



NOW AND  
TOMORROW,  
A DOG GUIDE'S  
JOURNEY...

*Starts with You!*





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# What is a Dog Guide Legacy?

The Dog Guide Legacy is Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides' legacy giving program that provides an opportunity for donors to support the future training and placement of Dog Guides.

No matter the size of your donation, a legacy gift will improve someone's life.

These gifts will help Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides partner a Dog Guide with someone whose life will be transformed from that day on.

## Become a Dog Guide Legacy Leader

A Dog Guide Legacy Leader is someone who is including a gift to Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides in their will. These special donors recognize that their gift can benefit people for generations to come.

**To leave a gift in your will to Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, please speak to your lawyer about drafting or revising your will.**

**NATACHA AND HER DIABETES  
ALERT DOG GUIDE BRIE.**





# About Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides empowers Canadians living with disabilities to navigate their world with confidence and independence, by providing a Dog Guide at no cost and supporting them in their journey together.

Since 1983, Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides has been providing specially trained dogs to people of all ages from coast to coast.

Each Dog Guide costs approximately \$35,000 to raise and train, yet they are provided at no cost to qualified applicants. Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides does not receive any government funding and relies on the support of donations from individuals, service clubs, corporations and foundations across the country.

MATTHEW AND HIS  
SEIZURE RESPONSE  
DOG GUIDE WINK.



## Dog Guide Programs



### Canine Vision

For people who are blind or visually impaired



### Hearing

For people who are deaf or hard of hearing



### Service

For people with a medical or physical disability



### Seizure Response

For people with epilepsy



### Autism Assistance

For children who are on the autism spectrum



### Diabetes Alert

For people who have diabetes with hypoglycemic unawareness



### Facility Support

For professional agencies assisting individuals in traumatic situations



# Some Ways to Leave a Dog Guide Legacy

Starting a Dog Guide legacy is simple. Gifts can be arranged in many ways. Below are just a few examples of how you can make a difference:



## Gifts in Wills

One of the most popular ways to make a legacy gift is through leaving a gift in your will. You can add an amendment to your existing will and give a specific amount of money, a piece of property, or a percentage of your estate. By carefully planning your gift in your will, you can eliminate the taxes payable on death.



## Life Insurance

A gift of insurance allows you to make a large gift in the future by making smaller tax-receiptable premium payments now. You can open a new policy or transfer existing policies to Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.



## Dog Guide Endowment Fund

An endowment fund makes your gift last well into the future. Endowment funds are permanently invested and the interest generated annually from the investment is used to support the Dog Guide programs. For gifts of \$10,000 or more, an endowment can be established in your name or the name of a family member.





# The Joy of Living Our Values

After Chuck's wife passed away, a colleague suggested that he consider fostering a Dog Guide.

The timing spoke to him: his son had recently adopted a dog, and now it seemed like the perfect time to join LFCDG as one of our valued Fosters. And being a Christian, Chuck felt God was guiding him along this path.

Chuck's first foster dog was Zenith. When Zenith was paired with Jacob, Chuck really got to see the impact a Dog Guide has.

***"A Dog Guide allows resilient people — who are already doing amazing things — to accomplish so much more. It opens up their world."***

Chuck has now fostered three different Dog Guides and deeply appreciates the exceptional care LFCDG provides to each dog throughout their journey. And he sees the great things we accomplish with modest funding.

***"Knowing it costs \$35,000 to raise and train a dog, I'm amazed by what LFCDG accomplishes with no government funding."***

Now semi-retired, Chuck is enjoying another new role as a first-time grandfather!

He has also chosen to leave a legacy by including a gift to Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides in his will.

***"I feel blessed to be where I am in my life, and fulfilled by knowing that my gift will have an impact on the future. Lions Foundation aligns with my own beliefs and values — stewardship and taking good care of what you're given."***

**CHUCK AND HIS  
FOSTER DOGS WILBUR  
AND XENON.**





# The Advantages of Leaving a Gift in Your Will to Dog Guides

- 🐾 We will ensure your wishes are honoured with care and respect.
- 🐾 We will work closely with you in choosing a meaningful gift.
- 🐾 We will steward your gift to ensure the greatest impact at the time it is received.
- 🐾 We will respect your privacy and choice to remain anonymous.



MARIEVE AND  
HER DIABETES  
ALERT DOG  
GUIDE DOMINO.

