



A publication for Lions  
across Canada

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## A Letter from your Lions Liaison

And we're back! After a rejuvenating summer, I cannot wait to be back in full swing, working with all the Lions across Canada to continue sharing the Dog Guides Mission. Through your passion and dedication, financial support and advocacy, lives are being transformed. Let's make this our greatest year yet, working together the best way we know how, by serving individuals, our communities, and Canada.

**Danielle Rosenblum**

Community Partnerships Manager



# Education Transforms Lives

September means back to school. Let's celebrate this exciting time with our Scholarship Program.

The skills and knowledge required to be a handler, or a Dog Guide, aren't inherent; they are cultivated through dedication, training, and unwavering effort. Dog Guide University is the heart and soul of the necessary training. Dog Guides are provided to all eligible Canadians at no cost. While the actual value is \$35,000.

By supporting our Scholarship Program, you can help secure a future of PAWsibilities for Canadians with disabilities.

More information is available on our [website](#). If you have any questions, please email [scholarships@dogguides.com](mailto:scholarships@dogguides.com)

## Introducing the Puppy Pal Program

**Become a Puppy Pal by symbolically adopting a Dog Guides' Litter.**

Every puppy is born with the potential to become a future Dog Guide, and we want to give them the best start possible. For a donation of \$10,000, you can make a huge impact by helping to cover expenses such as:

### 1. **Breeding and Genetics:**

- Cost of breeding high-quality, genetically sound dogs suitable for service work.
- Genetic testing and screening to ensure the health and suitability of the parent dogs.

### 2. **Puppy Care and Socialization:**

- Veterinary care including vaccinations, deworming, and health checkups for the litter.
- Food and nutrition tailored for the specific needs of growing puppies.
- Housing and facilities to provide a safe and comfortable environment for the puppies.
- Early socialization experiences to prepare them for their future roles as service dogs.

### 3. **Basic Training and Development:**

- Training materials and resources for basic obedience and socialization training.
- Puppy staff to guide Volunteer Foster Families with their puppies through their early training stages.
- Equipment such as leashes, collars, puppy vests and crates

#### 4. Health and Wellness:

- Continued veterinary care as the puppies grow and develop.
- Monitoring and management of any health issues or concerns that may arise during the training process.

#### As a Puppy Pal, you will receive:

- A Certificate of Adoption accompanied by a photo and information about the litter
- An update at about 16 months on where the dogs are and what they're doing

#### When choosing to adopt please know:

- You cannot name the puppies
- You cannot choose the litter
- Litter size can vary
- Not all puppies graduate and are successful, and that's okay. Through our Career Change program, they will find a home and go on to live wonderful, meaningful lives bringing joy to their family



# What's Been Happening – All About Dog Guides - LFCDG Updates

## Memorial Forest

To keep up with increasing costs, the price of a Memorial Tree has increased to \$350. This will allow for the continued upkeep of the Forest. It will ensure the living memories of your loved ones are maintained at the highest standards. The new price went into effect as of July 1st, 2024.

Our annual June Dedication ceremony can be watched on our YouTube site.

If you have any questions, please email [ions@dogguides.com](mailto:ions@dogguides.com)

## Fellowships and Memberships

The Fellowships and Memberships program is loved by Lions across the country and has a special place in our hearts at LFCDG. Some important tips and reminders to keep it running smoothly, properly, and ensure all regulatory requirements are met.

Following CRA guidelines and upholding proper financial policies and practices is critical and essential for us at Dog Guides. As such please remember:

- It is necessary to indicate on cheques that the funds are for the purchase of a Fellowship or Membership, so we direct them accordingly. It is extremely difficult to go back and change where the funding is allocated.
- We strongly encourage that you send the full payment and recipient(s) together or use the balances within the same fiscal year (July-June)
- We use a third-party provider so please allow for 4 to 6 weeks delivery from the time the order is received

If you have any questions, please email [ions@dogguides.com](mailto:ions@dogguides.com)

## Summer Graduation

Graduation is a time for the entire Dog Guides community to come together in celebration. We honour every role in our village as we share in the incredible accomplishments of our clients and their new Dog Guides. In July we hosted our virtual Summer Graduation, and it is available to view on our [YouTube](#) site.

