



President, Nina Scott – became involved with GRRAND shortly after adopting her first Golden, Nikki, in 2007. She started volunteering as a dog walker and over the years became more involved in other areas, such as phone coordinator, application coordinator and eventually joining the board in 2016. Nina is originally from Chicago, IL area and moved to Louisville in 2001 to attend the University of Louisville as a scholarship athlete for the Varsity Women’s Basketball Team. She is currently CEO of DS Research (Dermatology Specialists Research) and enjoys spending time with her family. Since adopting Nikki in 2007, Nina has also adopted 3 more golden from GRRAND over the years, Andy (13), Rosy (14 -passed in 2019) and Kirby-May (1). She also rescued Boone in 2018, a Newfoundland from South Central Newfoundland Rescue based out of Indianapolis, IN. Nina has served as president of the GRRAND board of directors since 2016.



Vice President, Jennifer Smith bumped up her involvement with GRRAND after retiring from Yum! Brands after 36 years as director of IT. She had already been a long-time GRRAND supporter, having fostered/adopted GRRAND dogs beginning in 1998. Jennifer and her husband, John, adopted their current dog, Whitney in 2013. She also volunteers to walk dogs, perform home visits, is the new volunteer coordinator and participates in fundraising events. Jennifer became a board member and vice-president in 2018.



Secretary, Pam Bergklint Pam’s family adopted their first of three GRRAND dogs (so far) 20 years ago. Pam’s GRRAND volunteer roles have included dog walking, helping at GRRAND Affair, fostering, screening applications and performing home visits. Currently she is the Louisville application screening coordinator. Pam is excited to continue as a Board member and helping dogs find forever homes. Outside of GRRAND, her time is filled with church activities, spending time with family, performing other volunteer work, numerous hobbies and working with her residential real estate development company.



Treasurer, Patti Sacra has been involved with GRRAND for approximately 16 years. She has served on the board for many years coordinating GRRAND’s public events. Patti has also assisted with the planning and execution of the GRRAND Affair since she and her husband adopted two Golden Retrievers, Kendall and Keesha. Patti is currently serving on the board as GRRAND’s treasurer. When she is not volunteering for GRRAND, Patti works as the practice administrator for NCMG - Pediatric Surgery.



International Rescue Coordinator, Sharon Gretsinger owns Pawsitively Professional Boarding and Training Kennels in Lebanon Junction, and is a master trainer who works with many GRRAND dogs. Sharon has been volunteering with GRRAND for 13 years and has been a board member for ten years. She fosters dogs for GRRAND, helps with transport, performs home visits, and coordinates the International Dog Rescue Mission for GRRAND.



Foster Coordinator, John Smith joined the board in 2018. Born and raised in England, John came to Louisville in the early 1980's. John and his wife Connie have always had dogs as a part of their family. Their first encounter with a golden was as a failed foster for their beloved Reese. John first became aware of GRRAND when he was invited by a friend to attend GRRAND Affair. They adopted Bo and Ellie from GRRAND after Reese passed over the Rainbow Bridge. John started walking dogs periodically for GRRAND and when the kennel opened, signed up for the Saturday morning shift. That transitioned to kennel volunteer coordinator, which was a wonderful opportunity to get to know the volunteers helping to run the kennel. After a year, John wanted to spend more time with the dogs at the kennel and when the foster coordinator position came open, he jumped at the opportunity. Connie and John still show up every Saturday morning to play with the dogs, but John spends most of his volunteer time working with the wonderful GRRAND team to find foster homes for the GRRAND dogs. Outside of GRRAND, John is a vice-president in the IT department at Papa John's where he has worked for the past 14 years.



Adoption Coordinator, Jane Sonntag initially became involved in Golden Rescue when she lived in Raleigh, N.C., in the late 1980s. When she moved back to Louisville in 1992, she looked up the Golden Retriever Club (GRC) but found there was no rescue component. Jane agreed to chair that committee, and with the support of a couple of other Golden Club members, the rescued Golden Retrievers started to come in. In 1996, Golden Rescue had grown so big that it became a problem for the local club because it needed a certain percentage of members involved in breeding and showing dogs to sponsor AKC-sanctioned matches. In 1996, Jane and two other GRC members met with an attorney to establish GRRAND. She has served on the board for all but perhaps two years since, by her estimation, and has been the placement coordinator for the past 27 years. She’s seen a lot of changes, but the Golden Retrievers, and recently some other breeds, are what keep her motivated. “They are so special and deserving and it brings all of us joy to see them thrive in wonderful new homes after having had very challenging and sad histories,” she explained. In her other life, Jane is a school psychologist. She has a husband whom she met through GRRAND when she did his home visit. They even took their four Golden Retrievers on their honeymoon when they got married a little more than 13 years ago. Now they have two wonderful Golden Retrievers who are their “kids.”



