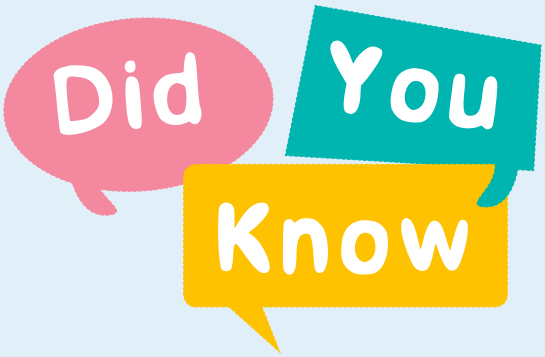
Did You Know

Together, we are changing lives one Dog Guide at a time.

LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA
DOGGUIDES

ANNUAL REPORT
2024 - 2025



is the only Dog Guide school that provides Dog Guides at no cost to people with disabilities across Canada.

About us

Since 1983, we have been transforming lives through seven distinct Dog Guide programs:

Canine Vision
Hearing
Service
Seizure Response
Autism Assistance
Diabetic Alert
Facility Support

Every Dog Guide represents thousands of training hours, the dedication of foster families and volunteers, and the generosity of donors.

Our mission:

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides (LFCDG) 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.

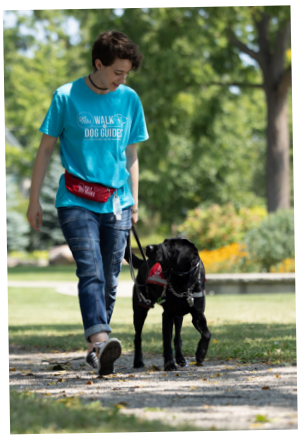
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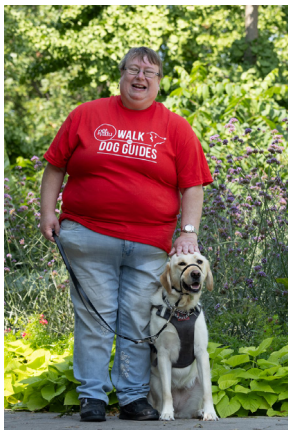
Every Dog Guide team begins with your generosity.

Message from the Board Chair & CEO

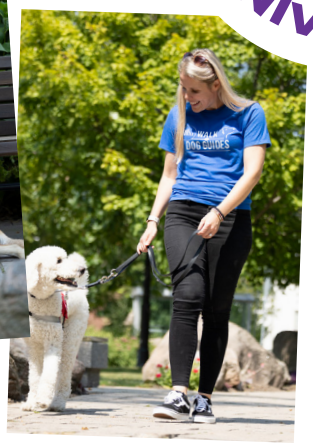
This year, we celebrated a big milestone – the Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides' 40th anniversary. What began four decades ago as a small community fundraiser supporting our very first program, Canine Vision, has grown into a national movement. Today, more than 1,000 working Dog Guides across seven programs provide life-changing assistance to Canadians in every province. Thanks to the dedication of donors, volunteers, foster families, clients, Lions Clubs, and our title sponsor, Pet Valu, this year's Walk raised over $1.4 million—an extraordinary achievement that directly fuels our mission.















This year also highlighted the growing demand for our programs, and with it, the urgent need to expand our capacity. Our vision for a new, state-of-the-art, fully accessible national training school represents hope for thousands of Canadians waiting for the independence and confidence a Dog Guide provides. Once complete, this facility will allow us to increase the number of Dog Guides trained and matched by more than 65% each year.

In July we announced that we were faced with a significant funding shortfall, which resulted in having to temporarily pause construction on our new training school. We received unprecedented support from our community for which we are incredibly grateful. While this tested us, it also reaffirmed our resilience and our unwavering commitment to the people we serve, and we are confident in our future.

As we look back on 2024–2025, we honour the progress and milestones that we've achieved together. With the strength of our community, we are confident we will emerge stronger and be even better prepared to meet the needs of Canadians with disabilities for generations to come.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, our staff, and the entire Dog Guide community, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has walked alongside us this year. Your support makes independence possible and ensures we can continue to transform lives—one Dog Guide team at a time.

