

HEALING HEARTS OF THE BLACK HILLS

**GIVE THANKS & GIVE BACK**

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Former president John F. Kennedy once said, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." Since 2014, Hobo's Healing Heart, a local nonprofit, has assisted over 60 families in the Black Hills with funds for their beloved pets. Since 2014, Hobo's Healing Heart has paid over \$16,000 in grants for emergency veterinary costs, diagnostic testing, and cremation services with the majority of funds allocated to emergency care. For Hobo's Healing Heart to continue to help folks and grow to meet the needs of families and their pets, it is imperative that those who support their cause donate funds and volunteer to work at their local fundraising events throughout the year.

Last month, Hobo's Healing Heart hosted their Annual Wag 'N' Walk 5K Fun Run/Walk. This family-friendly furry scurry started and ended at Herrmann Park in Belle Fourche, and followed along the beautiful River Walk. The event also welcomed furry four-legged pooches who wanted to join the fun! There were contests for both people and pets who dressed in the best costume, raffles with door-prizes, and refreshments after the race. All event proceeds were donated directly to Hobo's Healing Heart so they can continue helping pets in need throughout the Black Hills.

For some pet owners who are thankful for the help and support of Hobo's Healing Heart, volunteering for the organization is a no-brainer. Take Michelle

Moore, for example, who was helped by Hobo's Healing Heart with her pup, Roxy. Michelle explained, "They helped me with my dog Roxy who needed her infected teeth pulled. Volunteering with Hobo's Healing Heart is a way to help pay back what they did for us."

If you are looking for a way to give back to our community, help families in need, and love animals - volunteering at Hobo's Healing Heart is for you. During this season of thankfulness, consider giving back to an organization who has given so much to our community. To learn more about what you can do to help, contact Hobo's Healing Heart by email at [hoboshealingheart@gmail.com](mailto:hoboshealingheart@gmail.com) or by calling 605-569-6919. Hobo's Healing Heart aims to help all families and pets in need. Through donations and active volunteerism, this organization will be able to continue serving those who need it most in the Black Hills.



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