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8th Annual Parade of Partners Recognizes Generosity of Donors And Volunteers



It is with great pride and sincere gratitude that we present our eighth-annual *Parade of Partners* to express how thankful we are to our many friends. In this issue, we have listed the individuals, families and organizations whose support during this past fiscal year (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012) has helped make it possible for GDA to carry out its mission. Volunteers and supporters of GDA — through their considerable commitment of time, talent and resources — make it possible to bring safety, independence, mobility and companionship to people who are visually impaired.

“Without your generous donations of time, sharing of resources, and decisions to choose GDA as the recipient of your financial contributions, the school could not exist,” said GDA President Dale Hartford. “It is this generosity that allows us to graduate at least 50 guide dog teams every year without government support and at absolutely no cost to our graduates. The \$42,000 needed to graduate a guide dog team comes solely from the commitments to GDA made by everyone and every organization on these lists.”

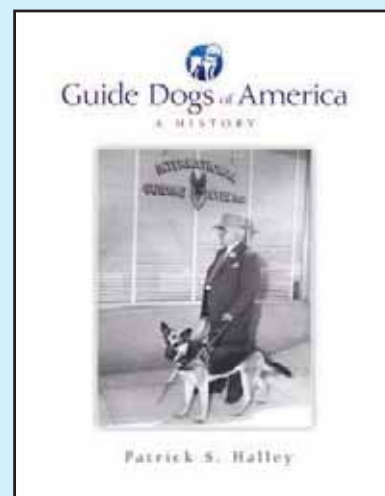
In this, the eighth-annual *Parade of Partners*, we are honoring several new “Partners,” as well as many returning honorees. We extend our deepest thanks and heartfelt gratitude to each of them. In addition to the names listed here, we would also like to thank the numerous families, individuals and organizations who have volunteered their time, made monetary donations or designated GDA in charitable giving programs.

For many of you, this newsletter may be the only regular contact you have with GDA. Therefore, with each issue, it is our goal to bring the spirit of the school to you through feature articles, profiles and updates we hope you find informative, educational and interesting. In preparing this issue, we invited the GDA staff to share their appreciation in their own words. Their heartfelt words appear throughout this newsletter.

If we have inadvertently left off your name on any of the lists or you would like to find out how to be included in next year’s *Parade of Partners*, contact Lorri Bernson at lbarnson@guidedogsofamerica.org or call (818) 833-6431.

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Newly Published Guide Dogs of America, A History Now Available



We are thrilled to announce that *Guide Dogs of America, A History* is now available for purchase. This insightful book reveals unknown facts about the history of the guide dog movement in America and GDA’s contribution.

GDA History Book continued on back cover »

Mission Statement

Guide Dogs of America is dedicated to its mission to provide guide dogs and instruction in their use, free of charge, to blind and visually impaired men and women from the United States and Canada so that they may continue to pursue their goals with increased mobility and independence.

GDA 2012 Holiday Cards



The winning photo from the second-annual Holiday Card Contest of puppy-in-training Gentry will bring "Holiday Greetings" to everyone on your mailing list this year. The inside message reads: "May Your Holidays Be Merry & Bright"

Holiday cards measure 5" x 7" and are bundled 15 cards (with envelopes) to a pack. Price: \$18 per pack, INCLUDES SHIPPING AND HANDLING. Please use the order form on this page to place your order. Questions? Call (818) 833-6429.

FALL 2012 Order Form

Questions? Call (818) 833-6429 - Mail this entire form with your payment.

Raffle Tickets — \$2 per ticket or \$10 for 6 - includes shipping & handling

☐ Quilt Raffle \$

Holiday Cards — \$18 per pack (15 cards) - includes shipping & handling

☐ 2012 Holiday Cards \$

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

Credit Card (check one) ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ AMEX

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: ____/____

Signature: _____ CVC: _____

required for credit card purchase

☐ **Check** (make your check payable to **Guide Dogs of America**)

Mail to: Guide Dogs of America ATTN: Fall Merchandise Order Form, 13445 Glenoaks Blvd., Sylmar, CA 91342 **Or use the enclosed envelope.**

2012 Raffles



2012 Quilt Raffle

This year's quilt, "Knick Knack Paddy Whack," was made and donated by the Orange County Quilt Guild. Each panel features an adorable bone-bearing pooch in a dog house. The quilt measures a generous 99" by 110" and will fit a king- or queen-size bed.

