

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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Guiding Eyes is an accredited member of the International Guide Dog Federation (IGDF), the organization that establishes worldwide standards for the breeding and training of guide dogs.





Guiding Eyes is grateful for the support of our puppy raisers: generous volunteers who help prepare our pups for guide dog training. Nearly 65% are repeat raisers, and some people have raised more than 30 puppies!

Throughout this report, you'll meet some of our marvelous puppy raisers such as CJ + Larson, on the cover, and Serinah + Elijah, shown above. They put a piece of their heart into our wonderful dogs. To learn more about becoming a puppy raiser, visit <u>guidingeyes.org/puppy-raising</u> Guiding Eyes is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides all services completely free of charge. At Guiding Eyes, we rely upon the contributions of our generous donors to fulfill our mission.

We work out of our Headquarters and Training Center in Yorktown Heights, New York, and our Canine Development Center in Patterson, New York. Our Puppy Raisers are located along the Eastern Seaboard, stretching from Maine to North Carolina, and west to Ohio. Regional Guide Dog Mobility Instructors are located throughout the United States to help support the ongoing relationship with each graduate as they adapt to traveling with their guide dog in their local communities.

## A Letter From Our Leaders

Dear Friend of Guiding Eyes for the Blind,

We are proud to bring you our Annual Report, representing the achievements of our wonderful community of staff, trainers, volunteers, graduates, donors and dogs in Fiscal Year 2022.

As we reflect on the year, an essential truth stands out: guide dogs are incredibly important. Not only do they bring increased independence and mobility to people with vision loss, but our devoted guide dogs also provided much-needed extra love, emotional support and strength in difficult times. Throughout recent challenges, Guiding Eyes has remained focused on our goal: providing individuals who are blind or experiencing vision loss with exceptional guide dogs for greater independence.

What brings people to Guiding Eyes for their guide dog? Over and over, we hear from our graduates that it's our personal approach to helping them create a more fulfilling life. We meet them where they are.

There is no one "type" of Guiding Eyes graduate: we serve first-time guide dog users like college student Kai, partnered with Pride, as well as vocational rehabilitation counselor Linda, who is with her sixth guide dog, Disney.

We matched active, outdoorsy Casey with sassy Kanga, while Barbara is grateful that Quasar's steady, deliberate pace matches her own.

Lenore, a member of the DeafBlind community, came to our New York campus to receive Hachi through our Specialized Training Program; our Home Training Program brought Cannon to Ralph at his senior living community.

Guiding Eyes supports the full potential of these graduates and many more by giving them the priceless gift of a confident and well-trained guide dog by their side. It is all possible due to the generosity, dedication and hard work of people like you.

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Our Mission: To provide guide dogs to people with vision loss. We are passionate about connecting exceptional dogs with individuals for greater independence.



Thomas + Blaze and John





# A Letter From Our Leaders, continued:

In Fiscal Year 2022, we are pleased to report the following achievements:

**469 puppies were born:** 439 Labrador Retrievers and 30 German Shepherds.

**320** puppies were selected to be placed in homes with puppy raiser families.

**264 dogs entered guide dog training,** including 249 Labrador Retrievers and 15 German Shepherds. 38 dogs went on to other careers.\*

**Of our 2022 guide dog teams, 115 guide dogs graduated from training and were paired with people with vision loss,** including 105 Labrador Retrievers and 10 German Shepherds.

Nine of the teams received Specialized Training, and two of the teams were Running Guides.

**59% of graduates were new to our school,** and 86% of those graduates, new to our school, have never had a guide dog before. 41% of graduates have been at Guiding Eyes before.

