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In spite of her hearing loss, Jessica has lived life to the fullest. She earned a degree in Photography at Lansing Community College, and traveled to Copenhagen, Denmark, where she lived for several years with her husband. She now owns her own photography business. When you consider her circumstances, it’s easy to overlook the daily challenges she faced as a result of her hearing loss.

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Skilled ears: PiPeeNe is trained to discern different sounds and alert Jessica to their sources.

Paws For A Cause is grateful to PAWS for all they do for so many in need and everyone who helped bring Jessica’s story to life.

YOU LISTEN FOR ME

BEFORE RECEIVING her Assistance Dog PiPeeNe, Jessica had an anxious wife and mother of two. Hearing loss affected her in the lives of those she loved most in more ways than she could admit. Always on alert, Jessica found it difficult to relax in her own home. Phone calls, doorbells, and alarms would go unheard. Dinners would burn beyond recognition. The fear of a house fire led to sleepless nights.

Throughout the training process, Jessica was also impressed by how much work went into training not only the dogs, but training the clients. She spent an intensive week at PAWS learning how to work with and bond with her dog. She added, “PiPeeNe goes to a lot of trouble to make sure that we are well prepared to continue training our dog.”

Jessica referred to Hearing Dog PiPeeNe, a Male Papillon, as “8½ pounds of pure gold.” With his ears, Jessica can answer the phone, wake us up in time, and cook delicious dinners. She is able to nap with her 2½-year-old at home without worrying that the house will burn down. “Just being able to relax is a huge deal,” she confessed.

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“They’re a miracle and we are grateful to PAWS for all they do for so many in need,” she said. Jessica is “eternally grateful” to PAWS’ staff, Jessica has grown more confident. “It makes me feel powerful when I go out knowing the rights of those with Assistance Dogs are being advocated for, and that we won’t run into trouble, they are there for us,” Jessica remarked.

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Jessica’s Fear Of A House Fire Caused Her Sleepless Nights.

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Today, Al admits he isn’t sure when his wife began donating to Paws With A Cause, but he jokes that Elou was “giving behind my back for years.” He only learned of her commitment when he unexpectedly, and in a variety of shapes and sizes, we owe a considerable debt to the friends who have remembered PAWS with legacy gifts.

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Al continues to fulfill his wife's wish for a lasting legacy. After her passing, Al dedicated his life to giving in memory of Elou. He made a planned gift to PAWS to continue her support of the organization. Al explains that from his perspective, giving is not just about honoring the past, but also ensuring the future. He says, “I just hope the funds will help the staff at PAWS. You have some wonderful people doing good work. I want to help make sure it lasts.”

The funds he donated to PAWS will be used to support the organization's operations, such as building new facilities, training assistance dogs, and providing lifetime team support to families. Al's donation is just one of many legacy gifts that PAWS has received, totaling over $2 million in bequests ranging from $1.49 million to about $25,000 from eleven estates. These contributions are testament to the impact that PAWS has on the lives of people with disabilities.

At the celebration service, Al stands by a plaque honoring his gift made in memory of his wife, Elou. He says, “I want to help make sure it lasts.”

EVEN THOUGH ELou was taken away from us, she will always be with us. Her legacy will continue to inspire others to give back and make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities. We thank these kind individuals and their families for their forethought and commitment to PAWS’ mission. These once in a lifetime contributions will help PAWS provide lifetime team support to countless people with disabilities through custom-trained Assistance Dogs. We know this well at Paws With A Cause. Though they most often arrive unexpectedly, and in a variety of shapes and sizes, we owe a considerable debt of gratitude to these individuals and their families. We can’t thank you enough for your generosity and commitment. Whether you give a capital project, or build an endowment, such support helps fuel success.

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