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Djwna and Frost



Djuna and Frost just graduated from the Canine Vision program in early May. While in class Djuna learned how to do many everyday tasks -- such as navigate city streets, stairs and escalators -- with Frost as her guide. She is now home with her loving black Labrador Retriever and

is incredibly happy. "Going to the Dog Guide training was the first time I was out of my comfort zone, and I was quite nervous to go there," says Djuna. "But I immediately felt safe and comfortable, and that was before I met Frost. She's wonderful, she really is. I feel so much more independent with her beside me."

The way she praises the Foundation confirms how she feels about the program and Frost's impact on her life. "Every person I met there was so kind, and everything was done with the clients in mind. The kitchen staff made sure everyone had enough to eat;

housekeeping put back stuff exactly where it was, which is important when you're blind; and the kennel staff were wonderful.

"And the trainers, I can't say enough about them. They are the most patient and generous people I've ever met. They never made me feel like I was stupid for asking the same question over again, and they never pushed me and to do things I wasn't yet comfortable doing. Every day of the program is necessary; one less day and I wouldn't be confident in my abilities with Frost. This is truly a remarkable program."

Get Involved in Lions Foundation's 25th Anniversary

The 2007-2008 fiscal year marks Lions Foundation of Canada's 25th anniversary and we're looking to make it a huge success. To do that we need your help. Our recent growth is only surpassed by the needs of our clients, requiring us to grow another 40 per cent. We need Lions Clubs across Canada to take part in our anniversary events so that the next 25 years are even brighter than the first 25. Select a club representative and fill out the form in the 25th anniversary brochure or at the back of this newsletter and return it to the Foundation via mail or fax, or e-mail it to 25years@dogguides.com.



Message from the Chair



The Lions Foundation thanks you, the Lions of Canada, for all the generous donations you continue to make. I promise you that when a client leaves the Foundation with one of our dogs the smile on their face is a great reward for the work we do. We

do make a difference in so many lives.

Your involvement in the *Purina Walk for Dog Guides* program is certainly on the rise. Many more clubs are taking part this year, adding to the funding and generating awareness of the Foundation in their communities. Thank you to those clubs for continuing to support this major event and to the clubs that this year have hosted one for the first time.

Soon we will begin celebrating our 25th Anniversary. I am very excited

about the many plans and projects that are coming up. As I look back and see the great things that together we have accomplished, I can't imagine what goals we will meet in the next 25 years. The Lions of Canada have no choice but to be proud of this Foundation.

On behalf of my fellow board members, we wish you all the success for the future and say thank you for helping us with ours.

Fred Phillips
Chairman

WHAT'S HAPPENING ...

District Governor Elect Orientation Weekend

June 15 -17th

The annual District Governor Elect meeting begins with an orientation session the evening of Friday, June 15, and ends with breakfast and a guest speaker on Sunday, June 17. Included in the weekend's events is the Memorial Forest ceremony in Breslau, seminars and hands-on experience with Dog Guides in Oakville, and guest speaker ID Terry Graham.

Memorial Forest Dedication Service

June 16th

This year's Memorial Forest ceremony is being held on Saturday, June 16, as part of the District Governor Elect meeting that weekend. The Memorial Forest is a way to celebrate the lives of loved ones and honour their memory; 158 individuals are being commemorated this year. The ceremony is at 10:30 a.m. in Breslau, Ontario.

A MCHAPPY DAY FOR DOG GUIDES CANADA

May 9 was McHappy Day in Canada, and Lions Foundation of Canada was the charitable organization of choice for the McDonald's restaurants of Oakville. Ontario Provincial Police Chief Julian Fantino led the convoy through Oakville, followed by members of the police, fire and emergency services as well as LFC staff, volunteers and foster puppy families. Dozens of volunteers worked alongside McDonald's staff to serve patrons at the six locations throughout the day. With one dollar from the sale of each McMuffin sandwich, Big Mac sandwich and Happy Meal being donated to LFC, we raised over \$11,000. Thank you to McDonald's restaurants of Oakville and everyone who helped that day!



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Growing Support for Dog Guides

We are pleased to announce that there are 168 Walks scheduled for this spring, a 24 per cent increase over last year. Impressively, more than 137 of those are happening on National Walk Day -- Sunday, June 3 -- meaning thousands of Canadians will be walking for Dog Guides that day. Each province is hosting Walks, with communities of all sizes getting involved. A special thank you to everyone who has made this event possible!

