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Your mother has to move into assisted living... and may not take her beloved dog with her. What are you going to do? Contact Neuse River Golden Retriever Rescue (NRGRR), serving the Triangle to the coast in North Carolina.

Nearly 4000 dogs have found their forever homes thanks to the all-volunteer group that started more than 20 years ago. Today, the organization is being honored with the Starfish Award given by the Golden Retriever Club of America National Rescue Committee (GRCA-NRC). This highly competitive award is presented annually to rescue groups and individuals who make a difference in scope, long-term impact and service. Previous individual winners of the Starfish Award include NRGRR volunteers Patricia Duke and Katie McKay.

In their announcement, the GRCA-NRC stated the Neuse River Golden Retriever Rescue “has a direct impact on the local, state and national level. They go beyond rescuing golden retriever, golden mixes and golden-hearted dogs.”

Neuse River Golden Retriever Rescue has raised funds for grants to assist other rescue and animal welfare organizations in North Carolina and in other states, including helping the Houston SPCA after Hurricane Harvey. For years, they have supported the animal shelters and rescue groups in their area by providing supplies. Since 2014, their rescue grant program has distributed over \$69,000 to local animal shelters and rescues for training or to purchase large items. In partnership with a local animal hospital, they purchased enough reusable animal rescue and recovery masks for the 39 fire stations in the Raleigh area.

Dedicated volunteers include those who work with local shelters and owner surrenders, those who bring those dogs to NRGRR partner vets, those who foster the dogs until they are healthy and those who help match each dog to its perfect new home. Their aim is to help find homes for every dog. This year’s fundraiser for the grant program is the “All It Takes Is Love” tennis tournament the weekend of September 14 at Millbrook Park.

For more information about how you can help support Neuse River Golden Retriever Rescue as a foster, volunteer or donor, please visit the web page at <http://www.goldenrescuenc.org/>

GRCA will acknowledge Starfish Award winners at GRCA’s national event in St. Louis in October.  
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