Purchase tickets using the order form on this page and mail it to GDA postmarked by Dec. 2, 2012. Tickets are \$2 each or six for \$10. The drawing will be held at the GDA December puppy raiser meeting on Dec. 8, 2012. Winner does not need to be present.

New Employees

Lisa Peterson – Receptionist

Haley Luciani – Kennel Tech

In Memory

With great sadness, we note the passing of the following guide dogs and honor them for their dedication to ensuring the safety and independence of their partners:

Panache – Class #330

Violet – Class #355

Richter – Class #346

Yani – Class #328

Walt – Class #339



GDA Staff Extends Its Thanks To Volunteers And Breeders

For this special issue we asked the staff at GDA to express – in their own words – the gratitude they feel towards our donors, sponsors, raisers and breeder families. We had a tremendous and enthusiastic response... so many, in fact, that we could not include all of them in this issue. The heartfelt words from many of our staff appear below. We will feature the rest of the quotes in our next issue.

To the puppy raisers, breeder families, sponsors, donors, volunteers and everyone who donates their time and efforts to GDA, I would like to say thank you and express my sincere appreciation for everything that you do. It never ceases to amaze me the amount of dedication you put forth to such a worthy cause. Without your help, we would not be able to provide the services that we do.

— Tiffany McKillop
Veterinary Assistant

It amazes me to see the generosity of so many who are willing to help others they don't know, simply because they would hope someone would help them if the situation were reversed.

— Rhonda Bissell
Executive Administrative Assistant

I would like to send a special thank you to all of our wonderful puppy raisers. Your countless hours of volunteering to help not only with your puppy, but helping to spread the word about GDA. You are the best!

— Louise Henderson
Puppy Program Manager

Gifts come to GDA in so many ways. Puppy raisers and breeder families work tirelessly to get puppies ready for guide dog training; while sponsors and donors of all ages make donations that ultimately fund our programs. Thank you to all who make GDA so very successful!

— Sue Chiles
Administration/Accounting Department

I have an attitude of gratitude. Without our donors, sponsors, puppy raisers and breeder families, GDA could not achieve its goals. And, without GDA, I could not have my dream job, working with amazing people who help others pursue their dreams. In addition, I also work with some amazing dogs.

— Yvette R. Sheehan
Canine Development Assistant

Many times people thank us (trainers) for doing such an amazing job providing such a gift to those who have lost their sight. I simply tell them, "thank you," but stress that we at GDA could not accomplish our mission without the selfless dedication of puppy raisers and donors who enable us to do what we do every day.

— Dave Ponce
Licensed Trainer

We love all of our volunteer families; they are good friends and some are even like family. Volunteers, staff and donors all have a place in their hearts for the dogs. It makes it extra rewarding that we can help someone every day.

— Meri Forman
Breeding Department Manager

With our final goal of creating a dependable confident guide dog, there are many ingredients that go into that mix early in life. These positive experiences and exposures for the dogs are so important and necessary for their early development, and these experiences all lead to better success. The only way that our young guide prospects can gain these positive experiences is with the help and cooperation of all of our puppy raisers and area leaders. For this endeavor, there are never thanks enough.

— Bryan Young
Licensed Trainer

There can never be enough praise for the volunteers and puppy raisers we are so fortunate to have at Guide Dogs of America. Their generosity, love and devotion are infectious and are what help keep our school providing the very best guide dogs.

— Robin Hartford
Public Relations

The generosity of our donors, sponsors, puppy raisers, and countless other volunteers is truly astounding. The amount of time, money and effort they put into this organization is truly a testament to their character. This organization would not be what it is today without their unwavering dedication.

