



LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA
DOGGUIDES

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**FORTY
YEARS**



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Our mission:

To empower Canadians with disabilities to navigate their world with confidence and independence by providing Dog Guides at no cost to them and supporting each pair in their journey together.



Message from the Chairperson & CEO

This year marks the 40th anniversary of Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides (LFCDG). We have had a long history of empowering Canadian's living with disabilities, providing them with life changing Dog Guides at no cost. Forty years of providing our graduates with safety, independence, and new opportunities.

Over our 40 years, Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides has grown in so many ways, and has always been committed to enhancing the lives of our clients. In 1985, our founding program Canine Vision Canada was established. Since then, we have become the only school in the world to train Dog Guides in seven different programs.

Today, LFCDG is internationally recognized as a fully accredited member of International Guide Dog Federation and Assistance Dogs International. We are also a founding member of the Canadian Association of Guide & Assistance Dog Schools. We are proud to operate under the highest standards.

A signature event that has remained a part of Dog Guides' history is the Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides. First known as the Canine Vision Canada Dog Walkathon, this event alone has raised more than 22 million to date. What started as a small fundraising walk at our Oakville facility has now expanded to over 200 Walks in communities across Canada.

Our fiscal year concluded with the planning of our new Dog Guide training school, a state-of-the-art building specifically designed to be accessible to all, with conducive spaces for clients to learn and improved kennel space for our Dog Guides.

Our supporters have always rallied behind us, and we would not be where we are today if it was not for them. Demand for specially trained Dog Guides has increased drastically over the years and we are so thankful for our community of supporters, including our dedicated staff and Board members, Pet Valu, Lions clubs, donors and volunteers.

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides has a bright future ahead thanks to the unwavering dedication of its supporters. Together we continue to help the LFCDG community thrive. Here's to the next 40 years, and continuing to make a difference in the lives of so many!

