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GDA Honors Donors and Volunteers in 9th Annual Parade of Partners



Parade of Partners is our once-a-year opportunity to publicly thank our many donors and volunteers. There are those of you we see regularly at GDA and our events whom we have the opportunity to thank in person; and others who keep us close in their hearts even though they live far away.

In this, the ninth annual *Parade of Partners*, we are honoring several new "Partners," as well as many returning honorees. We extend our deepest thanks and 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. Our "Parade" honors those whose support during this past fiscal year (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013) has helped GDA in countless ways.

"Without their donations, commitments and decisions to choose GDA as the recipient of their generosity, the school could not exist," said GDA President Dale Hartford. "The support of our donors and volunteers allows us to graduate over 50 guide dogs teams every year, at a cost of \$42,000 each, without government funding and at absolutely no cost to our graduates. We are extremely grateful and appreciative for every person and every organization that, when they think of giving of themselves, chooses to give to GDA."

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 our graduates to share their appreciation in their own words. Many of their expressions of gratitude 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 lmbernson@guidedogsofamerica.org or call (818) 833-6431.

Graduates Express Gratitude

For this special issue we asked our graduates if they would like to express their thanks to those who made it possible for them to receive their guide dogs at no cost to them. Their heartfelt responses appear in this column and on the next page.

If there was a way to bottle up the joy in puppy kisses, tail waggles and snuggles, that's how I would show my appreciation to all those involved in my getting Karbon.

— Laura Zumbro

My guide dog Da Vinci has made my life of independence a reality again. Only by the help of all those involved with GDA could this have happened and, for that, I will be forever grateful.

— Lecretia (Cricket) Patin

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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.

Thanks for your donations and sponsorships to help fund GDA's operation. Thanks for taking on the responsibility and giving your time, homes and love to raise GDA's pups. Thanks for spending tireless hours at GDA's facility working to keep the organization's entire "machine" running. You are all amazing and giving people who have provided a gift to help me keep safe, build confidence and continue my independence.

— Adam Lawrence

I don't think many of us could afford the monetary value that this time is worth. I can only say, "Thank you from the bottom of my heart now and forever for giving me this gift of hope, independence and my bundle of love." Othello is my sixth guide from GDA.

— Patty Sarchi

Thanks for the generosity of everyone involved in raising a puppy to be an exceptionally trained guide dog. I can't imagine where I would be today if I didn't have my mine.

— Paula Castro

Thank you puppy raisers for socializing and doing the basic training with our puppies and incorporating our guides-to-be into YOUR families... only to give them back to GDA for placement. I am in awe of anyone who can do this on a regular basis.

— Karl Mundstock

Thanks to all who have given your love, your precious time, your talent and your devotion. Your dedication will never be forgotten. I am so thankful for this experience — it has changed my life in ways that I never thought possible. Having Hunter is such a wonderful blessing in my life. Thanks to everyone that made my GDA experience awesome.

— Shonna Hunter

Words cannot express how much appreciation I have for those who contribute to GDA. Without all of your support, I would not have my amazing partner Timber or be where I am today.

— Melissa Barry

How can you thank people who have given your eyesight and your independence back? I thank you and thank God for you and your sacrifice.

— John Faitro

With the biggest thanks for my independence and my Harley-Girl!

— Turalee Smith

Getting my guide dog Cambria was absolutely life-changing for me. There are no words to properly thank all who have donated their time, monetary donations and payroll deduction contributions, as well as the great fundraising volunteers and puppy raisers.

— Teresa Blevins

I would like to say thank you to the donors, volunteers, sponsors and, of course, puppy raisers who made it possible for me to honestly have a normal and productive life. In a world that can be so dark at times, you made a light at the end of the path. Thank you.

— Mary Reifowitz

I would like to express my deepest and sincerest thank you to all of them for allowing me to have three wonderful furry partners in my life. No words can express how I feel for what each and every one of you have given me...the three greatest gifts I could ever have, Preston, Vista and Kendall the K dog.

— Lynn Coats

I would like to thank everyone who put their heart and dedication into helping us receive these wonderful puppies. My wonderful Obie has made me independent and full of joy.

