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

Please designate #1807 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.

“I would like you all to know how you have changed my life. I have had my guide dog for two years and in that short period of time I have accomplished so many things I might not have been able to do without him. I lived in another state for four months, I travel independently, I work full time, and live a very happy, independent, and successful life thanks to all of you!”

MELISSA BARRY, GRADUATE

**HO-HO-HO-HOLIDAY CARDS FROM GDA**

Start your Christmas shopping early by purchasing GDA’s cards. These full-color cards (5” x 7”) feature a holiday lights border, an adorable original photo, and a clever greeting on the front of the card. Price for this year’s GDA Christmas card is $20 for a pack of 15 cards with envelopes. See “Order Form” to the right for additional information.

Outside message: Merry Chris-Moose and Hoppy New Year
Inside message: Seasons Greeting

**GDA Christmas Cards ORDER FORM**

- Pack of 15 cards with envelopes $20
- Shipping & Handling: 1 pack is $4.00, 2-4 packs is $5.00, 5 or more, please call GDA at (818) 833-6429

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

Mail to: Guide Dogs of America, ATTN: Fall Order Form
13445 Glenoaks Blvd., Sylmar, CA 91342
Or use the enclosed envelope.
Throughout the year in our newsletter we often mention how it would not be possible for GDA to carry out its mission without the dedication and generosity of our many volunteers and supporters. And, as you will read in the pages of this very special issue of Partners honoring the friends of GDA, their numbers are many. In fact, we wish that we could name them all. In addition to the names listed here, we would also like to thank the numerous families, individuals, and organizations that have volunteered their time, made monetary donations, or designated GDA in charitable giving programs.

In our 3rd Annual Parade of Partners we again honor those whose commitment during the past fiscal year (July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007) has helped support GDA in many ways. 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. This edition of the newsletter is our way of expressing our deep appreciation to each and every one of you.

“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 Jay Bormann. “Every year we graduate between 40 and 50 guide dog teams at an approximate cost of $40,000 per team. We do this without any government support and at no cost to our graduates. It is an achievement of which I am both very proud and very grateful.”

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 that we hope you find informative, educational, and interesting.

When we updated the look of our newsletter last Fall, “Parade of Partners” continued on the next page.

The Kovaric Pavilion, built in loving memory of the work of Puppy Raiser Brian Kovaric, is just one example of how GDA benefits from the generosity of our extended family. The new facility was dedicated at our Open House on June 9. See the story on page 2.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEND A PAW...

This issue of the GDA newsletter is dedicated to thanking our “Partners” for their generous donations of time, energy, and resources. Without receiving government funding, it is your gifts that support and enable the fulfillment of our mission to provide loyal and loving guide dogs free-of-charge to blind and visually impaired individuals to help them live more independently.

To learn how you can become involved in our mission, please visit the “How to Help” section of the GDA homepage, www.guidedogsofamerica.org, send an e-mail to mail@guidedogsofamerica.org, or contact GDA at (818)362-5834 for more information.
CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Class #355

GRADUATES from LEFT to RIGHT (Puppy Raiser in parenthesis): Marc Alpern & Kamran (MaryEvelyn Deets), Kiyo Molkentine & Raisin (Cara Candish), Diane Bettencourt & Danica (The Muir Family), Suzanne Allee & Ciarra (Judith & Alix Billson), Tiffany Kim & Lara (Mary Watts), Lora Ray & Farisi (The Houchen Family), Gary Simmons & Tango (Kate & Chuck Lancaster)

IN-HOME GRADUATE (NOT PICTURED)
Riley Williams & Nevada (Laura & Katie Christiansen)

INSTRUCTORS standing LEFT to RIGHT:
Chuck Jordan, Dave Ponce, Patty Elizondo, Annmarie Esposito

“New Employees
Please join us in welcoming to the GDA staff:

Chuck Jordan - Director of Programs
(We are delighted to welcome Chuck as a returning employee of GDA.)

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“When I started using a guide dog for mobility, I felt confident enough to travel all across the country and in the city. I was hesitant to travel on my own at first, but once I had a helping paw I felt ready to travel the world! I love having a guide dog! Thank you!” SUSIE HALVERSON, GRADUATE

“I want you all to know that my 8-year-old guide dog has taken on another job. She now considers herself my low blood sugar warning dog. When my sugar gets low she jumps on me and runs back and forth to my husband. Amazing what these dogs pick up!” PATRICIA LA FRANCE-WOLF, GRADUATE

“I would like you to know that the puppy raiser couple who raised my guide dog did a remarkable job. They continue to work unselfishly, raising puppies and giving their time, energy, and hearts to GDA. I love and thank them both for all that they have done for me and continue to do for GDA.” JEANNIE GREEN, GRADUATE

“I would like for you to know that I appreciate all you’ve done for the school, the dogs and for me! This team is truly grateful...’cause without you, it just ain’t happening.” LIZ CONEJO DANIELS, GRADUATE

IN MEMORY

We note with sadness the passing of the following members of the GDA family:

Guide Dogs
Josie – Class #310
Kirsi – Class #313
Odyssey – Class #307
Pismo – Class #332
Vince – In-home Training

Breeder
Hannah
Rene Your Ralph’s Club Card Retail Partnership as of September 1, 2007

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that a change was made to the Ralph’s Club Card program. This change requires annual renewal of your card and GDA as your designated charity. The next one-year term begins September 1, 2007. Those of you who previously registered your card, as well as anyone wishing to participate in the program, will need to register your Ralph’s Club Card online (www.ralphs.com). From the Ralph’s home page, click on “Community Contributions,” then click “Sign Up” in the participant box and provide the requested information. We will remind you again next year when it’s time to re-register your card.