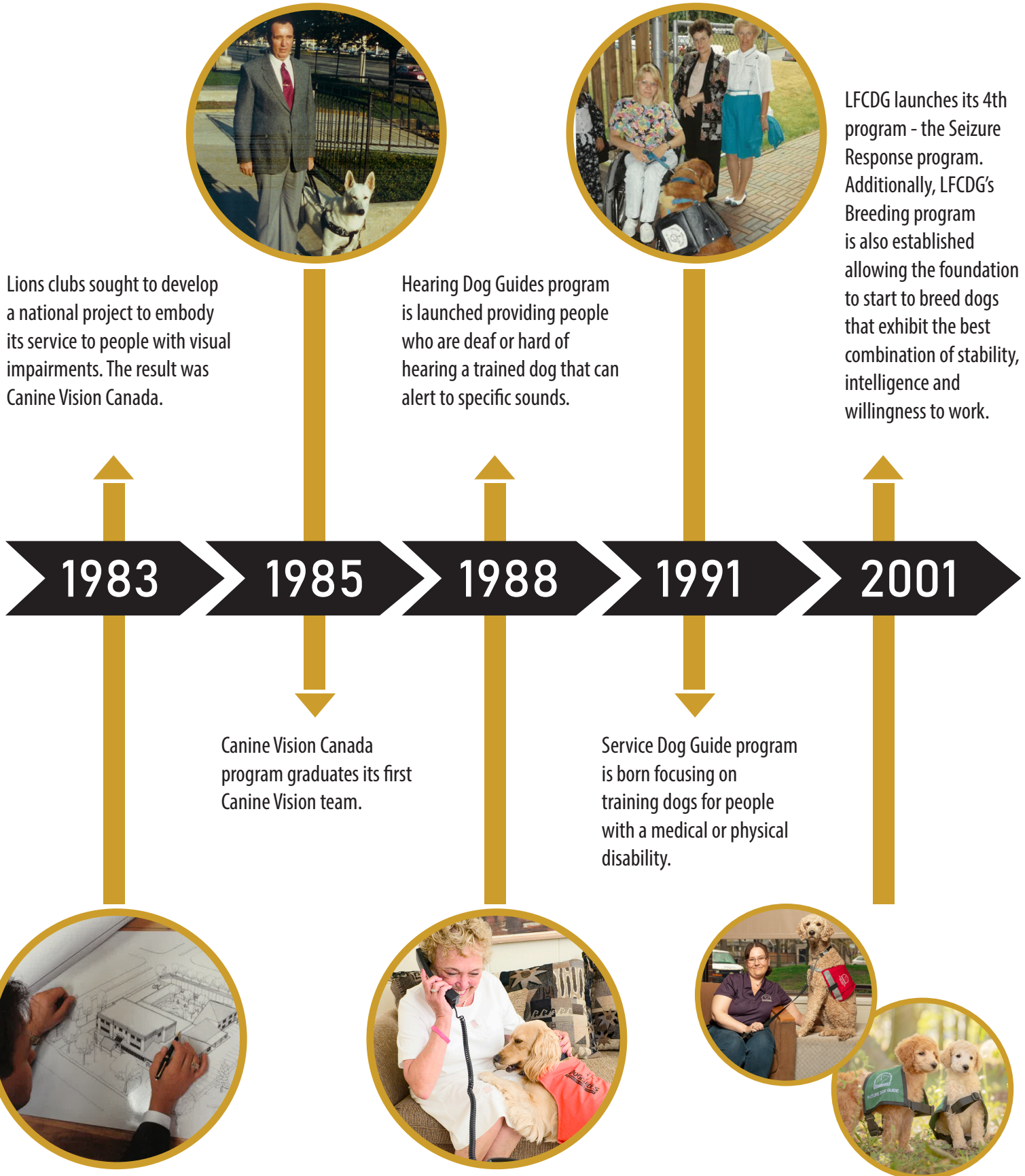


Beverly Crandell
Chief Executive Officer



Angela Sharbot, PDG
Board Chair

40 Years in the making: 1983-2023





LFCDG launches its seventh program - Facility Support. This program focuses on providing dogs that are trained for agencies who work with vulnerable people who have experienced trauma.



To date, LFCDG is proud to have provided more than 3,200 Dog Guides to people across Canada. This wouldn't be possible without donors and the assistance of over 600 volunteers - this include foster families, admin volunteers, walk organizers, dog walkers and sitters and many more!

2009

2018

2019

2023

The Autism Assistance Dog Guide program is born and it is the only program that focuses on children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

LFCDG celebrates 3,000 graduates since its inception.



Some of the lives we've changed in the last 40 years

Thanks to your support over the last 40 years, 3,200 Canadians have received a Dog Guide at no cost to them. These Dog Guides work alongside their partners and assist them with everyday tasks, whether that be navigating obstacles, alerting to low blood sugar, or providing safety and companionship to a child on the spectrum. Dog Guides are truly life-changing.

"Mango has given me the confidence to do what I need to and go wherever I need to, whether that's getting up in front of a church to sing a duet or whether it's going to the grocery store or taking a bus to the mall. Mango has allowed me to be independent." - Barbara & Mango, Canine Vision team in Hamilton, ON



"Prior to getting Borden, my mom, who I considered my complete set of ears, passed away. I was left on my own to navigate everyday things like grocery shopping. I was really self-conscious about missing conversations or someone trying to get my attention. Now I don't even think about it. Borden is that visible sign for people to recognize that they need to speak to me face to face. I couldn't imagine not having her in my life anymore." - Kate & Borden, Hearing team in Halifax, NS



"Penny has changed my life for the better. She will anticipate things I need even before I ask her, whether it's picking up something or opening a door, we just 'get' each other. I am so lucky we have bonded the way we have. She is my best friend, and I feel confident and independent with her. I can now go out and not have any worries because she has my back."