— Kristy Olson
Registered Vet Tech/Director of Animal Health

Thank you to all of the donors, sponsors, raisers and breeder families for your hard work and helping GDA continue to put out working guide dog teams.

— Sean Chiles
Licensed Trainer

On behalf of the IT department of Guide Dogs of America, we would like to take this moment and thank you for helping to make Guide Dogs of America the wonderful place that it is today. We could not provide the much-needed service that allows the blind to become active, functional members of society without your help.

— Manuel Tucker
Information Technology/Digital Communications Engineer

Breeding Dog Families

GDA's breeding dogs directly contribute to the future of our school by continuing bloodlines that breed the physical and mental characteristics best suited to the work of a guide dog. We thank our breeding dog families, whose commitment to our program and dedication to keeping our breeder dogs healthy, happy and safe ensures future generations of guides.

Kandi Brennan Irish
Kellie & Kurt Brimberry Sampson
Donna Giguere & Roxann Jay Polly
Barbara Hiser & Craig Ridenhauer ... Keely
Elgin, Barbara & Thomas Keller Winter
Gerald & Celeste Kennedy Rita
Phil & Cathy Lichtenberger Vida
Shannon & Thalia Prum Wana
Tom & Wende Roy Winn
Susan Salazar Renata

For information about our Breeding Program, please contact Meri Forman at (818) 833-6461.

Please note: The names that appear on this list indicate those families with newly designated breeding dogs during this past GDA fiscal year (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012).



Puppy Raisers

Bringing up a puppy from an eight-week-old bundle of paws and jaws into a well-socialized and trainable dog of 16 to 18 months requires time, energy, patience, dedication and love. Our puppy raisers do all this with the knowledge they will give up the dog they have been committed to and grown to love to GDA to begin formal training for the job it was born to do.



We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our puppy raisers and extend our most sincere gratitude to the many individuals and families who take our puppies into their homes and their hearts.

Ackerman Family Basil
Ansiter Family Vivi
Dan & Debbie Applebaum Enzo
Babbitt Family Hector
Tim & Carol Ballou Sasha
George & Delores Bandow Maxwell
Linda Barber V.J.
Barger Family Berlin
Guy & Karen Barger Rina
Barrios Family Faina
Pat Beebe McKenna
Ann-Marie Biden Francie
Angel Biezman & Brian Bigley Dutch
Jeff & Rebecca Biging Hank
Binder Family Einstein
Alan & Cindi Bleemers Daphne
Jeff & Suzanne Breaw Rayne
Denise Brown Honey
Jerry & Sydney Cain Gunner
Maureen Capra Weezer
Caroline Carroll Freya
Monica Chen Sachi
Andrew Chesis Skyler
Georgia Childs Nya
Dan & Jessica Clark Micah
Anita Cohen Gypsy
Miranda & Melissa Costa Wade
Kristine Coyle Raleigh
Ray & Terry Crawford Nadine
Dave & Carla Crawley Ledah
Crosby Family Ash
Laura Daley Nugget
BobbieJo & Tiffany Dean Paisley
Al & Lisa DeBruno Nara