— Debbie Shane

I am ever so thankful to all those who go the extra mile to contribute their money, time, skills, patience and love to provide marvelous guide dogs such as my Sadie. She allows me great mobility and a lot of laughs. Hats off to all of you!

— Donna Matthews

Without the four guide dogs I have received from GDA, I simply could not have the independent and active lifestyle that I enjoy...from traveling to and from work safely, to hiking mountain trails in Oregon! Thank you, one and all!

— Sharlene Wills

Thank you, puppy raisers, for giving love and raising them for us. You are amazing, self-sacrificing and a great blessing to our lives.

— Wanda Jolley

Without your support, Gracy and I would not have the happy and fulfilling life together we do today.

— Mike Moore

I want you to know how very grateful I am to all of you for making it possible for me to regain my independence.

— Karen Lemmon (KLeM)!

Ajax has given me the freedom I have not had for years. Thanks to the trainers, donors, sponsors, puppy raisers, volunteers and GDA for giving him to us. We love him, and he loves us.

— Ray Chisum

New Employees

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to three new employees who recently joined the GDA staff:

Lesa Miller, Office Clerical

Nataly Diaz, Part-time Kennel Tech

Kristine Wallace, Office Manager



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 in its endeavor 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, visit the "How to Help" section of the Guide Dogs of America website at www.guidedogsofamerica.org. You can also contact us by phone at (818) 362-5834 or via e-mail at mail@guidedogsofamerica.org.

In Memory

It is with deep regret that we inform you of the passing of beloved GDA Veterinarian Douglas Kramer. Dr. Kramer joined GDA in July 2012. He was a wonderful addition to the GDA veterinary department and will be greatly missed by all those who worked with him and benefitted from his wealth of knowledge and compassion.

With sadness, we note the passing of Graduate Chris Sirna, Class #378.

It is with great sadness, that we also note the passing of the following guide dogs and honor them for their dedication to ensuring the safety and independence of their partners:

Chanel – Class #352

Courage – Class #344

Livingston – Class #349

Mojo – Class #336

Tess – Class #327

2013 Raffles



2013 GDA Motorcycle Raffle

This year, the GDA motorcycle raffle is for a 2013 Harley-Davidson Road Glide. The winning ticket will be drawn on Nov. 23 at the Guide Dogs of America's Annual Banquet in Las Vegas. (Winner need not be present to win.) Visit the GDA website (www.guidedogsofamerica.org) for additional details and photos.



2013 Quilt Raffle

"Love Comes in All Sizes" is the quilt that has been donated to GDA for this year's quilt raffle. And we "love" the talented and creative women of the Santa Clarita Valley Quilt Guild who crafted and donated this beautiful piece. The quilt, which measures 100" x 108"

(approx.), features a pooch in every panel. This size will work for a double or queen-size bed.

Purchase tickets using the order form on this page and mail it to GDA postmarked by Nov. 30, 2013. Tickets are \$2 each or six for \$10. The drawing will be held at the GDA December puppy raiser meeting on Dec. 14, 2013. Winner does not need to be present.

FALL 2013 Order Form

Questions? Call (818) 833-6429. *All Shipping & Handling is included*

Mail this entire form with your payment.

2013 GDA Motorcycle Raffle — \$5 per ticket or \$20 for 5

☐ Motorcycle Raffle \$

2013 Quilt Raffle — \$2 per ticket or \$10 for 6

☐ Quilt Raffle \$

Holiday Cards — \$18 per pack (15 cards)

☐ 2013 Holiday Cards \$

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$

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

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.