Kennel Coordinator, Kathy Walts has been a volunteer with GRRAND for many years. Her duties have involved walking dogs at the kennel, transport, kennel operations, assisting with intake and helping with vet appointments. Since retiring from Baptist Hospital East in 2010 after 30 years, Kathy began volunteer work and spending time with her two grandchildren, Grace and Garrett.



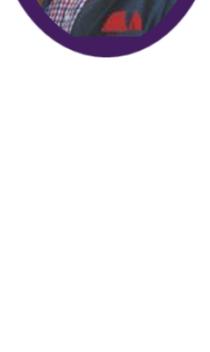
Public Events Coordinator, Donna Milam came to GRRAND over 11 years ago as a dog walker and became involved with our kennel operations. She’s currently involved with public events with GRRAND. She is retired but her work background includes 16 years in accounts receivable and 22 years in Sales and Marketing.



Legal Counsel, Jennifer Barbour first became involved with GRRAND in 2018 as a foster provider. Since then, Jennifer, her husband, Bill, and two children, Gabe (8) and Ella Grace (5), have fostered over a dozen dogs for GRRAND. While saying goodbye to each dog was difficult, knowing that GRRAND worked hard to match the dog with a family that would truly offer a forever home has been one of the most rewarding experiences for Jennifer and her family. In 2019, Jennifer and her family adopted one of their foster dogs, Corinne, who enjoys long walks, lounging on the couch, and cuddling with her tiny human owners. Jennifer is a native of Charlottesville, Virginia where her family adopted their first Golden Retriever in 1995. Since then, she has adopted five dogs, all of which are at least in part a retriever breed. In 2003, Jennifer moved to Louisville to attend law school at the University of Louisville. She graduated in 2006 and was admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Jennifer is presently a Director in the Litigation Practice Group with Middleton Reutlinger, where she focuses on healthcare law, officer and director liability, and fiduciary duty litigation.



Intake & Vet Care Coordinator, Ginger Chapin started by fostering with GRRAND in 2018. She serves GRRAND by focusing on the medical needs of foster dogs. She adopted Portia (now Finley) in 2019. She began working/fostering with animal rescues in 2000, specifically serving with the Humane Society of Missouri and then Five Acres Animal Shelter. Ginger and her family relocated to the Louisville area in 2016. She currently works for the Plantation Animal Clinic as their office manager.



Communications Coordinator, Mary Barry, MD is a temporarily retired internist who found out about GRRAND from a good friend. With her husband Goetz Kloecker, MD she loves two GRRAND dogs, the old boy Chance (Nova Scotia (Retriever) with metastatic prostate cancer and young Murphy (Goldendoodle) rescued from an abuser.

Mary has done home visits for GRRAND since winter 2020. She became communications coordinator for GRRAND in fall of 2020. She’s been editor of the local medical society journal, Louisville Medicine, since 2001.



Marketing Coordinator, John Druen became involved in GRRAND after moving back to Louisville from Chicago in 2020, during Covid. John has worked in marketing and advertising since his last time in Louisville, starting at the Courier-Journal in the 90’s, and then moving first to Dallas to support a large newspaper and television media company’s digital advertising product development and sales, then to Chicago where he brought the power of online identity resolution to his client General Motors.

John was deeply involved with PAWS Chicago for 4 years, before moving back, working with adoptions and behavior dogs during their intake at the Medical Center. John started in shelter care by walking dogs every week, because his career in digital ad tech didn’t allow the time to become a dog parent. Almost immediately he was hooked and devoted most of the time he wasn’t traveling supporting rescue care. Once moving to Louisville, John quickly became involved with fostering GRRAND pups.



Finance Coordinator, Tracy Farrell initially became involved with GRRAND in November 2015 when she volunteered to work at the GRRAND Affair. Later when the Vine Crest facility opened, she volunteered on the Sunday morning shift at the kennel, it was a labor of love feeding, walking and cleaning up after the pups. And like the other board members she adopted two GRRAND dogs in 2018, Monon and Diesel. Tracy joins the board in 2021 as Finance Coordinator with the responsibility of developing the annual budget and overseeing insurance and investments. Tracy has been in banking since 1984, she currently works for First Financial Bank.

Behavior Coordinator, Alicia Noschang is a renowned dog trainer in the greater Cincinnati area. For years she has been the anchor of Pets for Patients and oversees all pet adoptions to ensure each pet is temperament tested and given basic training to meet the needs of the patients and families. Outside of her work with Pets for Patients, Alicia is also passionate about senior dog rescue and advocacy for all animals. Alicia has also received awards from Cancer Family Cares and GRRAND Rescue for her work and advocacy. She’s now serving as the dog behavior coordinator for GRRAND.



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