Mary Deets Honon
Delvasto Family Delilah
Mike & Jill Deschamps Hilo
Dolan Family Vinnie
Gino & Maggie Domico Lulu
Durning Family Addie
Rick & Marya Eller Neo
Judy Emaus & Peter Ryan Ender
Karlen English Jade
Erhardt Family Hasley
Debbie Erickson Whitley
Fancher Family Ace
Naomi Fate Nadia
Figueroa Family Havana
Fujushige Family Halle
Ashleigh Garrett Vera
Paul Gibney Lacken
Judi Gomez & Miguel Ola Clint
Gould Family Katniss
Greg & Fiona Hahn Gandalf
Eric & Sherri Hansel Brandy
Hart Family Journey
Sheila & Shelly Harvey Echo
Tyler & Ashley Hathaway Emalia
Nancy Hawthorn & Roy Nitschke Elsie
Mary Hefferman Cassia
Hernandez Family Winchester
Ralph & Diane Hesterman Joshua
Steve & Judi Hoppes Roenen & Gyser
Diana Janke Venice
Steve & Cindy Jaquay Kooska
Dee Jennings Shira
Jewell Family Strider
Naomi Jost Blitz
Glyn Judson Fred
Kennedy Family Fawn
Keough Family Hudson
Peter & Rebecca Khalil Reginald
King Family Henna
Ken & Debi Kirkness Jazzy
Steve & Carol Kopman Dawn
Judy Kovaric Neeka
Gary & Sharon Kristas Rosa
Guy Kung Ripley
Chuck & Kate Lancaster B.J.
Lang Family Puma
Felicia Gin & Jim Lee Nia
Lemon Family Ferris
Gail Leonard Conlan
Michael & Jennifer Lewis Bandy

Licciardello Family Koa
 Brian & Tina Lockwood Stryker
 Mike & Linda Loper Tika
 Morris & Cathy Makshanoff Atlas
 Gary & Rhonda Mange Khaki
 Ruth Martin Jetta
 Joe & Cathy McCarter Nova
 Sharon Majewski Kimber
 Mike & Sylvia Michaelski Kanan
 Cindy Miller Guinness
 Mark & Eliza Mrohs Waverly
 Kasey & Kristy Nash Whidbey
 Mark & Tammy New Sable
 Paul & Cyndi Obst Herc
 O’Gorman Family Brody
 Jeff & Melissa Orenstein Kambridge
 Amy Pendon Haden
 Pennala Family Bentley
 Perez Family Phebe
 Peterson Family Faye
 Chris & Jane Popovich Gidget
 Mike & Danelle Popken Tug
 Al & Debbie Price Kallen
 Jessica Prisk Flynn
 David & Deborah Prough Cooper
 Linda & Meredith Ralyea Sagan
 Jeff & Sarah Ramirez Nala
 Rawding Family Lance
 Tom & Judy Reilly Eddy
 Reints Family Bauer
 Butch & Karen Reyburn Nels
 Robb Family Willa
 Roecker Family Nina
 Rohlfing Family Breda
 Rosenblum Family Phinny
 Rejean & Martha Royer Nikie
 Gary & Stephanie Ruggerone Eppie
 Tanya Saunders Wyland
 Scruggs Family Francesca
 Kellie Searl & Angelica Solano Sage
 Susie Shapiro Florie
 Ron & Joan Shaw Leader
 Jason Shubb Lincoln
 Frank & Mara Simon Portia
 Jay Skowronsky Domino
 Dave & Rebecca Smith Nelson
 John & Diana Smitherman Coral
 Barry & Penny Stallings Virgil
 Bob & Kathie Stegemann Dani
 Stevens Family Steffi

Strenk Family Nessa
 Tarpey Family Mocha
 Don & Rita Tayenaka Cici
 Meg Tennant Tucker
 Cherry Teter Pondo
 Thomas Family Kirby
 Nancy Totta Farah
 Frank Traficante & Joanne Dallas Guido
 Barbara Blake Treacle
 Cindy Valancius Rio
 Roger & Charlene VanOmmeren Weaver
 Bill Vaughn Jasmine
 Tom & Sue Vessella Sally
 Maria & Mike Volker Nikki
 Bryan & Karen Warloe Sierra
 Tina & Lily Wayne Violet
 Tony & Jill Werner Ventana
 Chris & Cheryl Westfall Tonks
 Wette Family Aiden
 Brian & Tina While Pixie
 Glenn & Lynne Whiteford Preslie
 Paula Wholton Vonnie
 Laura Wild Apollo
 Bob & Moira Wunderlich Jayla

For information about becoming a puppy raiser, visit the GDA website, www.guidedogsofamerica.org and click on “Puppy Raising” or call Louise Henderson at (818) 833-6441.