# Client Corner

## Stephanie and Essie

Stephanie describes her Service Dog Guide Essie, as her *"lifeline to independence."* With Essie by her side, Stephanie knows she is safe—safe to live by herself and safe to go out in public. *"She gives me peace of mind, knowing that if I fall, I can ask her to bark for help and get assistance. I really don't know how safe I'd feel without her,"* says Stephanie.

Essie also helps Stephanie by picking up dropped items, mostly around her apartment. *"She'll proudly pick up the same item, even if I have dropped it 100 times that day."*

*"To me, she's not just a dog; she's my super dog because I know she allows me to have an independent life."*

Because of Essie, Stephanie is able to live on her own and go out in public without having to rely on anybody. Service dog guides allow others to have increased independence and freedom. You can help empower others like Stephanie to confidently live life on their terms with a Dog Guide by their side.



# Capital Campaign/New Building Update

## Construction Update

Construction on the new school is underway with the concrete foundation progressing quickly! LFCDG's future is starting to take shape as the footprint of the new school is now clear. Make sure to check LFCDG's emails for every update on the new national training school.



## Helping More Canadians

The new national training school will offer the dedicated space and resources needed to make more Dog Guide teams possible. Currently, all 7 training programs must share LFCDG's limited and inaccessible space with each other.

One highlight of increased efficiency in the new school is in the Diabetes Alert Dog Guide (DAD) training program. In LFCDG's current space, the DAD team is spread out over several areas of the school making it time-consuming to transport dogs and materials. In the new training school, DAD program rooms will be connected, offering quick access to all necessary resources. In addition to a classroom and training room, the DAD program will also have purpose-built scent training and scent preparation areas to further streamline training.

## How Lions Can Make The Difference

Lions from coast-to-coast are coming together to help build the future of Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides! If your club isn't already part of this milestone campaign, please discuss it at your first meeting this fall and schedule a presentation by emailing [thedifference@dogguides.com](mailto:thedifference@dogguides.com). For inquiries, you can also call (905) 842-2891 Ext. 218 or 1 (800) 768-3030.

Gifts made to The Difference campaign can be pledged over a span of 5 years or made as a one-time gift. Donations can be made online or mailed to Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides with a note that it is for The Difference campaign.

Thank you to following clubs who have already made a difference with their generosity:

### **Chemung Lake & District Lions Club; \$50K (ON)**

Chemung Lake & District Lions Club recently reached a remarkable milestone; 50 years of service! These Lions delight their community with activities such as car shows and breakfasts with Santa. In May 2024, this club celebrated its special anniversary by presenting a \$50,000 cheque towards the new training school. The club will be naming a kennel play area for Dog Guides in training, an appropriately joyful place to honour 50 years of kindness.

### **Grantham Lions Club; \$25K (ON)**

For over 30 years, the Grantham Lions Club has been sponsoring Dog Guide teams and changing lives. Their feel-good community events like bingo nights, monthly fish fry, and participating in the Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides demonstrate their warmth and kindness. Now, they are ensuring thousands of Canadians will feel the comfort of a service dog by naming the Facility Support Interview Room in the new school.

### **St. George Lions Club; \$25K (ON)**

With almost 80 years of service under their belt, St. George Lions Club has been a frequent supporter of LFCDG. To help raise funds, the Lions run a food trailer that boasts some of the "world's best" food. The generosity of these Lions helps ensure their own community is healthy and active and they've now extended this to LFCDG's Dog Guides in training. By naming a Veterinary Clinic Exam Room, the St. George Lions Club is helping LFCDG upkeep its high standard of dog welfare and care for generations to come.