## Meet Arwyn & Waya

Waya provides Arwyn with independence and confidence.

Arwyn's mom, Desiree, shares,

*"Arwyn, has Type 1 diabetes. I track her glucose monitor on my phone, but in the past when I could see her blood sugar drop, and couldn't contact*

*her, it was frightening. I never knew if someone was there to help her. Or if she was alert enough to even ask for help.*

*But now, Waya can sense when Arwyn's sugar levels are too low. She'll immediately alert Arwyn with her paw, sometimes even before her*

*monitor alerts her.*

*Waya has been an absolute treasure since she came into our lives. Her presence has gifted us with independence, confidence, and a deep sense of peace."*





# Sample Wording For Your Will



## LEGAL NAME

The name you should include in your will to make a bequest is “Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides”.  
Charitable Registration #: 13024 5129 RR0001.

## LEGACY BEQUEST

“My estate trustees shall pay the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(or transfer assets with an equal value) to Lions Foundation  
of Canada Dog Guides, for the purpose of supporting its  
highest priority needs.”

## RESIDUAL BEQUEST

“My estate trustees shall pay \_\_\_\_\_ (all or %) of the residue  
of my estate to Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, for  
the purpose of supporting its highest priority needs.”

*“My beautiful hearing Dog Guide, Bloom, has transformed  
my life from one of anxiety, feeling excluded, and fear of  
engagement due to hearing restraints, to a life that I now look  
forward to in confidence, peace of mind, and hope because I  
know I can count on Bloom.” –Peter*



**PETER AND HIS  
HEARING DOG  
GUIDE BLOOM.**



# Megan and Buffy: Love Goes On

When Megan's beloved Autism Assistance Dog Guide, Freesia, crossed the rainbow bridge, it was hard for Megan to imagine life without her. Or that she could develop the same bond and trust with another dog.

But this past September, Megan and her new Dog Guide, Buffy, celebrated a wonderful first year together.

In Megan's words,

*"Buffy has brought so much support and joy into my life.*

*It's certainly been a journey! I'll be honest — it hasn't been without its challenges. Change is scary. But now something has just clicked and I'm more confident than ever in our ability to navigate the world as a team.*

*It's amazing to think that this time last year, me and Buffy were at Dog Guides training together, and now we are attending Sheridan College."*

Megan feels incredibly privileged to have had both Freesia and Buffy.

*"Without them I don't think I'd be where I am today. Having a Dog Guide has allowed me to be more independent because I can face challenging environments, knowing I have someone with me for support."*

Thank you to all our dedicated supporters, who make partnerships like this one possible.



MEGAN AND HER  
AUTISM ASSISTANCE  
DOG GUIDE BUFFY.



# Frequently Asked Questions

## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO HAVE A WILL?

Leaving a gift in your will celebrates a life well lived and reflects what matters most to you. With thoughtful planning, a will can also help reduce or even eliminate estate taxes. Having a will ensures your assets are distributed according to your wishes. You can do more for the causes you truly care about, shaping the future and leaving a legacy to your favourite charities.

## HOW DO I INCLUDE A GIFT IN MY WILL?

1. Talk to your lawyer about creating or updating your will — it's an important step to protect your family's future and make sure your wishes are clearly outlined.
2. Include the right wording to leave a gift to Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. We are here to help make that part easy.
3. Let us know about your gift so we can thank you and make sure your wishes are honoured and understood.

## CAN I CHANGE MY GIFT LATER ON?

Absolutely. Just like any part of your will, you can update your gift at any time to reflect your wishes.

## IS THERE A MINIMUM AMOUNT NEEDED TO INCLUDE LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA DOG GUIDES IN MY WILL?

Gifts of all sizes make a lasting difference, and we're deeply grateful for every dollar and every act of generosity.

## SHOULD I LET LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA DOG GUIDES KNOW THAT I'VE INCLUDED A GIFT IN MY WILL?

If you are comfortable sharing your intention with us we'd love the chance to thank you personally. You can choose how much recognition — or anonymity — you're comfortable with, and we'll always respect your privacy and confidentiality. Letting us know about your future gift isn't legally binding, but it does help us plan for the future and better understand the support we can count on from our incredible supporters like you.

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AUTISM ASSISTANCE  
DOG GUIDE KITO.**







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KEVIN AND HIS  
SERVICE DOG  
GUIDE PAT.

