



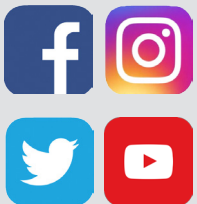
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A Letter from your Lions Liaison

Though you wouldn't know by the weather, spring has sprung. For LFCDG, that means our favourite, and busiest time of the year. The buildings are bustling with puppies being born, future Dog Guides being trained, and clients receiving their new Dog Guide. We also have many fun and exciting events. So, wherever you are, and however you can, I hope you will be a part of our world for a wonderful spring.

Danielle Rosenblum

Community Partnerships Manager



The Path to a Perfect Match: A Client's Journey

Our mission is to empower Canadians living 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. We exist to serve individuals, our fellow Canadians, through Dog Guides. Making the decision to get a Dog Guide can be a no-brainer for some, while for others it takes time, but it is never a decision to make lightly. And that is just the first step in the journey to receiving a Dog Guide.

When there is adequate space in a program, individuals will learn everything they'll need to know to help decide if they should move forward with this journey. When the Waitlist opens, a potential client will submit an Expression of Interest.

Next, is the Application phase, to gather all relevant information and provide a holistic view of the individual's needs and expectations. An in-home assessment gives us a chance to learn more about the applicant and the environment a Dog Guide may eventually live in. Once the assessment is complete, the applicant's profile will be presented to our Admissions Committee who will review the application and home assessment to determine if we are able to train a Dog Guide to meet their needs.

Once admitted, Client Services works with our Program Instructors to determine what type of dog that would best meet the lifestyle, activity level and the unique needs of their medical or physical disability. Matching just the right dog to each client can take time, but it's one of the most important aspects of the journey.

Once a Dog is identified, the individual is invited to our training facility in Oakville for anywhere from 10 to 21 days to bond and train with their new Dog Guide. The Foundation covers all costs for travel, accommodation, and meals.

The new team then goes home, and with ongoing support, they begin a lifelong relationship, and a future that is brighter, and full of new possibilities.



Your Support Means So Much

Sensory Room - \$5,000

We are looking to create a sensory room at the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. This will offer an invaluable resource that supports the well-being, learning, and emotional regulation of our clients and staff. This room will enhance the overall experience of our clients while staying at our facility. It will foster a more inclusive and effective training where they can thrive, feel empowered, and succeed in their journey with their service dogs. Our plans include ensuring the room is accessible and beneficial for a wide range of people, including clients and staff. The purpose is to encourage mindfulness, relaxation, and emotional regulation.

Contact Danielle (drosenblum@dogguides.com) for more details if you want to support.

Enrichment Program - \$15,000

Training to be a Dog Guide is hard work. It takes many months, and lots of effort, energy, and concentration. We treat our future Dog Guides with the utmost care and respect. We place a strong emphasis on their continuous development and well-being. As part of this, we have a Dog Guide enrichment program, managed by our incredible instructors and dedicated volunteers. The purpose of this is to reward our dogs for the enormous efforts they put in each and every day. It also supports their learning, as giving them time to play and be stimulated in a non-structured way refreshes them and helps them to relax, so when they are learning, it is at a higher level. Dogs are provided toys in a safe play area, which they can use to interact with other dogs and kennel staff and volunteers to play, let loose, and reset. They also have toys in their kennel to help them when having down-time and unwinding. This program has shown tremendous success in the learning and disposition of our future Dog Guides.

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Scholarships

Since July, we have had 82 new Dog Guide teams graduate from Dog Guide University, with an anticipated 33 more to come, by the end of June. What it takes to fund this work, from breeding, to raising, training, and follow-up, comes to \$35,000 over a lifetime. You can help by contributing to the Dog Guide Scholarship Program and covering a portion (or all) of the costs.

Puppy Pals

This year, 135 puppies were born. Every puppy has the potential to become a future Dog Guide, and we want to give them the best start possible. By contributing \$10,000 and becoming a Puppy Pal, your gift will play an integral part in covering these costs.