### **Arthur Lions Club; \$25K (ON)**

With events like the Arthur Lions Duck Race, these Lions like to leave a smile wherever they go. The Arthur Lions Club show their support of LFCDG in many ways, from donating funds to members fostering puppies. The Arthur Lions Club is further demonstrating its comprehensive commitment to all aspects of LFCDG by naming not only a kennel for future Dog Guides to live, but also a meeting room.

### **Oro District Lions Club; \$10,870 (ON)**

Holding the Ron Weir Charity Golf Tournament has been a staple for these Lions since 1999 and has allowed them to provide wonderful support to their community. Metal drives and the Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides are also valuable initiatives of this club. The Oro and District Lion Club committed to the future of LFCDG by naming a Dog Guide kennel in the new training school.

### **Rosthern Lions Club; \$10K (SK)**

The Rosthern Lions Club helps their community with everything from blood donor clinics to county fair parades to eye glass recycling. Now these Lions are helping keep LFCDG fresh by naming a guest Laundry Room in the new training school, a vital space to ensuring Dog Guide recipients are comfortable during their time training. Their \$10,000 gift means the foundation can continue to grow, improve, and stay up to date.

### **Chilliwack Dogwood Monarch Lions Club; \$10K (BC)**

These Lions know how to have some fun! Chilliwack Dogwood Monarch Lions' run a signature Bingo event that draws many happy participants, and it's just one of their initiatives to help their community be a great place to live. Thanks to this club, future Dog Guides for years to come will have a modern and comfortable place to live.

### **Sandy Lake Lions Club; \$10K (MB)**

For many, these Lions are synonymous with a beautiful campground in Manitoba where memories are made. LFCDG also knows the Sandy Lake Lions Club's many gifts have helped programs and operations to continue. Now with their \$10,000 gift to name a pre and post operation kennel, they are committing to helping LFCDG maintain its quality veterinary program for generations.

### **Paris Lions Club; \$10K (ON)**

The Paris Lions Club have almost a century of kindness to their name. These Lions like to show off their sweet nature with a Maple Syrup Festival in support of their community. LFCDG was honoured to welcome members of this club for a tour of the current facility where they presented their \$10,000 cheque to name a Dog Guide kennel.

### **Montague Lions Club; \$10K (PE)**

By hosting fundraisers such as their "Catch the King of Clubs", the Montague Lions Club have been long-time supporters of LFCDG. When they found out that a new training school was in the cards for LFCDG, these Lions decided naming a Dog Guide kennel would be a great way to make a difference.



### **Innerkip Lions Club; \$10K (ON)**

The Innerkip Lions Club support LFCDG in many ways, from participating in the Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides to sponsoring Dog Guide matches. With events like softball tournaments, live music, and BBQs these Lions certainly know how to show people a good time. Their gift towards naming a Dog Guide kennel will help countless future Dog Guides relax in a purpose-built space.

### **East St. Paul Lions Club; \$10K (MB)**

The East St. Paul Lions Club have put their pedal to the metal when it comes to supporting LFCDG! With exciting events such as their annual Show and Shine Car Show, these Lions have consistently helped with LFCDG's programs. With their recent donation towards a kennel in the new training school, their support will keep helping provide Dog Guides for generations.

### **Bredenbury Lions Club; \$10K (SK)**

The Bredenbury Lions Club is dedicated to helping its community through a wide variety of activities, from chocolate bunny drives to park clean-ups. LFCDG is lucky to be one of the recipients of Bredenbury Lions' continued support. By naming a Dog Guide kennel, the Bredenbury Lions Club is helping communities from coast-to-coast!

Thank you to all Lions clubs and members who have committed to The Difference campaign and the future of Dog Guides.



# How You Can Give

At Dog Guides, we understand how you give is extremely personal. That is why we offer many options, allowing you to give in whatever way means the most to you.

## **As a Club**

Consider including Dog Guides in your Club's annual giving plan, or a one-time donation.