The Ackerman FamilyRanger
 Sheila Treston-AlbranianElliott
 The Allenby Family..... Tango
 Judi & Lauren Amendola Hauna
 Marielle AngersRomy
 David AnthonyJustice
 Bill Atherton & Jacquie WorbaumHarpo
 Nancy Ayers.....Ben
 Arthur Ball & Anita Briggs.....Ragnar
 Karen & Ronald Barber Panzer
 The Barger Family Corra
 The Behringer Family Maya
 Angel Biezeman & Brian Bigley Knight
 The Binder Family Pavlov
 Stephanie Blackman &
 Julianna Lamm Enzo
 Karen Blackmore Ruby
 Linda & John BoninNavy
 Suzanne & Jeff BreawWilma
 Denise Brown Pismo
 Kelly Bryne & Georgann Gall.....Velzy
 Maribeth Butler Kyla
 John Byars Doc
 Sydney & Jerry Cain.....PJ
 The Cassidy Family..... Makai
 Genelle & Tom Cherry Cleo
 Andy ChesisStorm
 Carol Civita & Charlene Smith Preston
 Lisa & Ed Cook..... Sandy
 Sally & Charlie Coons Gabanna
 Annina Cooper Klay
 The Coyle Family Argo
 Kim Cohagen & Stan Teliczan..... Lutz
 Terry & Ray CrawfordNika

The Cuneo Family Denver
 Timothy Dahl Odin
 Mark Dark & Lisa Tomic.....Jett
 Bobbie Jo & Tiffany Dean..... Treasure
 Mary Deets Paiute
 The Delvasto FamilyNeah
 Jenny Dennis..... Luna
 Deanna DevescoviGarrison
 Janie Doctor..... Hugo
 Jill & John DonelloEmber
 The Dreyfus FamilyChloe
 The Durning Family Rocko
 Debbie & Jason Erickson..... Berkley
 Linda Fester Paisley
 Tom Fisher & Pax Tisdale..... Lido
 The Foote Family.....Scout
 Joan & Dick Freiheit..... Taesha
 The Fujishige Family..... Holly
 The Gaydos Family Fern
 Lisa Gilford Poppy
 Val & Stan Goldstein.....Java
 Judi Gomez & Miguel OlaElena
 Tamara & Sean GouldenBronson
 Faith & Ken GreenHawk
 Kelley & Bill GreeneMilo
 Jessilyn & Zachary Guajardo.....Raja
 Fiona & Greg Hahn.....Pharoah
 Dee & Steve Hamilton Emma
 Rayna Harris.....Pyxis
 The Hart Family Kenai
 Marianne & Kevin Hausner Gem
 The Hawes Family Archer
 Nancy Hawthorne Bria
 The Helgeson Family..... Blu
 Tammy & Katie HinesCayenne
 The Hochman Family Magic
 Jeannie & Judd Honadel Erebus
 Meighan Howard Cabot
 Kristen Hughes.....Kaiden
 Crystal & Jesslyn HutchisonMarquee
 The Janke Family..... Rue
 Cindy & Steve JaquayKrocket
 Kim & Montana Jelden..... Hays
 Suzanne & Mauricio Jimenez..... Mecca
 The Johnson Family Vanko
 Glyn Judson Dave
 Barbara & Elgin Keller..... Flash
 Jill & Emily Kennaman.....Paige
 Rebecca & Peter Khalil Lorelai
 Emily Knott.....Jaylee

Carol & Steve Kopman.....Maggie
 Melinda & Scott Kough..... Viva
 The Krisitas FamilySavvy
 Mary & Samantha Labnow.....Genna
 Jacque Laffoon Kali
 Cheri & Bob LaGrotta..... Dulce
 Cheri & Bob Lauterbach..... Gali
 Ann Le..... Friday
 Gail Leonard Thompson
 Lisa & Rylee Lewis..... Nile
 Michelle Lillie Nadya
 Hannah Lipow.....Anabelle
 Tina & Brian Lockwood Otto
 Susan Maddox..... Jeager
 Cathy & Morris Makshanoff Titan
 Alejandra & Elvira MaldonadoRay
 Marty Martin & Michelle SieversRyder
 Monrene Malmstrom..... Vindi
 Sheree & Tom May..... Nakita
 Pam & Dave McKenzie Augie
 Rachel & Jason McMurray..... Rogue
 Francine Metcalf..... Gidget
 Sylvia & Mike Michalski..... Latigo
 Lori Montigel Gerri
 Rebecca & David Nelson Doc
 Dawn & Jill Nelson Jason
 Rebecca Nelson..... Nick
 Monique & Gene Newman..... Ivory
 Katie & Phil Norling Hutch
 Terry & Dave NortonWilloughby
 Denise & Ken Nowack Indy
 Staci O'Connell..... Hachee
 Jonathan Ogle & Lonnie Raimond ... Nixon
 The O'Gorman Family..... Teyo
 The Oppenheim Family ... Winston, Wilbur
 Melissa & Jeff Orenstein..... Riptide
 The Ortega Family Argo
 Nancy & Keith Pacheco.....Dino
 The Paxson Family Alfie, Nelix
 Stephanie PenaPresley
 The Pennala FamilySam
 The Peterson FamilyHeath
 Katy Pinto..... Teyo
 Debbie & Al Price..... Nolan
 Liisa & Andy PrimackStanley
 The Prince FamilyZoe
 Deborah & David Prough..... Eastwood
 The Quinton FamilyIbby
 Lorry & Randy Rawding Bodie
 Karen & Butch Reyburn Trader