Please note: The names that appear on this list include only those puppy raisers with whom a puppy-in-training was placed in the home during this past GDA fiscal year (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012).

Partners in Trust

By thoughtfully naming GDA in their wills, trusts and life insurance policies, the members of the Partners in Trust Society ensure that their support of GDA will continue for years to come. We are forever grateful to them for remembering GDA in their estate plans — in any amount — and we are honored to be a part of their legacy.

Anonymous (2)
 Cathleen Bartley
 Kurt & Kellie Brimberry
 J. Hafner
 Dan & Rosalyn Hudock
 Jacquelyn Jacobs
 James Jatras

Tom & Judy Kovaric
 Dee Dee Mann
 Sally Morton
 Karen Yatto

The following friends have left us, but long into the future their intentions will be at work helping GDA to breed, raise and train dogs:

Kathleen S. Andrews
 Imelda L. Aron
 Michele Burk
 Sandra T. Calta
 Rick Darrel
 Dorothy S. Gamiere
 Myrtle Glendenning
 Ellsworth & Hilda Hazzard
 Sylvia Hoffman
 Marjorie Hull
 Pearl Jones
 Marjorie Kurkov
 Ruth L. LeBoy
 Merrill B. Lett
 Emily M. Lindell
 Paul Margetan
 Martha C. Masiello
 Beverly Newton
 Mary Pavich
 Geraldine Weiss Shaw
 Philip A. Singer
 Christine Szilva
 H. Geoffrey Tyrrash
 Mary V. Wackerhagen
 Julie M. Walker
 Dr. Jonathan L. Wilson

For additional information about how you can leave a future gift to GDA, go to www.guidedogsofamerica.org, click on “How to Help,” then click on “Gift Planning.” Or call Rhonda Bissell at (818) 833-6432.

Please note: The names that appear on this list indicate those individuals who have included GDA in their estate plans during this past GDA fiscal year (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012).



GDA Sponsors

We would like to “paws” to express our gratitude to all of the families, individuals, businesses, schools and private organizations that have generously donated to the GDA Sponsor fund.

Guide Dog Team Sponsor (\$42,000) — Covers all expenses associated with successfully matching a student with a guide dog companion.

Student Sponsor (\$21,000) — This sponsorship covers all the expenses of a student during their 28 day in-residence training program as well as their transportation to and from the school.

Guide Dog Training Sponsor (\$10,000) — Covers all costs while a future guide dog is in training for four to six months, including all evaluations, medical care and food.

Puppy Sponsor (\$5,000) — Supports the breeding and care of one puppy until approximately 18 months of age. Puppy sponsors receive quarterly updates and photos from the puppy raisers.

Student Accommodation Sponsor (\$3,000) — Covers the student’s room and board expenses for 28 days in the dormitory, travel expenses and a guide dog graduation kit.

Newborn Litter Sponsor (\$2,500) — Covers the cost of breeding, delivery and additional expenses for one litter up to seven weeks of age.

Newborn Puppy Sponsor (\$1,000) — Funds the cost of the breeding and delivery of one puppy.

Guide Dog Team Sponsors – \$42,000

Guide Dogs of America Connecticut, Rhode Island and Western MA (two teams)

The Sharon D. Lund Foundation

United Technologies Corporation

Student Sponsor — \$21,000

Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation

Training Sponsor — \$10,000

Lockheed Martin Aeronautical Employees’ Reaching Out (LM AERO)

Puppy Sponsors – \$5,000

Bernardine & Isabelle Daskoff..... Bentley, Vito and Titus
W. Don & Nancy Edwards..... Lincoln
Riley EisenbergWFP*
Ethel Friends Charitable Foundation Finn
In Memory of Steve & Jackie Gettleman..... Blitz
Glen-Park Retirement Communities &
Northwest Glendale Lions Club Cybelle
In honor of Father Jim Halley..... Avery
Iacocca Family Foundation..... Brody
Nate & Gerri Israelson..... Eppie
The Judith Anne Kaplan Fund of RSF Social Finance Fred
Knisely Family Foundation Lyric and Winston
Thomas & Judy Kovaric Neeka
Helen S. Levin & Family Cooper
Malibu Lions Club Kanan
Michael Moore..... Jager

