# Iris Seemore Animal Health Fund (Non-profit) Inc. Annual Report Overview

By Geri Taeckens, Owner-Operator

Iris Seemore Animal Health Fund (Non-profit) Inc. is proud to report a very exciting and productive year. The following are a list of activities conducted since March of 2005. Actual costs were not incurred, however, until October of 2005 (see attached financial report for all financial details).

## **Establishment of the Non-profit Corporation:**

- 1. Developed products.
- 2. Developed organizational plan.
- 3. Secured five (5) advisors to the corporation.
- 4. Secured legal consultation.
- 5. Developed and secured approval for the following documents:
  - a. Organizational outline
  - b. Business contract process and forms
  - c. Application process and forms
  - d. Developed website and made all available to the public
- 6. Secured applications and obtained non-profit status, tax IDs, etc.
- 7. Secured tax consultant.
- 8. Secured donations from local and state organizations.

#### **Products Produced:**

- 1. 792 copies of the book with musical CD entitled, "Walking Along with My Dog," written, produced and performed by author Geri Taeckens, illustrated by Deborah Carney.
- 2. 612 logo sweat and t-shirts with the picture of Iris and her guide dog, Seemore, on the front.
- 3. 500 notepads with the logo of Iris and Seemore on each of the 500 pages.
- 4. A prototype of Seemore, the guide dog, in stuffed animal form.
- 5. A prototype of Iris in a stuffed doll form.
- 6. 1000 Iris Seemore Animal Health Fund Inc. business cards.
- 7. A post office box for the business.
- 8. A website with information and product sales at www.isahealthfund.org.
- 9. Ten (10) advertising signs and five (5) donation jars designed with Iris and Seemore on them.

#### **Activities:**

- 1. A grand opening display and sales complete with news paper coverage at a local market on December 17, 2005.
- 2. Displayed and sold products at the following events:
  - a. Disability awareness event in Ann Arbor, MI on January 6, 2006.
  - b. Educational conference in Frankenmuth, MI on March 15-17, 2006.
  - c. Regional Lions Club Conference in Sault Ste Marie, MI on May 19, 2006.

- d. Presented acceptance workshop to children at Bayliss Public Library in Sault Ste Marie, MI in July, August and October, 2006
- e. Presented same workshop at library in St Ignace, MI on July 6, 2006.
- f. Presented same workshop at Camp Tuhsmeheta on July 11, 2006.
- g. Presented same workshop at Peter White Library in Marquette, MI on August 22, 2006.
- e. Action Day Disability Conference at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, MI on September 14, 2006
- 3. Obtained library placement in eight (8) libraries in the following cities. In Michigan: Ann Arbor, Escanaba, East Lansing, Lansing, Marquette, Michigan State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Sault Ste Marie; in Virginia: Blacksburg.
- 4. Presented info about the organization and products on PBS interview on August 22, 2006.

### **Product Vendors:**

Iris Seemore Animal Health Fund Inc. products are presently for sale at the following establishments:

- 1. www.isahealthfund.org website
- 2. Antlers Gift Store, Sault Ste. Marie, MI
- 3. Big Boy Restaurant, St Ignace, MI
- 4. Bordertown Chiropractic, Sault Ste. Marie, MI
- 5. Canterbury Books, Escanaba, MI
- 6. Casual Lifestyles, Sault Ste. Marie, MI
- 7. Chippewa Animal Clinic, Sault Ste. Marie, MI
- 8. Lockview Restaurant, Sault Ste. Marie, MI
- 9. Marquette Superior Location, Marquette, MI
- 10. North Woods Gifts, Sault Ste. Marie, MI
- 11. Sault Animal Hospital, Sault Ste. Marie, MI
- 12. Way Station Bookstore, Lansing, MI
- 13. Scott James, Distributor, San Francisco, CA

#### **Products Sales:**

- 281 Book/CD's, \$10 wholesale; \$16.99 resale.
- 98 T-shirts, \$4 wholesale; \$10 resale.
- 47 Sweatshirts, \$6 wholesale; \$12 resale.
- 25 Notepads, \$.80 wholesale; \$1.50 resale.

#### Goals for the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year:

- 1. To obtain Tax ID.
- 2. To complete the filing of quarterly taxes.
- 3. To generate at least \$5000 in donations.
- 4. To secure 501C3 status in order to obtain future grants.
- 5. To complete the production of the book in large print and Braille with enhanced drawings and distribute to blind and visually impaired youth and adults.
- 6. To produce 1000 new book/CDs

- 7. To secure a professional distributor.
- 8. To increase product sales.
- 9. To attend at least five (5) educational and disability related conferences.
- 10. To secure ten (10) more library placements of the book/CD.
- 11. To produce two new children's book/CDs:
  - a. "The Adventures of Iris and Seemore",
  - b. "Out of the Muck Grows a Lillie and a Frog"
- 12. To locate assistance in developing Iris Seemore products, particularly the stuffed girl and dog.