## **In-Kind or Wishlist**

Should you or your Club wish to donate specific items in need, or funding to purchase these items, you can check out our Wishlist. Or stay tuned for one off opportunities like this:

### **Vehicle retrofitting**

At Dog Guides, we use vehicles constantly to transport our staff, clients, and dogs. And to ensure everyone's safety, last year LFCDG took an important step to replace our older, aging vans with new ones. Accessibility does not come standard, and with the nature of our clientele, we are having one of the new vans retrofitted to accommodate mobility aids. This comes with a price tag of \$40,000. If any clubs or districts would want to support this expense, in whole or in part, please contact Danielle.

### **Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides**

Our biggest annual fundraiser with over 200 walks across the country. Get involved as an organizer, fundraiser, and/or participant.

### **Events/Fundraisers**

Host a Fundraiser or Awareness Event. These are excellent opportunities to engage with the community, and support Dog Guides.

We're always here to help you make them successful. Please complete our intake form.

### **As an Individual**

Consider becoming a Dog Guides Guardian or Legacy Donor.

# Thank You for Your Generosity

(donations July and August 2024)

## Ongoing Support

Lucknow & District Lions Club	Tiverton & District Lions Club	Quesnel Lions Club	Christopher-Emma Lakeland Lions Club
Twillingate Lions Club	Paris Lions Club	MacTier & District Lions Club	Lions District 41 N2
District A-3 Lions	Lions District 18-I	Maple Lions Club	Renfrew Lions Club
Kingsville Lions Club	Eston 95 Lions Club	Salisbury Lions Club	Saskatoon Millennium Lions Club
Fairmont & District Lions Club	Windermere & District Lions Club	Omeme & District Lioness Club	London East Lions Club
Parkhill Lions Club	Logan Lake Lions Club	Goderich Lions Club	Kendal Lions Club
Quispamsis Island View Lions Club	St. Davids & District Lions Club	Irvine & District Lions Club	Lions Club
Tillsonburg Lions Club	Lake Country Winfield Lions Club	Chilliwack Stellers Jay Lions Club	Hyde Park & District Lions Club
	Gananoque Lions Club	Tisdale Lions Club	

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## Capital Campaign

Toronto Hong Kong Lions Club	Oak Ridges Lions Club	Amherst Lions Club	Irvine & District Lions Club
Indian Bay Lions Club	Stoney Creek Lions Club	Riverview Lions Club Inc.	District 5-SKS Zone 2 Lions
Vancouver South Lions Club	Rycroft & District Lions Club	Eston 95 Lions Club	Barrie Lions Club
Fonthill Lioness Club	Viking Lions Club	Surrey Central Lions Club	Sydenham & District Lions Club
District A-3 Lions	Spruce View & District Lions Club	Vienna Lions Club	Kendal Lions Club
Prince Edward County Lions Club	Lions Club of Wingham	Minnedosa Lions Club	
	Keene Lions Club	Cumberland Lions Club	

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## Scholarships

Galt Cambridge Lions Club

## Fellowships and Memberships

Kincardine Lions Club

Calgary Properties Lions Club

Saskatoon Downtown Lions Club

Regina Beach & District Lions Club

Smoky Lake Lions Club

St. Eleanors Lioness Club

Hyde Park & District Lions Club

Vancouver Shaughnessy Lions Club

Haliburton & District Lions Club

Winsloe Lions Club

Bedford (NS) Lions Club

Tisdale Lions Club

District 19L

Sudbury Lions Club

Fort Saskatchewan Lions Club

## Memorial Forest

Mount Albert District Lions Club

Eastern Passage Cow Bay Lions Club

Guelph Lions Club

Kitchener Oktoberfest Lions Club

Hyde Park & District Lions Club



# Contact Us

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](#).

Also, to make sure you don't miss any important updates or communications, please let us know if your club information changes (contact names, email, phone, address, etc.) For further questions and additional support, please contact your Lions Liaison:

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