David & Susan Oberman Aiden
Edith (Deedy) Oberman Honey
Pennsylvania State Machinists Council Danny
Ryan Rhodes & Drew Herron Dotty and Thomas
James S. Ridge and Associates in honor of
District Lodge 8 Hank
Linda Heizer-Seaman Brie
Sepulveda Building Materials
Charity Golf Tournament..... Lance, Pixie, Kenai, Lulu
Simi Valley Boots and Slippers
Square Dance Club..... Dani and Strider
Stephen S. Wise Elementary Ivory
Tri-County Mustang Club..... Shelby
VPI Pet Insurance..... Nels
Deborah A. Wrinkle Halle
Carl E. Wynn Foundation Leader

Student Accommodation Sponsors - \$3,000

Shirley Donoho

Roy Johnson

The Sharon D. Lund Foundation (two students)

Newborn Litter Sponsors - \$2,500

Alfred B. Nobel Middle School

Crane Fund for Widows and Children

Daughters of Penelope El Camino Real, District 20

IAM&AW Local Lodge 2297

Lockheed Martin Aeronautical Employees’
Reaching Out (LM AERO)

Muskin Family Foundation

Victor J. Roberts

Newborn Puppy Sponsors - \$1,000

Keith & Cynthia Anderson

Sharon L. Buck

Capital Z Services, LLC

Major Kim Davey

Mark E. Dickinson

Bruce Dietrich

The Gibney Family Foundation

Earl B. Gilmore Foundation

Lori K. Jennings

Beverly J. Johnson

Palmer Langdon

Andrew and Lydia Mays in memory of Sullivan

Ernest Meadows

Robert Ruby

Carol George-Stewart

All our sponsors are presented with photos of their puppies. If you would like to become a GDA Sponsor, please call Daryl Lasky at (818) 833-6427 or email him at dlasky@guidedogsofamerica.org.

Please note: The names that appear on this list indicate those individuals, families and organizations who became Sponsors during this past GDA fiscal year (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012).

**Waiting For Puppy.*

Everyday and Easy Ways to Make a Donation to GDA

Grocery Store Rewards Cards

We thank all of you who choose to contribute to GDA by shopping at participating grocery stores with your club cards. By registering your cards (details follow) and designating GDA, a percentage of your total grocery bill is donated to the school every time you shop. The following provides important instructions about how to register your club card to begin or renew your support of GDA.



Register or renew your Ralphs Rewards Card through the Ralphs website (www.ralphs.com) to designate Guide Dogs of America as your

charity of choice. To register your card for the first time, click on "Services," then "Community Contributions," then "Enroll." In the "Find Your Organization" field, type Guide Dogs of America. If you have registered your card previously, Ralphs requires that you renew your registration each September in order to continue to contribute to GDA. Log in to your account, confirm your information is correct, click on "Edit Community Contributions Information" and, once again, designate Guide Dogs of America. Click on "Save Changes" and log out.

A percentage of your purchases will begin accruing within 72 hours of your online registration/renewal. Within seven to 10 business days, you will see at the bottom of your Ralphs receipt: "At your request, Ralphs is donating to Guide Dogs of America."

If you have questions or need assistance, please call (818) 833-6438.



If you have a Food 4 Less Card, you do not need to register or renew the card. If you don't have a card, please

call (818) 833-6438 and we will send you a pre-registered card that will ensure a percentage of every purchase you make is donated to GDA.



Give to GDA as Your Gift to Family, Friends and Loved Ones this Holiday Season

A great gift idea and a very special way to support GDA during the holidays is to make a contribution in the name of your family, loved ones and friends. Your contribution lets those

important people on your list know how much you care about the work we do. It also lets them know they are remembered by you in a thoughtful way that makes them a part of giving the gift of companionship and mobility to those who are visually impaired. A handwritten card, with a special message, will be sent to those you designate with your donation. For more information, call (818) 833-6429.

