



A publication for Lions
across Canada

Bark and Roar



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A Letter from your Lions Liaison

As we wrap up the 2024–25 fiscal year, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to every Lion, Club, and District that has supported our programs and The Difference Campaign. The commitment and dedication of Lions for their community inspires me every time I come to a meeting, attend a Convention, or read a story. I am honoured and humbled to be a part of it.

Your continued generosity has helped us raise and train Dog Guides, fund life-changing initiatives, and bring us one step closer to opening our new national training school. From scholarships and naming opportunities, to Walks and Fellowships, your involvement has made a reBARKable impact — and we couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you for Serving with us and making a difference.

Wishing you a wonderful summer,

Danielle Rosenblum

Community Partnerships and Grants Manager



Campaign Update: Lions Helping Lead the Way

The Difference Campaign has reached **\$41.5 million**, with over **\$4.2 million contributed by Lions Clubs across Canada** — a remarkable show of dedication and impact from coast to coast.

In April, LFCDG staff were invited to sign a steel beam installed above the entrance where the reception area will be in our new national training school. We were told this was the **final piece of steel framework** — a major milestone as construction continues to progress.

Each week, the site is coming to life — not just in steel and concrete, but in what it represents: a future filled with independence, connection, and possibility. This building will be more than just a space — it will be a home for hope, where lives are forever changed.



Difference Campaign District Challenge Update

Many clubs have already answered the call with donations in support of The Difference Campaign — thank you.

Clubs giving \$250 or more count toward district participation.

District Recognition levels: **Gold: 75%, Silver: 50%, Bronze: 25%**

Qualifying districts will be recognized on a District Challenge plaque in the new training school.

With less than a year to go, there's still time to help your district reach the next level.

To donate or pledge, visit dogguides.com/thedifference, call 1-800-768-3030 ext. 202, or email thedifference@dogguides.com.

Host a Dine in the Dark Event This Fall

Dine in the Dark is a powerful way to raise awareness about vision loss while supporting the new Dog Guide training school. It's also a unique opportunity for your club to connect with the community and support Canadians living with disabilities.

Several clubs are already planning events — and we'd love to see more take part this fall. Hosting is simple, and we provide helpful resources to guide your planning. Bring this impactful event to your club and continue the Lions legacy of service in a new way.

For more information or to start planning, contact:

Richard Banyard, Campaign Officer – rbanyard@dogguides.com

Toll Free: 1 (800) 768-3030 Ext. 202



LFCDG Events and Updates

Waitlists continue to open

Our Waitlists open when we are ready to accept clients into a particular program. Announcements about these Waitlist openings are posted on our website and social media.

We're excited to announce that our Hearing Dog Guide Program Expression of Interest will open on June 16, with only 15 spots available. The Expression of Interest will close on June 30 or as soon as all spots are filled.

Hearing Dog Guides are specially trained to assist Canadians aged 16 and older who are deaf or hard of hearing. These dogs alert their handlers to important sounds like doorbells, alarms, ringing phones, and even fire alarms—enhancing safety, awareness, and independence at home.

If you or someone you know is considering applying, be sure to read our Discovery Package beforehand. It outlines the qualifications and key information to help you decide if this journey is right for you. Applicants must be prepared to care for and handle a Dog Guide independently and commit fully to the application process.

A Dog Guide isn't just a helper—it's a partner in everyday life.

Learn more and prepare to apply starting June 16.

National Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides

This year was the 40th Anniversary and our organization and Lions took that special milestone to heart. Whatever Team you were on, Walk you supported, and role(s) you played, it was a magical event. Stay-tuned for the final results!



Congratulations to all our Graduates

It was late in 2024 when we returned to in-person Graduations, and oh how we missed them.

This magical evening brings together so many of the different partners that are essential in making these lifetime partnerships possible -- from trainers, donors, fosters, and staff. The laughter and tears don't stop as we celebrate the end of their training at Dog Guide University and wish these new Teams well in the next part of their journey.

You can watch these ceremonies on our [YouTube](#) channel.



Peter and Bloom. Hearing Dog Guide Team



Gale and Pearl. Hearing Dog Guide Team

Our Future is with Them

Since July 1, we have had 175 puppies join the puppy program – 156 from our breeding, and 19 from other schools/breeders. They are born full of potential, and each one holds the promise of a life transformed.



Thank You for Your Generosity

(Donations April and May 2025)

Ongoing Support

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Cowley Lions Club	Port Colborne Lions Club	District U-2	Lakefield Village Lions Club
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Regina Lakeside Lions Club
Wainfleet Lions Club
Blackie Lions Club
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District N-1

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Badger's Quay Lions Club
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Trenton Lions Club

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District 5-SKS

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Regina Lakeside Lions Club

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District A-12

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We always love hearing about what your clubs, zones, and districts are up to, and we'd be thrilled to share any highlights in our e-newsletter. We're talking stories, messages, club milestones, in memoriams, and anything else you'd like to feature. You can easily submit it online through our [intake form](#). Follow us on social media at [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#), and sign-up for our monthly newsletter to keep up-to-date on all things Dog Guides.

For further questions and additional support, please contact your Lions Liaison:

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