Jennifer & Bill RiceJudo
 Shannon & Leigh Richardson Nakama
 Amanda Ries Penny
 Ralph Romero Laker
 The Rosenthal FamilyChanel
 Jacqueline Rueda Scarlett
 Juliana RuefNickel
 Sara Ruggerone Lyric
 Stephanie & Gary Ruggerone Malachi
 Dina & Chris RyanPrima
 Jan & Mike SaltsmanNed
 Tanya Saunders Shadi
 The Schraml FamilyPele
 Janet & Hayley Schum Havana
 Sharon & Steven Segal Roxy
 Jason ShubbStorm
 Andrea & Rich Sipes Jilly
 Michelle Skidmore Raven
 Robyn & Norm Smith Haylen
 Diana & John Smitherman Emerald
 Diana & Elle Snyder Liesel
 Carol & Ed SteinNickles
 Deborah Stern Fergie
 The Stevens FamilyVan
 The Stoddard FamilyMaverick
 Brett Sudam & Jill Wardrop Tabor
 Melody & Daniel Tabor Siri
 The Thomas Family Sammy
 Kathy TraugerNike
 Carolyn & John TyreEpic
 Cindy ValanciusRalphie
 Annett & Paul Warren Kipling
 Jill & Tony Werner Akela
 The Wette FamilyFrisco
 Sylvia White Pallas
 Laura Wild Osmond
 Alane & Rich WoodsEponine
 Autum Wren Trace
 Moira & Bob WunderlichRobyn
 The Wurtz Family Pippa
 The Yang Family Duncan

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, 2012 – June 30, 2013).



Breeding Dog Families

GDA's breeding dogs contribute directly 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 and ensure future generations of guides.

Kandi Brennan Swagger
 Gino & Maggie Domico Lulu
 Sheila & Shelly Harvey Echo
 Ernie & Kate HernandezRio
 Phil & Jeri KennedyPalme
 Josh & Amy LatzerLiberty
 Craig & Donna Leidersdorf Sampson
 Brian & Tina LockwoodStryker
 Allen & Weta MathiesSolo
 Mark & Tammy New Sable
 Felica PerezPhebe
 Jessica Prisk Flynn
 Nancy RobbNessa
 Bruce & Linda Tarpey Mocha
 Cherry Teter Nikki
 Tony & Jill WernerFayme
 Brian & Tina WhitePixie

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, 2012 to June 30, 2013).

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 (4)
 Bruce R. LaPlante
 Jeffry Pracht
 Pat Siehr

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:

Richard & Daisy Carmen
 James E. & Betty Lou Cogswell
 Conrad Dratwa
 Roy E. Frazier
 Steve & Jackie Gettleman
 Allan Langdon
 Mary Ellen Likins
 Ralph Morsillo
 Mary Muth
 Martha Jane Pennington
 Margaret Siegel
 Shasta Smith
 Bernard Subkoski
 George & Helen Watkins
 Roberta Weller
 William James Whitebread

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, 2012 – June 30, 2013).