Sincerely,

Gary Beaudry, Board Chair and Bev Crandell, CEO of the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides



Beverly Crandell
Chief Executive Officer



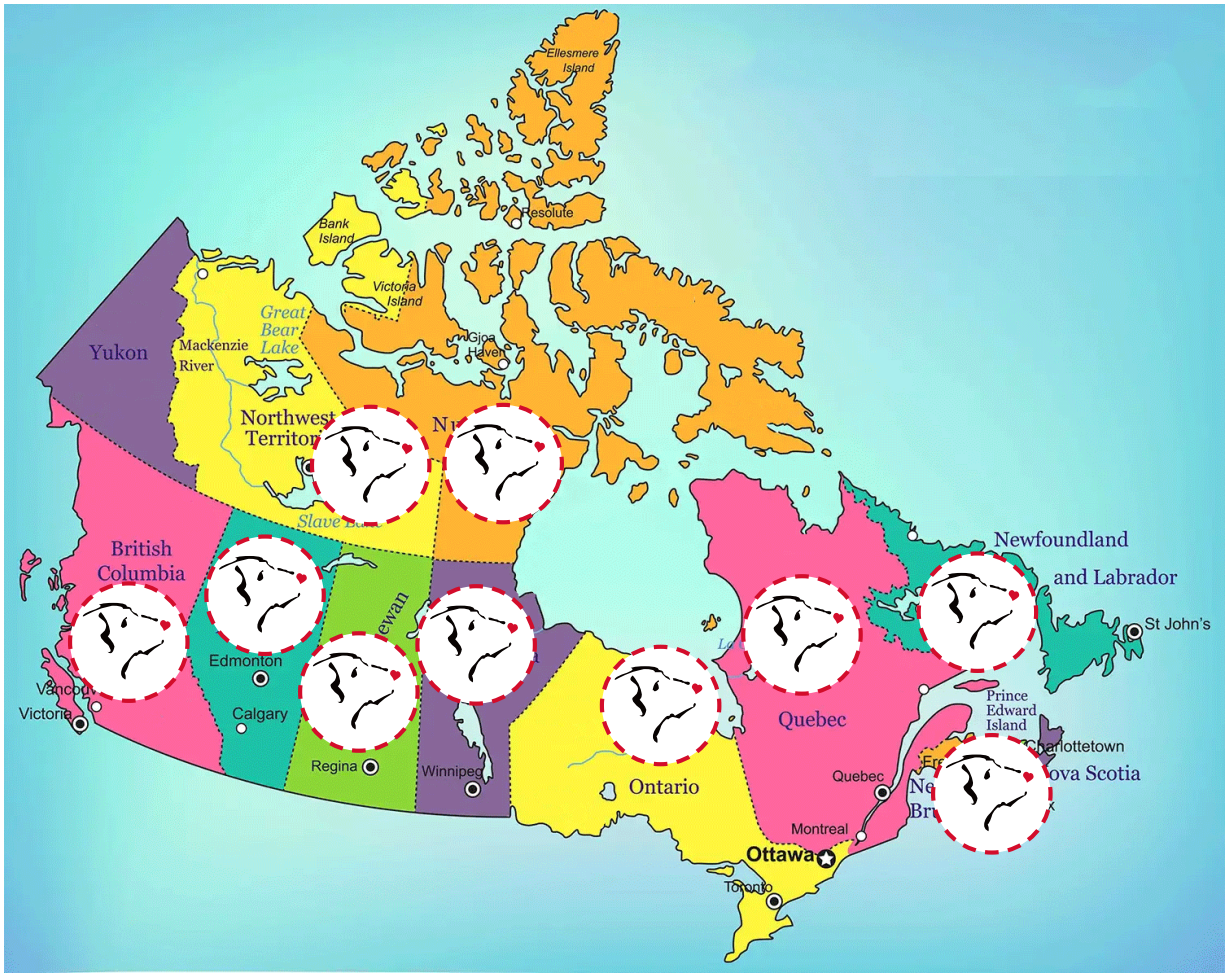
Gary Beaudry
Board Chair

Did You Know that every Dog Guide starts with a single act of generosity — yours.

Your Impact

We're proud to share that this year we graduated a total of 107 Dog Guide teams.

The demand for our programs continues to grow, and this year we took important steps to better understand the difference Dog Guides make in people's lives. In 2024–2025, we conducted a survey to measure the impact of Dog Guides, focusing on economic outcomes, health system utilization, and overall quality of life. The survey also explored the barriers individuals continue to face when accessing public spaces. These findings will help us strengthen our programs, advocate for greater accessibility, and demonstrate the life-changing role Dog Guides play across Canada.



