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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### Members in Action



#### **April Cook, Dogs On The Run**

We were chosen for the Members in Action Award because of our dedication and hard work in educating our community about the Presents 4 Pets Collection Drive. It was a HUGE success and very rewarding. We collected roughly about \$7,000 worth of pet supplies and food. We had several corporations helping with the event such as: Chipotle, Petco, Dexter's Deli, local vets, groomers, and pet stores. All the items donated were new, and the recipients were so grateful.

Dogs On The Run was also contacted by the Red Cross and asked to help with the San Diego Fires. They wanted pet care professionals to go to their local shelters and help pet owners. We loaded up about \$5,000 of pet supplies and food and delivered it to the fire victims. Dogs On The Run was one of the first organizations to arrive. These families briefly forgot that they may have lost their homes. It was amazing how many people left their

homes and forgot leashes, food, bowls, and more. Dogs On The Run had those things, as well as beds and toys. It was one of the most rewarding things we have ever done. The other \$2,000 was collected after the fires and was given to local rescue groups and shelters.

I started Dogs On The Run in 2003. I have two passions...children and pets! I knew that I didn't want to be a teacher after spending seven years in college, because it didn't allow me to be creative and the schools were much like the corporate world. So I decided to put all my energy and time into my other true love: PETS!