- Holi & Penny, Service team in Chilliwack, BC





"Eggo has helped me gain so much independence and takes the stress off my family when I am alone, as they know if something happens, Eggo can retrieve my medication, water or press the Alert button that will call my wife indicating I need help." - Daniel & Eggo, Seizure Response team in Edmonton, AB



"Brooklyn is now more independent than before. When we go out in public her father and I are much more relaxed and do not worry about Brooklyn running away. Brooklyn no longer struggles with large events with tons of people because of Madra, she now always has him by her side and is there for her when she needs him." - Brooklyn & Madra, Autism Assistance team in Lethbridge, AB



"My Dog Guide Bonnie has a huge impact on my daily life. I can't feel when my blood sugar gets very low, so when I am at work, working the register, Bonnie alerts me when my levels drop below 4.5. Before Bonnie, I was always anxious to go to work because I was scared to have lows. Now, I know that Bonnie will alert me before I start to get dizzy and will stay focused until I feel better." - Camille & Bonnie, Diabetes Alert team in Montreal, QC



"Trusty helps children and youth who are victims of abuse. He helps them visit professionals and go to court, interviews and accompanies them to counseling sessions. Because of the work that Trusty does, they find it easier and less traumatic to give statements and attend court. He's really made a difference in the lives of several children already!" - Nathanael & Trusty, Facility Support team in Kootenay, BC

Did You Know

A dog's nose is super powerful!

Our Diabetes Alert Dogs can alert their person when their blood sugars drop (hypoglycemia) below a 4.5 by pawing or nose nudging their leg. The scent of hypoglycemia for a person with type one diabetes is universally the same.



Our Client Services team rocks!

In the last fiscal year, we answered 1500 emails through our Client Services inbox. These emails are from the general public with inquiries, applicants, and graduates.



It's time for a new home...

The Difference campaign will be the largest fundraising campaign in the foundation's history. After 40 years at the same location, it is time to build a larger, accessible and state-of-the art training school to provide our clients with the best training experience for a long and successful partnership.



Our largest fundraiser to date:

Since its inception, the Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides has raised over 22 million dollars.



Keeping our dogs enriched

In addition to physically making sure the dogs in training are ok, the Dog Care and Welfare team provides additional enrichment daily to the dogs in their care. This can be a variety of activities like playtime in the courtyard, going for a walk, settling in their kennels while reading, extra affection, enjoying stuffed and frozen kongs, snuffle mats, puzzle feeders, and grooming.



Financials

Statements of Operations and Net Assets Year ended June 30

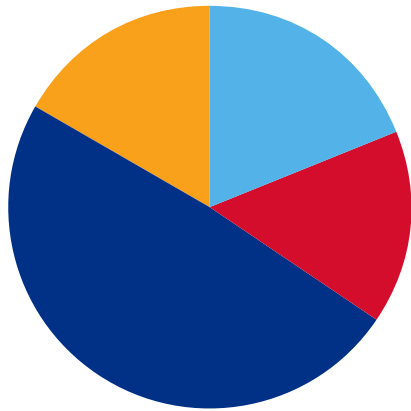
| | General | Endowment Fund | Stevenson Fellowship | Capital Fund | Total | Total |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | 2023 | 2023 | 2023 | 2023 | 2023 | 2022 |
| Revenues | | | | | | |
| Corporate and Foundation | \$ 1,870,727 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,870,727 | \$ 1,478,549 |
| Events | 1,459,588 | - | - | - | 1,459,588 | 1,213,022 |
| Individual Giving | 1,552,676 | - | - | - | 1,552,676 | 1,900,271 |
| Planned Giving | 2,918,743 | 200,000 | - | - | 3,118,743 | 2,576,196 |
| Other Income | 355,202 | - | 125,150 | 1,402,295 | 1,882,647 | 1,266,989 |
| Investment Income (loss) | 752,032 | 431,904 | 473,739 | - | 1,657,675 | (274,540) |
| | 8,908,968 | 631,904 | 598,889 | 1,402,295 | 11,542,056 | 8,160,487 |
| Expenditures | | | | | | |
| Fundraising | 1,388,472 | - | - | 377,590 | 1,766,062 | 1,082,742 |
| Operating and Administration | 1,185,717 | 28,219 | 44,567 | - | 1,258,503 | 834,809 |
| | 2,574,189 | 28,219 | 44,567 | 377,590 | 3,024,565 | 1,917,551 |
| | | | | | - | |
| Mission | | | | | | |
| Canine Development | 3,029,386 | - | - | - | 3,029,386 | 2,534,392 |
| Client Services | 2,927,599 | - | - | - | 2,927,599 | 2,407,847 |
| Communications and Marketing | 438,931 | - | - | - | 438,931 | 302,429 |
| | 6,395,916 | - | - | - | 6,395,916 | 5,244,668 |
| | 8,970,105 | 28,219 | 44,567 | 377,590 | 9,420,481 | 7,162,219 |
| Excess of revenues over expenditures (expenditures over revenues) | \$ (61,137) | \$ 603,685 | \$ 554,322 | \$ 1,024,705 | \$ 2,121,575 | \$ 998,268 |
| Interfund transfers | 727,316 | (294,754) | (554,322) | 121,760 | - | - |
| Net Assets Beginning of Year | 22,440,168 | 1,865,945 | 3,454,487 | 388,191 | 28,148,791 | 27,150,523 |
| Net Assets End of Year | \$ 23,106,347 | \$ 2,174,876 | \$ 3,454,487 | \$ 1,534,656 | \$ 30,270,366 | \$ 28,148,791 |