Guiding Eyes takes our role seriously as a thought leader in the global guide dog community. We continue to develop innovative programs that reimagine what can be done with a guide dog; design new equipment that improves the connection between dog and handler; and pioneer the use of data to improve the guide dog experience. Our efforts in the 2022 Fiscal Year include:

- The new Guiding Eyes Community Outreach Center opened in downtown Yorktown Heights, NY. The space serves as an additional training site while allowing us to conduct outreach to the local community, raise awareness of our mission, and attract new volunteers.
- We continue to advocate for people with disabilities, on individual, local, and national levels, with emphasis on inclusivity and diversity.
  We all have an important role in educating the public on access rights.
- We implemented a five-year strategic plan to chart a sustainable path for long-term growth, while maintaining the exceptional quality of our guide dogs and training experience.
- We established a new Client Experience Team to provide the highest care and individualized service to our students as they navigate each phase of their journey in seeking, receiving, working with, and retiring a Guiding Eyes guide dog.
- To increase our ability to customize training, we shortened the on-campus class length with more focused instructor training and provide additional one-on-one instruction, when needed, for each of our students.

\* Training cycles may straddle two fiscal years.

- To better serve the growing number of Specialized Training Program applicants, we added new Guide Dog Mobility Instructors and trained more Regional Guide Dog Mobility Instructors in Specialized Training techniques.
- We continue working with Google as it refines Project Guideline, a mobile navigation system that allows individuals with vision loss to run independently, without a human or canine guide. The program was recognized by *Fast Company Magazine* as part of its World Changing Ideas Awards.
- In partnership with IBM and North Carolina State University, we continue to test Smart Collar technology to measure the pull and pace of a dog, which improves our ability to match a dog according to an individual's needs.
- Throughout the fiscal year, we partnered with leading organizations including Cerberus Capital Management, The Dogist, Galaxy Digital Holdings, JPMorgan Chase & Co., Nike, Ruffwear, and Subaru to educate, inform, and spread the word about our work. We hosted members of Lion's Club International for a festive cookout at our Yorktown Heights campus, celebrating their decades-long partnership and ongoing generosity. We also worked with Pilots to the Rescue, whose volunteer pilots lovingly transported guide dogs between our headquarters and the homes of students and volunteer puppy raisers.
- Our largest fundraising event was able to return in-person to the Mount Kisco Country Club - the 45th Annual Guiding Eyes for the Blind Golf Classic, hosted by our Board Member Eli Manning. Eli and friends also participated in the Wag-a-thon, a cumulative marathon that fundraisers and their dogs completed at their own location during the month of September. And in honor of National Dog Month in August, Guiding Eyes staff, volunteers, and a variety of our exceptional canines were invited to participate in the iconic bell ringing ceremony at NASDAQ in New York City's Times Square.

In this Annual Report, you'll learn more about how the Guiding Eyes community has adapted to the changes the world has brought. We are proud of the success that our organization and our thousands of supporters achieved. We would not exist or be able to do what we do without our donors, and we are very thankful of your support. Our volunteers and puppy raisers are also an essential part of the equation: their willingness to open their homes to our wonderful dogs, take them to classes, show them the world, and of course, love them, makes our vital work possible.

Bringing a person and a dog together to become a guide dog partnership is a team sport, and we are grateful to have you on our team.

Sincerely,

John L. Donnelly Board Chair

Thomas A. Panek President & CEO













# **Our Home Training Graduates**



Home training took on critical importance during the pandemic. Guiding Eyes staff and volunteers crossed the United States to bring students and guide dogs together to safely complete their training.



# **Our On-Campus Graduates**



On-campus students travel to our Yorktown Heights, NY campus to participate in an immersive training program. With a focus on health and safety, we were overjoyed to begin a gradual return to full operations at the end of 2021.



June 2022 - Group 2

July 2022

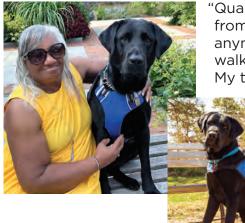


August 2022

September 2022

# **Graduate Spotlights**

#### Barbara + Quasar



Quasar, like my previous guide dogs, Joanne and Oakie, also from Guiding Eyes, gives me freedom. I don't have to be afraid anymore. These dogs work so hard to keep you safe, whether walking in your community, riding on a train, a plane, or a bus. My trainer Andrea said, 'you can trust Quasar as you walk.'

I know he's going to help keep me safe."

#### We 🤎 Puppy Raiser Debbie

"Quasar is a loyal and lovable puppy! He is always excited to go on new adventures or just to stay home and cuddle. He was with me for two years due to COVID and I loved having the extra time with him. He will be an excellent guide and companion."