Did You Know

that 80% of our recipients report improved self-esteem and confidence after receiving their Dog Guide.

"Before I got Gretta, my Hearing Dog Guide, I often withdrew into myself and didn't feel confident going out alone. I would usually stay home, even when invited to spend time with friends, because I felt out of place and had lost much of my outgoing nature. Gretta has given me renewed confidence and the freedom to do things I may never have done without her." **Geoff with Hearing Dog Guide, Greta.**



Did You Know

that 79% of recipients say they feel less stress and anxiety since being matched with their Dog Guide.

"Living with epilepsy and experiencing unconsciousness makes it hard for me to stay aware of my surroundings. But with Fable, it feels like she takes over all five of my senses to find help and provide both emotional and physical support, whether I am at home or in public. She lowers my stress, lifts my mood, and creates a sense of safety that allows me to feel more confident participating in social events." **Stefania with Seizure Response Dog Guide, Fable.**



Did You Know

that 88% of Dog Guide recipients reported a significant positive impact on their lives after receiving their Dog Guide.

"When you have a Hearing Dog Guide, your life shifts in ways you never expected. My beautiful Dog Guide, Bloom, has taught me a language without words. She alerts me to the important sounds I cannot hear and gives me the confidence to navigate my world with ease, independence, and a freedom I thought I had lost. With Bloom, I am never truly alone or afraid. Our hearts beat in two bodies, bound by love and trust that never fades. Thank you, Bloom, for being my ears when mine fail me." **Peter with Hearing Dog Guide, Bloom.**

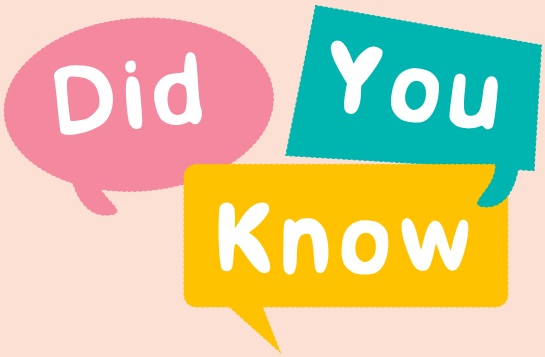


Did You Know

that 71% of Dog Guide recipients say they feel less socially isolated since their Dog Guide joined their life.

"Before getting Ash, I didn't feel confident going out alone or managing daily tasks. Living with MS is unpredictable, and Ash gives me the support I need to face each day. His eyes are always on me, ready to help. His love, intelligence, and loyalty are priceless. I can't imagine life without him." **Dawn with Service Dog Guide, Ash.**





Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides receives no government funding for operations.

Impact Stats

Social and Economic

40% of clients were able to pursue higher education.

47% have started or increased volunteering.

Mental & Emotional Well-Being

96% say their Dog Guide has a positive mental/ emotional impact.

62% report fewer feelings of depression or sadness.

Health System

70% of Seizure Response and Diabetes Alert respondents reduced their trips to the ER. Nearly one quarter report a reduction in hospital stays.