Legacy Giving

Thinking about the end of life isn't easy, but making a difference is something we all value.

Bequests play a crucial role in supporting LFCDG, and we are deeply grateful to those who have included us in their wills. By leaving a gift in your will, you create a lasting impact, helping to improve the lives of people with disabilities for years to come.

If you're considering a charitable bequest, we encourage you to consult a financial planner. We've partnered with WillPower, an online resource designed to inspire Canadians to rethink charitable giving and empower them to create positive change through their wills. Watch a testimonial from Legacy donor and client, Karen on the LFCDG profile page, as she shares why she chose to pay it forward.

For more information on leaving a gift in your will, please email Jane Leaver at jleaver@dogguides.com.

Looking Ahead

Virtual Dog Guides Info Session

For any clubs who would like to attend a virtual info session to learn more about Dog Guides, please contact Danielle at drosenblum@dogguides.com to receive the invite and link. The upcoming times available are:

- May 14 (Wednesday) at 5:00 pm EST

Don't Run, Walk...For Dog Guides

Help create Brighter Futures full of Countless Possibilities. Join our national walk for its 40th anniversary year. There are many ways to participate, from organizing a Walk, to volunteering, fundraising, walking, or attending an exciting community event.

If you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to Anna Harris, our National Event Coordinator, at: walk@dogguides.com



Fellowships and Memberships

Celebrate the incredible Service of a fellow Lion with one of the many Fellowships or Memberships available. You can learn about all of them on our website and purchase them [online](#).

Memorial Forest

Dedication Service in Breslau, Ontario: **Saturday June 14, 2025**

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides Memorial Forest is located on the grounds of the Dog Guide training centre and breeding facility in Breslau, Ontario. The Memorial Forest program has generated great interest among the Lions' family and Dog Guide supporters. As such, the forest will continue to flourish for future generations and assist funding Dog Guides to help change lives.

The cost of planting a tree is \$350. Trees can be purchased online at: [Memorial Forest Order Form](#)

For more information please visit our [website](#) or contact Danielle at drosenblum@dogguides.com.



Capital Campaign/New Building Update



Standing on-site as steel beams rise skyward, it's clear: this isn't just a building — it's the foundation of futures changed with LFCDG's new national training school. The underground parking structure has been completed, and construction is now reaching new heights. The vision of a world-class Dog Guide training school is taking shape with each beam and bolt, thanks to the expertise of Turner Construction. By Spring 2026, the school will be ready to welcome Canadians for training with their new Dog Guide.

The Dog Guide training school is designed to be fully accessible, ensuring every client can train and live with ease, comfort and independence while on site. With the goal of meeting the Rick Hansen Foundation Gold Accessibility Standard, the building features a barrier-free design, wide hallways, and this thoughtful design will create a welcoming, supportive environment — helping clients and their Dog Guides focus on building life-changing partnerships.

Naming Opportunities for Lions Clubs

Lions Clubs have been instrumental in bringing this vision to life — and there's still time to leave your mark. Naming opportunities are a chance for your club's generosity to live on for generations, recognized in an important space.. Join the hundreds of Lions Clubs already supporting this extraordinary project. There are still a few naming opportunities left!

Together, we're building more than a school — we're building hope, independence, and a lasting impact.

To schedule a presentation or learn more, please contact thedifference@dogguides.com or call 1-800-768-3030 Ext. 202.

Celebrating the Impact of District A-15 and LCIF

The Lions of District A-15 — supported by a Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Matching Grant of \$205,000 (CDN) are helping turn the Difference Campaign's vision into reality. Their contribution is supporting the building of the purpose-built Seizure Response classroom and training area in our new Dog Guide training school.

District A-15's leadership and LCIF's partnership represent the very best of what Lions can accomplish together. We are proud to recognize the generosity of LCIF and can't wait to see the impact for years to come.



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