically done on a monthly basis. Oftentimes, however, requests for additional visits from existing partners and new visits from potential partners exceed our ability to provide these vital visits. The current number of certified canine therapy teams simply cannot meet the current demand for services. In order to meet this growing need, an indoor facility to allow for year-round training is needed.



### PAWS HAND DELIVERED Community Partnerships

- Yolanda G. Barco Oncology Center
- Crawford County Care, Assisted Living
- Meadville Health & Rehabilitation Center
- Hillside Home
- Juniper Village
- Crawford County Central School District – Autism Program
- Cambridge Springs Health & Rehabilitation Center
- Meadville Library – Tales That Wag Reading Program
- Meadville Medical Center, Transitional Care Unit
- Wesbury Grace and Cribbs Residential
- United Community Independent Programs
- ARC of Crawford County
- Allegheny College

Architectural plans have already been drawn and approved by the necessary local municipalities. The proposed building is 75' x 60' to be built on the existing Bark Park property. The building includes a 40' x 60' training area, a small retail store, office space, kitchen area, all-purpose room, and handicap-accessible restroom.

We have the need. We have the property. We have the infrastructure. We have the programs. We have the talent. All we need now is the funding to make this happen. We need more partners like you who have a history of supporting the needs of their community. We sincerely hope you will consider becoming a part of our team and help us make a difference in our community.



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**YES**, I want to lend a paw to help "Raise the Roof" so the Conneaut Lake Bark Park can build an indoor training and resource center that will facilitate the identification, training, certification and placement of qualified canine therapy teams that are so very important to our community.

I would like to donate  \$200  \$150  \$100  \$75  \$50  \$25  OTHER

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