Financials

LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA DOG GUIDES

Statement of financial position
As at June 30, 2025

		Restricted				
	General fund	Endowment fund	Stevenson Fellowship fund	Capital fund	Total 2025	Total 2024
Assets						
Current assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 1,062,606	-	22,827	-	1,085,433	5,911,521
Short-term investment	1,156,926	-	-	-	1,156,926	-
Accounts receivable	1,021,428	-	-	-	1,021,428	19,234,199
Interfund receivables	29,334,527	(596,853)	(807,505)	(27,930,169)	-	-
Inventory	17,326	-	-	-	17,326	38,420
Prepaid expenses	486,666	-	-	273,773	760,439	647,843
	33,079,479	(596,853)	(784,678)	(27,656,396)	4,041,552	25,831,983
Capital assets	8,018,700	-	-	47,069,488	55,088,188	18,520,332
Long-term investments	2,377,841	3,216,730	1,738,926	-	7,333,497	9,168,406
	$ 43,476,020	2,619,877	954,248	19,413,092	66,463,237	53,520,721
Liabilities and net assets						
Current liabilities						
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	$ 496,780	-	-	12,392,398	12,889,178	3,416,448
Current portion of deferred income	9,264,808	-	-	-	9,264,808	9,092,440
Current portion of long-debt	-	-	-	115,693	115,693	-
	9,761,588	-	-	12,508,091	22,269,679	12,508,888
Long-term liabilities						
Deferred income	772,067	-	-	-	772,067	9,850,143
Long-term debt	-	-	-	1,041,233	1,041,233	-
	772,067	-	-	1,041,233	1,813,300	9,850,143
	10,533,655	-	-	13,549,324	24,082,979	22,359,031
Net assets						
Building construction reserve	6,564,044	-	-	-	6,564,044	10,564,497
Operating reserve	7,116,860	-	-	-	7,116,860	6,862,987
Capital asset reserve	715,656	-	-	-	715,656	1,720,782
Opportunity reserve	350,000	-	-	-	350,000	350,000
Externally restricted	-	2,619,877	954,248	5,863,768	9,437,893	6,570,749
Unrestricted	18,195,805	-	-	-	18,195,805	5,092,675
	32,942,365	2,619,877	954,248	5,863,768	42,380,258	31,161,690
	$ 43,476,020	2,619,877	954,248	19,413,092	66,463,237	53,520,721

LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA DOG GUIDES

Statement of net assets
For the year ended June 30, 2025

		Restricted				
	General fund	Endowment fund	Stevenson Fellowship fund	Capital fund	Total 2025	Total 2024
Net assets, beginning of year	$ 24,590,941	2,582,099	954,487	3,034,163	31,161,690	30,270,366
Excess of revenue over expenditure for year	8,005,845	260,341	225,485	2,726,897	11,218,568	891,324
Interfund transfers	345,579	(222,563)	(225,724)	102,708	-	-
Net assets, end of year	$ 32,942,365	2,619,877	954,248	5,863,768	42,380,258	31,161,690

LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA DOG GUIDES

Statement of operations
For the year ended June 30, 2025

	General fund	Restricted Endowment fund	Restricted Stevenson Fellowship fund	Restricted Capital fund	Total 2025	Total 2024
Revenue						
Corporate and foundation	$ 2,134,703	-	-	-	2,134,703	2,139,901
Events	1,707,876	-	-	-	1,707,876	1,441,497
Individual giving	1,999,292	-	-	-	1,999,292	1,686,934
Planned giving	1,613,630	32,585	-	-	1,646,215	2,171,774
Other income	605,944	-	106,497	3,373,636	4,086,077	2,308,067
Investment income	600,699	262,909	142,125	-	1,005,733	1,360,308
	8,662,144	295,494	248,622	3,373,636	12,579,896	11,108,481
Expenditure						
Fundraising	1,636,978	-	-	646,739	2,283,717	2,003,304
Operating and administration	1,245,202	35,153	23,137	-	1,303,492	1,592,454
	2,882,180	35,153	23,137	646,739	3,587,209	3,595,758
Mission						
Canine development	3,367,074	-	-	-	3,367,074	3,250,027
Client services	3,075,102	-	-	-	3,075,102	2,974,439
Communication and marketing	424,383	-	-	-	424,383	396,933
	6,866,559	-	-	-	6,866,559	6,621,399
	9,748,739	35,153	23,137	646,739	10,453,768	10,217,157
Excess of revenue over expenditure (expenditure over revenue) for year, before other	(1,086,595)	260,341	225,485	2,726,897	2,126,128	891,324
Other						
Gain on sale of capital assets	9,092,440	-	-	-	9,092,440	-
Excess of revenue over expenditure for year	$ 8,005,845	260,341	225,485	2,726,897	11,218,568	891,324

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

Did You Know

generosity is the reason Canadians with disabilities live more independently every day.

Thank You

This year would not have been possible without **YOU**. To our Dog Guide recipients, volunteers, staff, Lions Clubs, corporate partners, and generous donors—thank you for believing in our mission. Your time, compassion, and contributions ensure that Canadians with disabilities receive Dog Guides at no cost, opening doors to greater independence, confidence, and hope. Together, we are not only raising and training exceptional dogs—we are building life-changing partnerships that last a lifetime.



Future Dog Guide



Dog Guide In Training

Recent Graduates



Kaleb with Autism Assistance Dog, Nalah



Wendie with Hearing Dog Guide, Skipper



Natalie with Diabetes Alert Dog, Phoebe



Colin with Canine Vision Dog, George

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