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## Anthony Dickinson Joins Young Professionals Board – Puget Sound, Expanding Board Presence

CENTRAL POINT, OR – Earlier this month, Dogs for Better Lives' (DBL) Young Professionals Board (YPB) – Puget Sound secured its fourth board member and secretary, Anthony Dickinson. Anthony joins three board members that came on in July, Corey Wise (chair), Meghan Heims (vice chair), and Claire Dickinson (treasurer). See news post, DBL's First Young Professionals Board Launches in Washington's Puget Sound, Securing First Three Members.

"We're excited to have Anthony join the YPB – Puget Sound and know with his enthusiasm, passion for the mission, and background, he will help to elevate DBL's exposure in the region to the next level," stated CEO, Bryan Williams. "YPBers will be responsible for helping to market the mission of DBL, participating in outreach events, as well as planning their own fundraising events.

As DBL continues to grow and embark on its journey to better the lives of those with disabilities, pairing them with an Assistance Dog, they aim to cultivate the next generation of leaders in the Greater Puget Sound region to become involved in carrying out DBL's mission and vision.

"In following our strategic plan in further establishing our regional and national reach, the Young Professionals Board (Puget Sound) will play a critical role in assisting DBL with its community outreach and engagement, further extending our reach into the Pacific Northwest, stated Board Chairman, David Hollingsworth. "I'm looking forward to watching Anthony's progress with YPB, moving forward."

The DBL Young Professionals Board (YPB) is comprised of like-minded individuals in their 20s, 30s, and 40s that have a passion for dogs and giving back to people with disabilities in their communities. Members will be responsible for marketing the mission of DBL, participating in outreach events, as well as planning and fundraising through a variety of initiatives.

With the support and guidance of the regional Young Professionals Board in Washington's Puget Sound, DBL will host a yet-to-be-determined signature event, engaging donors, clients, and community partners. Eventually, we will have Young Professionals Boards across the country, working to support each of our planned satellite offices. Currently we have satellite offices in Puget Sound (WA) and Central California, with plans next for Southern California (2021).

## **Anthony Dickinson**

Anthony Dickinson is the Lead Nuclear Medicine Technologist for UC Health in Highlands Ranch, Colorado. He specializes in caring for cardiology and oncology patients, while managing various departments in radiology for multiple sites in the UC Health network. Anthony achieved a bachelor's degree specializing in Nuclear Medicine and is currently working on obtaining his master's in Healthcare Management. His decade in the healthcare industry has led him to search for more ways to help others through compassion and empathy.

Anthony is a PNW native currently living in Aurora, CO. He is married with two kids and two dogs. He is enthusiastic about health and fitness, participating in Crossfit and coaching part time. Anthony grew up riding motorcycles in the woods of the Kitsap Peninsula, and continues to ride street bikes. He spends a lot of time outdoors exploring the Colorado Rockies through hiking and snowboarding.

Volunteering for Anthony is an opportunity to help others in his own way, serving the community and directly enriching the lives of people in need as well as dogs in need. He believes in the mission for Dogs for Better Lives and is excited to participate on the Young Professionals Board.

To learn more about the Young Professionals Board – Puget Sound, and/or to submit your application for consideration to the YPB, please visit... <a href="https://dogsforbetterlives.org/young-professionals-board/">https://dogsforbetterlives.org/young-professionals-board/</a>.

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