#### Ralph + Cannon

"Cannon is the first guide dog in my senior living community, so naturally he draws a lot of attention from everyone. Despite the distractions, he performs his job well. Kathryn, my trainer, taught me that being partially sighted, I should not try to guide Cannon, but allow Cannon to guide me. I had to learn to switch roles and have patience. As a result, I now feel much safer."

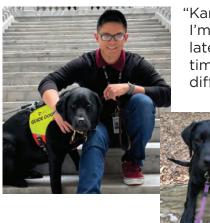


#### We 🎔 Puppy Raisers Kari and Bernie

"From 9 weeks old, Cannon was so sweet. He instinctively knew how to be gentle with our older dogs, yet he was able to get the zoomies out of his system. We are SO proud of the kind, smart, handsome dog Cannon has become."



### Casey + Kanga



"Kanga is very smart and very intuitive, and she can be pretty sassy too! I'm able to get to all of my destinations quickly. So far, I've never been late to class or a meeting because Kanga and I are like, go, go, go, all the time. I love the Guiding Eyes philosophy of training dogs... they're very different in the things they do. They can train a dog to cater to a person's specific needs."

#### We 🤎 Puppy Raiser Gena

"From the minute Kanga joined us, I knew we were in for a good time. She is super fun and super smart! I'm confident and happy that Kanga and her new partner Casey will have many great adventures as they live their best lives together."

#### Lenore + Hachi





"I applied to Guiding Eyes for multiple reasons. First, I had a wonderful experience with my first guide Hobbs, and second, because Guiding Eyes has a very good program for training guide dogs for people who are deaf and blind. Having a guide dog enables me to take long walks for exercise in my neighborhood. I feel more independent, so I love it."

#### We 🤎 Puppy Raiser Pamela

*"I always felt that Hachi was destined to do great things. His greatest strengths were his sweet nature, eagerness, and determination.* 

Now Hachi is doing what he was meant to do, having mastered the skills he needs to be a guide while keeping those wonderful qualities."

Hachi was Special Named by Mr. and Mrs. Kuni Nakamura and family, and is also a Pathfinder Pup. Learn more about Special Naming on Page 18 and our Pathfinder Society on Page 24.

#### Kai + Pride

"It is really nice having a good buddy around. She makes daily life and travel much easier. Navigating around is quicker, and I am more confident. I recently went on a trip to New Orleans with Pride, and it was interesting to see how quickly she got used to working around huge crowds and tons of different distractions."





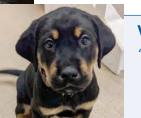
#### We **Puppy Raiser Leslie**

"Pride is just a wonderful bright, sweet and affectionate dog. When walking Pride, sometimes she would do a little bounce. She just seemed to be saying that life is great which always made me smile. We are so proud of her and wish her and Kai many years of adventures."

#### Linda + Disney



"Disney gives me confidence to access more possibilities. There is a new bus route now available in my rural area, and my regional trainer Kathy helped Disney and me to acclimate to the route to my office. I feel a stronger sense of independence. I appreciate attending meetings, events, and church with Disney. With a guide dog I feel more like myself when navigating through the world."



#### We 🤎 Puppy Raiser Denise

"Disney had natural instincts of human expectations, therefore making him an easy puppy to raise. He likes to please and is a go-with-the-flow kind of guy. I'm so happy he can share his guide dog abilities and love with his new graduate."

# Guiding Eyes By the Numbers

### We have 65+ years of experience providing guide dogs to people with vision loss.

We estimate that more than 10,000 service dog teams have graduated since our founding in 1954.

All of our services are provided free of charge to people who are blind or visually impaired.

Guiding Eyes does not depend on government funding. Our support comes almost entirely from individuals and philanthropic organizations.

# Nearly 500 pups are born annually.



92% are Labrador Retrievers.8% are German Shepherds.



Over 100 guide dogs are placed annually.

More than 1,700 volunteers support our mission.



Approximately 1,000 Guiding Eyes dogs actively worked as service animals for people with vision loss over the past year. Gregory + Kenner



#### Johanna + Clyde

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#### **Birth**

Puppies are born at the Canine Development Center in Patterson, New York.