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) — Covers all expenses of a student during their 28-day 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

International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers District 26 along with Local Lodge 743

J.S. Seckel Foundation

The Sharon D. Lund Foundation

United Technologies Corporation

Student Sponsor — \$21,000

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Tennenbaum, Tennenbaum Capital Partners, LLC

Training Sponsor — \$10,000

Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Employees’ Reaching Out (LM AERO) Club, Palmdale, California

Puppy Sponsors — \$5,000

Harold Atwater.....WFP*
Cathy Bartley Guinness
Sandy Bennett.....Otto
Stephanie Colman and Friends.....WFP*
The Courage Foundation Frisco
Bernardine Daskoff Holly, Paiute, Ralphie, Titus
Fred and Linda DiBenedetto Ticklish
The Friends Foundation..... Kipling
Alice Ghostley Foundation.....WFP*
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Iacocca Family Foundation.....Lido
IAMAW District Lodge 8Princeton
Nate IsraelsonArchie, Gerri
Knisely Foundation.....Cabot, Wilbur

Adam and Sheri LawrencePismo
Los Angeles Kiwi Chapter Velo
Malibu Lions Club Latigo
Mountain Light.....Caesar
New York Deli & Bagel..... Dave
Pennsylvania State Machinists Council.....Sirus
Pleasant Valley Lions Club Spirit
Douglas M. Reid Foundation Indy
Carroll Roarty Sammy
Saddleback Delta Gamma..... Anchor
Sepulveda Building Materials.....Bodie, Duncan, Elena
Macki SingerMaggie, Wilma
Sudsy DogAugie
John and Carolyne Tyre..... Epic
Beau Ward Honon
Carl E. Wynn FoundationGidget

Student Accommodation Sponsors — \$3,000

The Sharon D. Lund Foundation

Valentine Foundation

Litter Sponsors — \$2,500

Sharon Lee Buck

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Newborn Puppy Sponsors — \$1,000

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Edward Piwowarski

Gayle Reizes

Carol George-Steward

Carl E. Wynn Foundation

All of our sponsors are presented with photos of their puppies. If you would like to become a GDA Sponsor, please call Lorri Bernson at (818) 833-6431 or email her at LMBernson@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, 2012 –June 30, 2013).

**Waiting For Puppy.*

Everyday and Easy Ways to Make a Donation to GDA

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.

Grocery Store Rewards Cards



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. Login 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



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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4th Annual Holiday Card Contest

This Year's Holiday Memories; Next Year's
GDA Holiday Card

It's not too early to start thinking about staging a
holiday-themed photo of your dog to submit for our
fourth-annual Holiday Card Contest. Say, "Puppy treats!"

Submission Guidelines:

- All photos MUST BE TAKEN IN HIGH RESOLUTION (300+ dpi) and submitted via EMAIL as an attachment by Feb. 28, 2014 to partners@guidedogsofamerica.org
- Winner will be notified on April 30, 2014 and will be posted on our website
- Please make sure that the email includes your full name, address and phone number
- All photo entries become the property of GDA
- Credit for the winning photo will be given

Congratulations Graduates

Class #379



Graduates (Puppy Raiser in parentheses): Students left to right: Mary Reifowitz & Treacle (*Barbara Blake*), Filder Auma & Leo (*Karen & Lily Brodie*), Darla Rogers & Huck (*The Hollander Family*), Erika Medina & Rosa (*The Krisilas Family*), Sadi Taylor & Tika (*Mike & Linda Loper*), Lamar Upshaw & Moxie (*The Edwards Family*), Shonna Hunter & Hunter (*The Oppenheim Family*), Nancy Boome & Wade (*Brett Suydam, Jill Wardrop & The Costa Family*), Karl Mundstock & Tucker (*Mike & Meg Tennant*)

Instructors: left to right: Bryan Young, Chris Medina, Linda Hawes, Dave Ponce

In-Home Graduates: Bill Harrison & Whitley (*The Erickson Family*), Shari Main & Legacy (*The Hoekendorf Family*)

Instructors: Steve Burkman, Linda Hawes

2013 Holiday Cards



The winning photo from the third annual Holiday Card Contest was taken by GDA puppy raiser Lynne Pennala of puppy-in-training Bentley. Outside message: "Tis the Season." Inside message: "Peace, Love and Joy to All."

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 page 3 to place your order. Questions? Call (818) 833-6429.