



Guide Dogs of America

2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

This fiscal year, Guide Dogs of America took many exciting steps to expand and enhance our programs. Here are a few of our key achievements:

Facility Improvement:

Complete renovations of our administration building and student dormitory.

Redesigned Website & Brochures: Brand new look. Easier navigation. Fully accessible to the blind.

Charity Partners: Six new ways to support GDA!



A "Paw" Up for Pups: New enrichment curricula to increase puppies' success toward becoming future guides.

Training Videos: Canine Development team created videos for puppy raisers to supplement training classes.

Saturday Class Returns: with fun topics like airport simulation, puppy stretching, and a practice visit to the vet.

Dog Days of Summer: New summer enrichment program with pool parties, "pupsicles," and lots of community playtime!

Top Dogs: New comprehensive database and tracking system to ensure the dogs in our breeding colony continue to be the cream of the crop.

Straight As: New boarding report card gives puppy raisers insight into how their foster pups do during GDA stays.

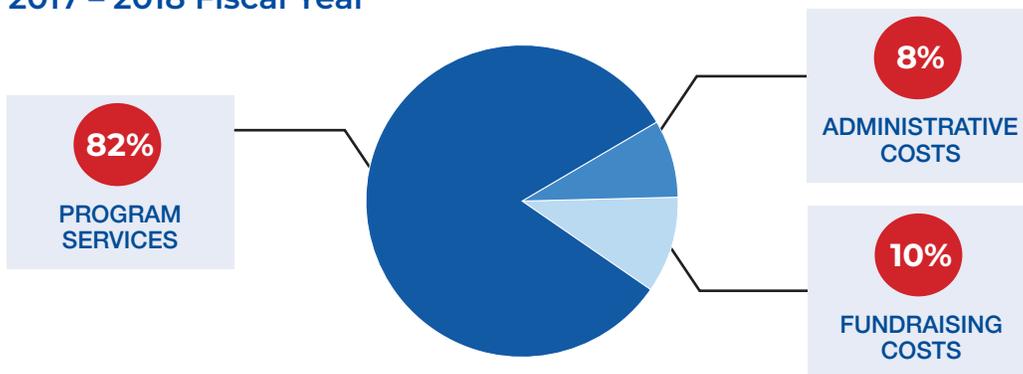
GDA Grad Joins Staff: GDA graduate and guide dog user, Greg Steinmetz, became Manager of Admissions & Graduate Services.

OUR UPDATED MISSION STATEMENT

Guide Dogs of America empowers people who are blind and visually impaired to live with increased independence, confidence and mobility by providing expertly matched guide dog partners.

Financials for the Year Ended June 30, 2018

2017 – 2018 Fiscal Year



Total Public Support and Revenue for Fiscal Year 2017 – 2018: \$8,118,388

Public Support: Contributions	\$4,965,559
Fundraisers and Other Revenue	\$1,478,143
Fund Dinners	\$659,529
Tournaments	\$675,313
Raffles and Silent Auctions	\$132,902
Merchandise and Cards	\$10,399
Investment Income	\$1,674,686
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	\$997,673
Interest and Dividends	\$549,362
Realized Gains (Losses) on Investments	\$209,544
Oil Rights Income (net of depletion)	\$35,442
Less Investment Expenses	(\$117,335)

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GUIDE DOG
TEAMS
GRADUATED

305
ACTIVE GUIDE
DOG TEAMS
FROM US &
CANADA

104
PUPPIES
PLACED WITH
VOLUNTEER
PUPPY RAISERS

45
NEW PUPPY
RAISERS

GDA Changing Lives



DEREK & SERENITY

Tired of being told he couldn't do things because he was blind, at age 17, Derek Rabelo took up surfing. "I can't see the waves like you do, but I can feel them and hear them better than you can." Derek has become quite an accomplished surfer and he attributes his success in large part to faith and trust – both of which he also has in his new guide dog, Serenity. **"She gives me much more freedom and mobility to go where I want to go. She gives me a lot of confidence and I trust her."**



GARY & MYSTIC

"I've been legally blind my whole life. **Having a guide dog is the greatest thing I could have ever done.** Learning to put your life in your dog's four paws and knowing that dog is going to get you to and from with no questions asked – I have never known a greater feeling. Hopefully we stay together for a really long time. I couldn't have gone to a better school."



CATARINA & TESLA

"As I began to lose more and more of my sight, friends and family encouraged me to apply for a guide dog - but I was hesitant. Do I really need a guide dog? What is it going to do for me? But, after going to GDA and being matched with Tesla, I realized that by working as a team with a guide dog I could again do things I used to be able to do several years ago. **Tesla has given me a renewed sense of independence and freedom and I'm really happy about that.**"



WATCH FOR "In the Dark"

GDA grad Lorri Bernson inspired new CW Television Network series about a blind woman — played by actress Perry Mattfeld — who works at a guide dog school and sets out to solve the murder of her best friend, accompanied on this mission by her trusted guide dog. Due to release early 2019!

Lorri Bernson, shown left, going over script with Perry Mattfeld