## Birth to 8 Weeks

Puppies receive early training and socialization.



## 8 Weeks to 16 Months

Puppies learn key skills from volunteer puppy raisers.



### 16 Months to 22 Months

Dogs join Guide Dog Mobility Instructors in Yorktown Heights, New York to learn guide work.

### 22 Months to 8-10 Years

Dogs are matched and live with people who are blind as guides until retirement.









# **Our Programs**

# **Genetics & Breeding**

As a global leader in genetics and breeding, Guiding Eyes employs industry best practices in our approach towards continually improving the health and temperament of our dogs. Our data-driven approach, together with our partnerships with other guide dog organizations, specialists, and universities, helps to promote genetic diversity and ensure that each generation of dogs is improving over time.

Our purposefully bred puppies are born at the Canine Development Center in Patterson, New York, where they are lovingly nurtured and socialized before entering a puppy raiser's home.

# Socialization

Guiding Eyes runs an extensive pre-training program geared at developing each pup's desire to connect with people, giving them a head start in understanding how to work with people in a positive, fun relationship.

From birth to 12 weeks, we acclimate our pups to the sights, sounds, social interactions, and early training that will maximize their potential to be a guide dog. Volunteers in our Early Socialization Program come in daily to massage our puppies from the time they are one week old, which begins building the vital relationship between the puppies and their human companions.

Volunteer Home Socializers build on early kennel socialization experiences by helping the puppies in a positive and supportive manner to become accustomed to a home environment and encouraging them to explore the sights and sounds of a busy household.

# **Hockmeyer Puppy Pavilion**

At age 6-9 weeks, our puppies transition to spacious kennels adjacent to the Hockmeyer Puppy Pavilion.

In this fun, stimulating, toy-filled indoor and outdoor environment, pups continue to build upon the progressive lessons taught by staff and volunteers.

Puppies learn self-control when getting fed or picked up, settling during crate-time, problem-solving and developing skills such as climbing stairs, and mastering a variety of unusual underfootings such as metal grates.

# **Puppy Raising**

Puppies selected as potential future Guiding Eyes guide dogs are placed in volunteer homes for 12 to 18 months.

These essential volunteers raise a Guiding Eyes puppy by

providing the pup with the love, socialization, house manners, and basic obedience they will need to succeed in guide dog training. The pup's journey later continues at our Headquarters & Training Center in Yorktown Heights, New York, as they realize their full potential and train to become a world-class Guiding Eyes guide dog.

## **Brood & Stud Fostering**

Guiding Eyes breeding dogs ensure the future of all our programs. They are vital to our work, and the people who provide them with homes are crucial members of the Guiding Eyes community.

Brood/Stud fosters and sitters take on the responsibility of the health, well-being, and happiness of one of our breeding dogs. Our foster/sitter volunteers are also our diplomats, showing off our wonderful dogs to their communities each time they leave home.

## **Veterinary Services**

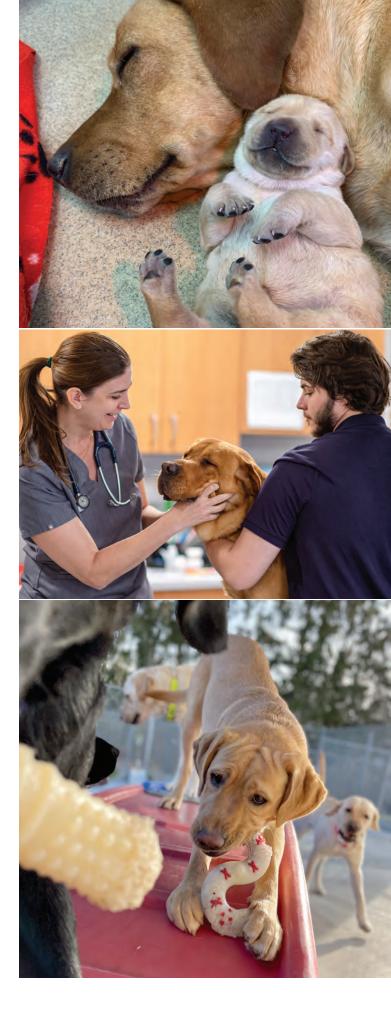
At Guiding Eyes, we are dedicated to providing excellence in veterinary care. We operate two state-of-the-art veterinary hospitals through our main campus in Yorktown Heights, New York and our Canine Development Center in Patterson, New York.

