Guide Dogs of America
2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT

OUR IMPACT 2018 – 2019

• Over 500 volunteers
• Attended more than 170 events
• 140 puppies placed with volunteer puppy raisers
• 61 new puppy raisers
• 30 guide dog teams graduated (please note: we did not have class for 6 months during dorm renovations)
• 317 active guide dog teams from US & Canada
• Completed dorm renovation
• New event “Dinner in the Dark”
• 2 new vehicles
• Our accreditation with the International Guide Dog Federation renewed with glowing reviews this year
• Continue to earn the Platinum level seal of transparency from Guide Star and a 4-star rating with Charity Navigator
• Thanks to several generous project support grants, we were able to acquire:
  - Mobile dental x-ray system
  - Voice-activated assistive technology for student dorm
  - A custom tactile map of our campus
  - Low vision simulation kit
  - 3 water bottle filling stations
  - New commercial washers, dryers, dishwasher and sink for our puppy nursery

Financial Information
Fiscal Year 2019 (7/1/2018 - 6/30/2019)

REVENUE AND SUPPORT
Unrestricted contributions and grants $8,554,558
Investment income 1,669,506
Special events, net 1,618,635
In-kind services 220,000
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED REVENUE $12,062,699

EXPENSES
Program services $4,911,690
Fundraising 695,087
Management and administrative costs 343,598
TOTAL EXPENSES $5,950,375

This information is drawn from the year ended June 30, 2019 audited financial statements. Visit https://guidedogsofamerica.org/about-us/financial-information/

OUR MISSION
Guide Dogs of America empowers people who are blind and visually impaired to live with greater confidence, mobility and independence by providing expertly matched guide dog partners.
Adam Bailey, who lives in Seattle, Washington has already noticed the tremendous difference his Guide Dog, Mica, has made in his life.

“Before I had Mica, I used a white cane so I didn’t know when hazards were coming. My biggest concern was getting to and from work safely. With Mica, I am much safer in all my travels.”

As a purchasing manager at Precision Cast Parts near Everett, Adam takes the DART bus to and from work. His job at this aerospace supplier often requires him to be on the factory floor, which presents its own set of challenges with forklifts moving material daily around the shop floor.

I can do all aspects of my job more effectively with Mica

“Moving objects are difficult for me and in the past, I hesitated to do things if I knew there was traffic. Mica has changed that and been a big help for me at my job. They even made her a badge so she is officially part of the crew,” said Adam. “At work, I couldn’t just memorize a route because things continually change. One day there may be a pallet of aluminum, but the next day it’s gone. With Mica, I can more effectively do all aspects of my job, including being on the factory floor.”

Adam suffers from Usher Syndrome – a condition characterized by both hearing and vision loss.

Mica has given me more freedom and independence

“It is hard enough to lose your eyesight, but add hearing loss and that makes it even harder. Mica has made an incredible impact on my family and given me a lot more freedom and independence, not to mention keeping me safe.”

Thanks to all of our volunteers, donors, sponsors and all of you who support us in our mission. Guide Dogs of America could not create these life-changing partnerships without your help and we are truly grateful for all you do.

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