Congratulations **GRADUATES**

CANINE VISION CANADA

SPONSORS

May 2007

Djuna and Frost, Paris, ON
Helen and Rolo, Kingston, ON
Kenneth and Dalia, Scarborough, ON
Marianne and Camille, Oakville, ON
Susan and Norton, Oshawa, ON
Randall and Maverick, Hamilton, ON

Thelma Hill, ON; Grand Isle Lions Club, BC
Totten Insurance, ON; Port Hawkesbury Lions Club, NS
Markham Lions Club, ON; Windsor and District Lions Club, NS
Oakville Lions Club, ON; Ridgeway Lioness Club, ON
North Oshawa Lions Club, ON; Mahone Bay Lions Club, NS
Walkerton and District Lions Club, ON; Twillingate Lions Club, NL

HEARING EAR DOGS OF CANADA

SPONSORS

April 2007

Anna and Lilly, Mississauga, ON

May 2007

Ju-Lee and Dougall, London, ON
Dwight and Saffron, Aurora, ON
Stephanie and Lucy, Barrie, ON
Jeanette and Charlie, Acton, ON
Julia and Ley, Toronto, ON

William Ziegler, BC & ON
FirstLine Mortgages, ON
Aurora Lions Club, ON
Quota Club of Collingwood, ON
Markham Lions Club, ON

SPECIAL SKILLS DOGS OF CANADA

SPONSORS

March 2007

Dale and Echo, Barrie, ON
Georgie and Fiji, Saskatoon, SK
Joann and Eagle, Edmonton, AB
Mary and Eden, Estey's Bridge, NB

Ruth and Glen Hebel, ON
Lorin and Shirley Byrnes, SK
Edmonton Goldengate Lions Club, AB
The Tecolote Foundation, ON

April 2007—Seizure Response

Pierre and Britain, Longueuil, PQ
David and Easton, Ottawa, ON
Tess and Kash, Chilliwack, BC
Gillian and Quincy, Vancouver, BC
Kyle and Lawson, Orillia, ON

May 2007

Sofi and Leila, London, ON
Alyssa and Luna, Calgary, AB
Richard and Piper, Toronto, ON
Donna and McDar, St. Thomas, ON
Lynda and Kero, Pefferlaw-Georgina, ON

Beamsville Lions and Lioness Club, ON
Calgary North Hill Lions Club, AB
John Piper, McDonalds, ON
Darlene Bryans, McDonalds, ON
Al and Bernice Fox, SK

Novartis Volunteers

Novartis Animal Health Canada held its corporate volunteering day at Lions Foundation of Canada in April. The pharmaceutical company provides important medication for 100 dogs in training, 50 breeding dogs, and 225 foster puppies. While at the Foundation the 30 employees completed various tasks around the Oakville facility, including administrative and kennel assistance. In addition to this help, Novartis also donated the sponsorship of a Canine Vision Dog Guide. We are grateful for the ongoing support from Novartis.



Lions Foundation of Canada is committed to providing mobility, safety and independence to Canadians with disabilities.

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A Word From Our Executive Director



Sandy Turney, Executive Director

We are completing another successful year at Lions Foundation of Canada.

Strong fiscal showing from Lions, new corporate sponsors and many new donors has put us on solid footing as we enter our 25th year of service. Our challenge now is to expand as quickly as we can and provide Canadians with the very best Dog Guides in a shorter period of time. Right now the waiting list continues to grow. That's both a testament to the program and a strong

challenge for next year. We'll have many fundraising ideas for you over our 25th anniversary so that our future is even brighter than our past. The role Lions and Lioness Clubs have in our service is invaluable; we could not have served as long as we have without your help. Best wishes to you all for a safe summer with only good weather!

Where There's a Will, There's a Way

The idea of planned giving can seem intimidating; however, it does not have to be complicated. It is a wonderful way to contribute to the Foundation and the ongoing training of Dog Guides. One of the simplest ways to donate is to make Lions Foundation of Canada a beneficiary in your Will. If you have already made a provision in your Will, please let us know so we can provide you with additional Foundation information including a personal copy of *The Legacy Leader*. Another method of planned giving is to invest in the Foundation's *Dog Guide Endowment Fund*, designed to provide future funding for our Dog Guide programs. All funds are invested, with only the annual interest spent on Dog Guide programs. A donation to the *Dog Guide Endowment Fund* ensures that your gift will keep giving into the future. For more information, please contact Lions Foundation of Canada.

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Last Name _____

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