Our veterinarians, licensed veterinary technicians, and administrative staff care for dogs in the Breeding, Puppy, and Training Programs. Our vet care extends to all working Guiding Eyes dogs through remote communication and referrals, and using our own facilities when proximity allows.

Our veterinary team performs routine surgical and dental procedures, x-rays, sonograms, endoscopy, laboratory work, vaccinations, and an array of wellness services. We also work with specialists in ophthalmology, cardiology, neurology, orthopedics, and radiology, many of whom donate services to help provide our dogs with the best care possible.

## **Kennel Enrichment**

Guiding Eyes' extensive kennel enrichment program helps ensure that our dogs have a positive, enjoyable stay with us. We evoke our dogs' interest by exposing them to a variety of new stimuli, including community playtime together, movement, natural and artificial objects, different textures and surfaces, and puzzles and food toys.





Our nurturing staff and volunteers provide a healthy combination of exercise and rest to stimulate our dogs' minds, enhance their lives and prevent stress during this important training period.

## **Training Our Guide Dogs**

Dogs sent to guide dog training learn the concepts of guiding in small steps, and build upon previous lessons with many repetitions in a great variety of situations.

Dogs in training are assigned to a Guide Dog Mobility Instructor (GDMI), who will develop a relationship with the dog through play, obedience, work, and time together. Our instructors will work with each dog for a minimum of five months.

A guide dog is ready for placement with a partner when the dog responds reliably and safely to all work situations they will encounter while guiding, such as indicating a curb, a change in elevation, and navigating around obstacles. We carefully match each guide dog with a person based on pace, pull, personality and the person's preferences.

## **Career-Change Dogs**

Each Guiding Eyes dog demonstrates their potential career path. Only dogs showing the self-confidence and composure necessary for guide work are assigned to undergo guide dog training and placement with a person who is blind or visually impaired.

Dogs who are not selected for guide dog work often go on to other important careers as working dogs. For example, a dog with a little too much energy to settle may enjoy an active career using their nose in law enforcement. Others may become service dogs in partner organizations.

Dogs who aren't well-suited to guide work or other careers are released from our program and placed in loving homes through public adoption. These loving puppies and dogs are in high demand but are well worth the wait.

# **Guide Dog Mobility Instruction**

Guiding Eyes is not one-size-fits-all; we know that every guide dog is different from the next. We celebrate every match we make between a person and their guide dog — and support that partnership throughout their lives together.

We offer flexible options for someone interested in receiving a guide dog, including On-Campus Training at our headquarters in Yorktown Heights, New York and Home Training for those unable to travel. We also offer Specialized Training for people who have additional challenges such as gait and balance issues, cognitive challenges, and hearing loss. And, our Running Guides program trains teams at a faster pace for enhanced physical fitness.



To further meet our students' needs, training can be adjusted to accommodate work schedules, family life and more. Our instructors continue to refine their training during each program to meet each student's needs — to ensure success.

#### **Caring for Our Students**

As part of our personal approach, our nursing staff serves both Home Training and On-Campus Training students from the beginning of the application process. Our nurses communicate with students and their at-home practitioners in order to keep them connected, comfortable and safe during our program. While On-Campus Training is in session, nurses are available 24 hours a day to assist with routine medical needs and administer first aid as needed.

Our on-campus dining program includes meals at Rosie's Café, which are custom prepared with care to accommodate most dietary needs. The culinary experience is often named as a highlight of students' Guiding Eyes experience.

Our beautiful Yorktown Heights campus is fully accessible, and we coordinate a wide range of activities to help students make the most of personal time: everything from catching a movie and hitting the gym, to support groups and religious services.