Online Shopping



Every time you search or shop on the Internet, you can make a donation to Guide Dogs of America... and it's so easy.

GoodSearch.com is a Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results and watch the donations add up!

GoodShop.com is an online shopping mall that donates up to 30 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause. Hundreds of well-known retail stores — including Target, Gap, Best Buy, eBay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble — have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting your favorite cause.

And if you use GoodSearch as your computer's default search engine and enter Guide Dogs of America when asked for your charity, our cause will earn money when you shop or even just search online.

We hope that you will share this helpful information with your friends and family.



CFC Pledge Card

You know what your pet means to you; now imagine what this future guide dog will mean to a blind person.

Please designate #11873 on your CFC pledge card.

Your CFC contribution helps us breed, raise and train extraordinary guide dogs. These intelligent dogs are provided free of charge

and offer trustworthy assistance and companionship to visually impaired men and women as they strive to live their lives to the fullest.

Matching Gifts

Many companies offer a matching gift program to their employees. These programs match, dollar-for-dollar, charitable contributions made by an employee, doubling the donation made to Guide Dogs of America!

If you are thinking of making a donation to Guide Dogs of America, ask your employer if it offers a matching gift program.

Year-Round Giving One Month at a Time

Many of our supporters make monthly donations to GDA using our convenient automatic donation program. At the beginning of each month, we automatically charge your credit card in the amount you specify. Call (818) 833-6429 with questions or to participate.



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If You Would Like to Lend a Paw...

In this issue of the GDA newsletter, we are committed to recognizing our "Partners" for the time, energy and resources they contribute to support GDA and its mission: To provide loyal and loving guide dogs, free of charge, to blind and visually impaired individuals. GDA does not receive any government funding and could not continue to fulfill its mission without your generous support.

For more information about how you can become involved in our mission, please visit the "How to Help" section of the Guide Dogs of America website at www.guidedogsofamerica.org. You can also email us at mail@guidedogsofamerica.org or by phone at (818) 362-5834.

GDA History book continued from front cover

Author Patrick S. Halley spent nearly a year researching and writing the 200-page, photo-rich story about the school, including new historical information. The book recounts the heroic efforts of GDA founder Joseph W. Jones, Sr., who — when denied a guide dog because he was deemed "too old" at age 57 — founded his own guide dog school. Also detailed in the book are GDA's program and how the school produces successful guide dogs, as well as how the support from donors, puppy raisers, volunteers and the IAM&AW make it all possible.

The hardcover and paperback versions of the book are now available. An audio version will be available soon (please check the GDA website at www.guidedogsofamerica.org for additional information). Hardcover: \$61.50 (includes shipping & handling). Each additional hardcover copy in the same order will be \$50. Any orders containing more than six books, please call 818-833-6429. Paperback: \$51.50 (include shipping & handling). Each additional book will be \$40.

Congratulations Graduates

Class #374



Graduates (Puppy Raiser in parentheses): Students left to right: Dan Weiner & Parker (*Lily Lo*), Eric Horvath & Usher (*The Mehl Family*), Joanie Delzer & Jeanie (*Kirsten Halesworth*), Katrina Stanley & Reesha (*Phil & Cathy Lichtenberger*), Curtis Tucker & Keno (*The Behringer Family*), Marty Cartwright & Jewel (*Dick & Joan Freiheit*), Celeste Williams & Saffie (*The Ryan Family*), Dawn Carello & Moxie (*The Edwards Family*), Ahmad Bdeiwi & Julep (*Paul & Cyndi Obest*)

Instructors: left to right: Dave Ponce, Sean Chiles, Bryan Young

In Home Graduates: Kristi Kovach & Paige (*Susie Shapiro*), Ron Bodey & Westin (*The Wette Family*), Sharon Hutton & Pearl (*The Guske Family*), Mari Dole & Waylon (*Laura Daley*)

Instructor: Steve Burkman