Statement of Financial Position As at June 30

| | General | Endowment Fund | Stevenson Fellowship | Capital Fund | Total | Total |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | 2023 | 2023 | 2023 | 2023 | 2023 | 2022 |
| Assets | | | | | | |
| Current - Cash | \$ 2,843,255 | \$ - | \$ 29,407 | \$ - | \$ 2,872,662 | \$ 725,138 |
| Current - Other | 226,169 | - | - | - | 226,169 | 247,650 |
| Interfund Receivables | 184,728 | (220,823) | (409,023) | 445,118 | - | - |
| | 3,254,152 | (220,823) | (379,616) | 445,118 | 3,098,831 | 972,788 |
| Long-Term Investments | 8,945,908 | 2,395,699 | 3,834,103 | - | 15,175,710 | 15,580,609 |
| Capital Assets | 11,468,382 | - | - | 1,160,077 | 12,628,459 | 12,466,252 |
| | 23,668,442 | 2,174,876 | 3,454,487 | 1,605,195 | 30,903,000 | 29,019,649 |
| Liabilities | | | | | | |
| Current - Other | 562,095 | - | - | 70,539 | 632,634 | 870,858 |
| | 562,095 | - | - | 70,539 | 632,634 | 870,858 |
| Net Assets | | | | | | |
| Building Construction Reserve | 12,089,619 | - | - | - | 12,089,619 | 12,089,619 |
| Operating Reserve | 6,626,422 | - | - | - | 6,626,422 | 6,626,422 |
| Capital asset reserve | 1,676,788 | - | - | - | 1,676,788 | 1,615,457 |
| Opportunity reserve | 350,000 | - | - | - | 350,000 | 350,000 |
| Externally Restricted | - | 2,174,876 | 3,454,487 | 1,534,656 | 7,164,019 | 5,708,623 |
| Unrestricted | 2,363,518 | - | - | - | 2,363,518 | 1,758,670 |
| | 23,106,347 | 2,174,876 | 3,454,487 | 1,534,656 | 30,270,366 | 28,148,791 |
| | \$ 23,668,442 | \$ 2,174,876 | \$ 3,454,487 | \$ 1,605,195 | \$ 30,903,000 | \$ 29,019,649 |

Financial Statements have been audited by Glenn Graydon Wright LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants and are available at www.dogguides.com or upon request.

Source of donations



- Corporations and Organizations 16%
- Events 13%
- Individuals 41%
- Investment income 14%

"It really is amazing how much a monthly donation can add up. I know that each donation I make is helping more Canadians to get the Dog Guides they are waiting for. The independence and confidence that having a Dog Guide can provide is priceless, but it takes financial support to make that happen."

Nancy Chiasson, Board member, Lion, volunteer, foster family and a Dog Guide Guardian



"I always knew that supporting LFCDG was very important. But having the opportunity to visit the Training Facility in 2018 it gave me a different perspective. When I put on a set of headphones, (not able to hear a sound) was sat in a chair and with a hearing Dog guide on a leash next to me, a phone rang, the dog put his paw on my leg and directed me to a ringing phone, I was amazed, it actually brought tears to my eyes. The dedicated staff work hard to train these dogs, please continue your support."

PDG Lion Jennifer Hutchings, District N 4 LFCDG Chair





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