#### Graduation

Graduation ceremonies are the culmination of training for our guide dog teams. They are an opportunity for puppy raisers to connect with their dogs' new handlers and for our volunteers, donors, and supporters to share in the celebration.

Quite often, graduates and raisers develop a friendship that can last a lifetime. Past ceremonies are viewable on our website anytime.

#### Retirement

The age of retirement from guide work varies considerably for each dog and is dependent upon factors related to the dog's health, age, and situation. The graduate has first option of adopting the retired guide dog or selecting an approved adopter who is a close friend or family member.

Sometimes, Guiding Eyes is able to place a retired guide dog with their original puppy raiser or another adopter. We are committed to caring for our dogs from the moment of their birth throughout their entire lives.



# **Our Supporters**

We are grateful to our donors who generously supported our mission during the 2022 fiscal year, October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022. Your gifts make it all possible!

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# **Arlene Pisanelli**

Arlene personifies compassion: through her 40-year nursing career, she has always felt the urge to help others. She worked at White Plains Hospital as an emergency room nurse, a hospital supervisor, head nurse in the post-anesthesia care unit, and as a nurse in both labor and delivery and ambulatory surgery.

She has also worn many hats as a 26-year Guiding Eyes volunteer. Since 1997, when she began as a Home Socialization volunteer, Arlene has supported Guiding Eyes as a Foster; assisted in the Breeding



Kennel, Whelping Kennel, at the annual Eye Clinic, as a Volunteer Driver and Weekend Receptionist; and as an Ambassador at events. "I feel as though I'm part of something special," she says.

Arlene discovered Guiding Eyes while working in White Plains, where she regularly crossed paths with a working guide dog team. "I thought, what a wonderful organization Guiding Eyes must be, to enable people to live their lives and go places. When I retired from nursing, I knew I needed to be near these dogs."

She noted that while Guiding Eyes has changed through the years – particularly the development of the "state of the art" Canine Development Center – one thing has remained consistent: "The staff are so dedicated. They go above and beyond to make Guiding Eyes the wonderful place that it is."

When asked for advice for other potential volunteers, Arlene reflects, "Volunteering at Guiding Eyes enriches your life. It's such a beautiful thing when you know that dog you supported can go and do such an important job."

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#### Pathfinder Society Spotlight

"I've always known I wanted a guide dog," says Oregon resident Sharon. "I have a unique background: I participated in puppy raising since I was nine years old, and I worked at a guide dog school for several summers. My goal was to become a teacher and show my students what a guide dog could do for them."

# Sharon Zenger

Sharon has achieved her goal with the support of four German Shepherd guide dogs. She now teaches young people who are visually impaired and is an Orientation & Mobility (O&M) instructor – one of the few legally blind people in the nation to achieve that certification.

Her current guide, Reagan, is her second from Guiding Eyes. Reagan, a "happy and gorgeous girl," accompanies Sharon to work; "she motivates my students who are interested in getting a guide dog to develop their O&M skills," Sharon says.

When the COVID pandemic interrupted Sharon's O&M classes, she again turned to Guiding Eyes for support. "The Guiding Eyes staff helped me figure out ways to continue to teach my students, so that they could keep up their skills," she says.

As a show of her ongoing gratitude, Sharon joined the Pathfinder Society, friends who choose to make a planned gift. "I became a Pathfinder so that someone like me can get a well-trained dog that meets their individual needs," she says. "Being part of the guide dog community for so long helped me pick Guiding Eyes as the right school to support my work and my life."

### **Pathfinders**

We gratefully acknowledge our Pathfinder Society members ("Pathfinders")—generous, forward-thinking supporters—who have included Guiding Eyes in their estate plans.

