

About Guide Dogs for the Blind

Who We Are

Guide Dogs for the Blind celebrates the human-animal bond by creating lifelong partnerships between skilled Guide Dogs and people with vision loss. Our services are provided free-of-charge to men and women from throughout the United States and Canada who are blind or visually impaired.

How We Are Funded

First established in 1942, we are a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization supported entirely by private donations. We receive no government funding. Donors contribute through general contributions, bequests, grants, memorial and honor donations, charitable remainder trusts and other planned giving options.

Guide Dogs for the Blind has been awarded The Independent Charities Seal of Excellence. This prestigious award is given to the members of Independent Charities of America and Local Independent Charities of America that meet the highest standards of public accountability, program effectiveness, and cost effectiveness.

In 2013, GDB provided \$16.5 million in dog and student training, housing and follow-up services. Annually GDB incurs \$7.0 million in veterinary costs for more than 3,800 program dogs and puppies.

Whom We Serve

Any person who is legally blind or visually impaired desiring enhanced mobility and independence can benefit from the skills a Guide Dog provides. The person must be able to travel independently, and suited to work with a dog. Minors may be accepted into the program; there is no upper age limit.

Our Dogs

Guide Dogs for the Blind breeds Labrador Retrievers, Golden Retrievers and Lab/Golden crosses from our own purebred stock, specially selected for excellent temperament, intelligence and health. Advances in research and technology help make it possible for us to continue to improve the quality and health of our dogs and ensure their success as guides.

Our Community

Guide Dogs for the Blind has one of the nation's largest volunteer networks with thousands of volunteers assisting in the success of our mission. The human/animal bond creates a ripple that adds meaning and enrichment to each of our lives and strengthens our communities.



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