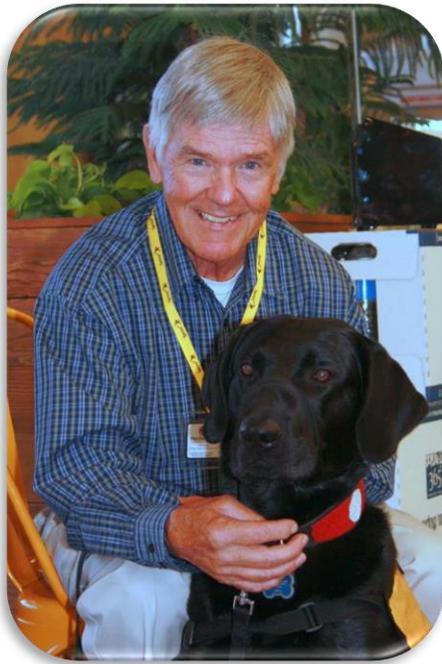




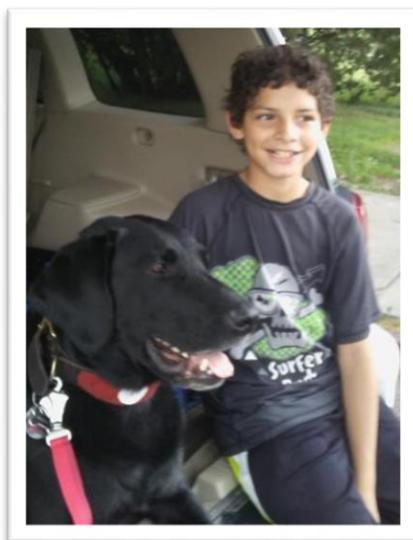
## *Ed Exum and Magnum*



I began with Denver Pet Partners, due to my mother, Beth, fracturing her pelvis when she was 90 years old. For 8 weeks, she lay in a rehab center, wishing she could be visited by her dog, Shotzie. Soon thereafter, wife, Lynn and I were fortunate enough to receive Magnum, a 7-month-old, pure bred, black lab. He had the perfect calm demeanor needed to be a therapy animal.

After several inquiries, I located Denver Pet Partners, took the Handlers Training Course from Diana McQuarrie, and got Magnum certified. For 4 years now, we have volunteered at Swedish

Medical Center, most recently in the ER. Also, we participate in many De-Stress events at college campuses, for students about to take exams. I have volunteered at Denver University, Regis University, Red Rocks CC, Aurora CC, etc. Unquestionably, the experience has been most fulfilling, seeing the real-life interactions between humans and animals.



As to one special boy I visit, I started with him 4 years ago, at the Bridge Project, a DU Intercity reading program, utilizing DPP dogs to improve reading skills. He presented as a mischievous, undisciplined, but charming kid whose mother was in jail, and didn't even know who his father was.

Parenting came from a wonderful, devoted 47-year-old grandma. Obviously, a father figure was missing, and I have attempted to fill that void. Fortunately, my dog, Magnum and I have bonded with this special boy and, in an attempt to establish a long-term friendship, I enrolled us in the Big Brother - Big Sister program in 2016. Now at age 13, he has developed into a mature teenager, participating passionately in Tae Kwon Do, that has

given him discipline and focus. In Hill Middle School, he stays after school 3 days a week, for tutoring in math and science.

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I have been so fortunate in my life. Denver Pet Partners has allowed the perfect opportunity to give back to the community – a most fulfilling endeavor for which I am eternally grateful.