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# **Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2022**

GUIDING EYES FOR THE BLIND CONDENSED AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

#### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

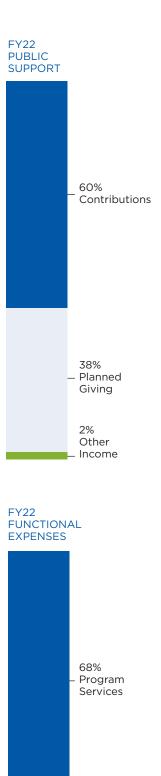
Public Support:		Without Donor Restrictions		With Donor Restrictions		
						Total
Contributions	\$	22,388,126	\$	236,941	\$	22,625,067
Planned giving	\$	13,829,643	\$	403,930	\$	14,233,573
Other income	\$	706,768		-	\$	706,768
Net assets released from restrictions	\$	1,501,393	\$	(1,501,393)	\$	-
Total Public Support	\$	38,425,930	\$	(860,522)	\$	37,565,408
Expenses:						
Program Services						
Student Instruction & Dog Training	\$	12,773,456		-	\$	12,773,456
Client Experience	\$	2,031,170		-	\$	2,031,170
Veterinary Hospital	\$	7,801,029		-	\$	7,801,029
Canine Breeding	\$	2,504,954		-	\$	2,504,954
Facility & Food Service	\$	2,153,857		-	\$	2,153,857
Enrichment	\$	1,651,614		-	\$	1,651,614
Total Program Services	\$	28,916,080		-	\$	28,916,080
Supporting Services						
Management & General	\$	5,523,422		-	\$	5,523,422
Fundraising	\$	8,017,105		-	\$	8,017,105
Total Supporting Services	\$	13,540,527		-	\$	13,540,527
Total Expenses	\$	42,456,607		-	\$	42,456,607
Excess of Public Support Over Expenses	\$	(4,030,677)	\$	(860,522)	\$	(4,891,199)
Investment income (net)	\$	(12,374,496)	\$	(1,649,826)	\$	(14,024,322)
Other net asset adjustments	\$	10,189,000		-	\$	10,189,000
Net assets, beginning of year	\$	104,514,48	\$	10,954,768	\$	115,469,249
Net Assets, End of Year	\$	98,298,308	\$	8,444,420	\$	106,742,728

#### STATEMENT of FINANCIAL POSITION

	W	ithout Donor	V	Vith Donor			
Assets		Restrictions		Restrictions		Total	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	14,626,834	\$	2,835,404	\$	17,462,238	
Receivables and prepaids	\$	2,777,714		-	\$	2,777,714	
Investments	\$	64,596,516	\$	5,609,016	\$	70,205,532	
Other assets	\$	431,301		-	\$	431,301	
Operating Lease Asset	\$	142,196		-	\$	142,196	
Land, buildings and equipment, net	\$	20,473,955		-	\$	20,473,955	
Total Assets	\$	103,048,516	\$	8,444,420	\$	111,492,936	
Liabilities & Net Assets							
Accounts payable & accrued expenses	\$	1,611,619		-	\$	1,611,619	
Gift annuity and other reserves	\$	1,880,053		-	\$	1,880,053	
Bonds payable	\$	832,039		-	\$	832,039	
Deferred 457B	\$	284,301		-	\$	284,301	
Operating Lease Liabilty	\$	142,196		-	\$	142,196	
Net assets	\$	98,298,308	\$	8,444,420	\$	106,742,728	
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	103,048,516	\$	8,444,420	\$	111,492,936	

Our website, which contains the electronic financial statements, will advise the reader that such financial statements are presented for covenience and informational purposes only, and while reasonable efforts have been made to ensure the integrity of such information, they should not be relied on. A copy of the printed fiscal year 2022 audited financial statements will be provided upon request.

The above condensed financials have been taken from the fiscal year 2022 financial audit performed by BDO, USA LLP.



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& General

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Front row, left to right: Curt J. Landtroop, with guide dog Quincy, Danielle Roth, Thomas A. Panek, with guide dog Blaze, Jane C. Parker, Patricia David, Cory Shields. Back row, left to right: Gerald Brenninkmeyer, Laura Peterman, Eduardo Andrade, Elena Consalvo, Dr. Gaurang Trivedi, John L. Donnelly, Ben Cawley, Janine Petroro, William Ma, Dr. Beth Brenninkmeyer, Thomas McC. Souther. Not pictured: Jane Adams, Wendy S. David, David Fein, Holly Hess Groos, Sue Kelsey, Eli Manning, Andrea Redmond, Cynthia Sullivan, Matthew E. Zames.



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