New This Year! Food 4 Less

You can also support GDA when you shop at Food 4 Less. To participate in the Food 4 Less Community Rewards program, register your Food 4 Less Rewards card online at www.food4less1.com and click on “Community Rewards;” then click “Sign Up” in the participant box and provide the requested information. This is a one-time registration and does not require annual renewal.

And, If You “Prefer” Shopping at Albertsons...

...you can register your Albertsons Preferred Savings Card (available at any local Albertsons) and designate GDA as your charity of choice. GDA will continue as your designated charity for as long as you have the card. There are two ways to register: online or by telephone. To register online: From the GDA home page (www.guidedogsofamerica.org) click on “Albertsons Community Partners,” and fill out the registration form. For registration by telephone, call GDA at (818) 833-6438. You will be asked to leave a voice message with the following information: your name, telephone number, and the 11 digit number on the back of the card, beginning with “42.” Once you register your card, every time you shop at Albertsons show your card to the cashier before the order is tendered. The amount of the purchase is automatically recorded and a percentage of the sale is credited to our fund.

If you’ve been “searching” for a new way to give to GDA, look no further than Goodsearch.com and Amazon.com. Read on to learn how easy it is to get started.

With Goodsearch.com Your Donation to GDA is Just a Click Away

By simply setting your internet search engine to Goodsearch.com, every time you search online you will be making a donation to GDA. It’s powered by Yahoo!, so you are guaranteed high-quality results. To get started, visit: www.goodsearch.com. On the home page you will be asked, “Who do you GoodSearch for?” Fill in “Guide Dogs of America” and click the “Verify” box. (The search engine will automatically fill in your information for future use following this initial set up.) Next, type in your search request and begin earning money for GDA. We hope you will use GoodSearch.com as your main search engine and share this information with your friends and family.

An Amazon-ly Easy Way to Support GDA

Amazon makes it incredibly easy to shop for yourself and others, while simultaneously contributing to GDA. Simply log on to our site (www.guidedogsofamerica.org), click on the Amazon logo, and shop away! A percentage of your purchase will automatically be donated to GDA.

EVERYDAY WAYS TO GIVE TO GDA

Our thanks to all of you who make a donation to GDA when you shop at participating grocery stores and use your club card. By registering your card (details follow) and designating GDA, a percentage of your total grocery bill is donated to the school every time you shop. Important information about renewing your commitment to GDA, as well as how to register your club card, is provided below.

TAKING A PAWS FOR THANKS.

While much of the work that goes into the making of a guide dog team takes place at the GDA campus, our work would not be possible without the many individuals and organizations that generously support the school as well as the continuous support of the IAM&AW and its dedicated members. Every donation we receive—whether it’s a payroll deduction, regular contribution, or fundraising event—helps to fund the costs associated with the day-to-day operation of the school. We are exceptionally grateful to all of you.

SPECIAL EVENTS Fundraising events from which all proceeds are donated to GDA are held throughout the year and around the country. We extend a very special thank you to all those who organized these events as well as to those who contributed to the events’ success as volunteers or participants.

JANUARY

- Shi Town Teardown – Local Lodge 701 – Chicago, IL
- Annual Spring “Fun” Car Show – Los Angeles, CA
- Local F Solidarity Bowl – Seattle, WA
- Guide Dog Golf Tournament – Cleveland, TN

MAY

- Annual Flight for Sight Fun Run and Walk – Everett, WA
- 2nd Annual Four Man Scramble Golf Tournament – York, PA
- Pennsylvania State Council of Machinists Golf Tournament

JUNE

- Iowa Hawgs for Dogs – Dubuque, Iowa
- Local 1297 – 16th Annual Ride for the Guides – Ashland, OH
- District Lodge 751 – 5th Annual Puppy Putt – Seattle, WA
- 1st Annual Guide Dog Dash – Portland, OR

JULY

- Kansas City 1st Annual Local Lodge 778 – Ride for GDA
- Local C – 16th Annual Golf Tournament – Maple Valley, WA
- Local E – 4th Annual Horseshoe Tournament – Seattle, WA
- District Lodge 160 – Run for the Dog – Tacoma, WA
- Local 63 Annual Picnic – Portland, OR

AUGUST

- GDAF Annual Golf Tournament – Calabasas, CA
- 7th Annual Minnesota Chapter John Massetti Memorial Golf Tournament
- IAM&AW District 15 Local Lodge 447
- Charles W. Foley Memorial Golf Tournament – Northborough, MA
- Connecticut, Rhode Island and West Massachusetts Chapter Annual Golf Tournament
- 23rd Annual Michael J. Day Memorial Golf Tournament – Oakland, CA
A Breed Apart

GDA’s breeding dogs directly contribute to the future of our school by continuing blood lines 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.

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, 2006 - June 30, 2007).

PUPPY SPONSORS

A Priceless Gift

Families, individuals, businesses, schools, and private organizations that have generously donated $4,000 make up our list of Puppy Sponsors. Their donations provide for the care of a dog from breeding until approximately 18 months of age. Quarterly updates from the school as well as the puppy raiser keep the sponsors apprised of their puppies’ progress.

We also would like to thank our Newborn Litter Sponsors, each of which has donated $2,500 to cover the cost of breeding, delivery, and all expenses for one litter up to seven weeks of age as well as our Newborn Puppy Sponsors, whose donation of $1,000 covers the cost of breeding and delivery for one puppy. In addition to being presented with a certificate acknowledging their donation, Newborn Litter Sponsors receive a photo of the mother and her litter and Newborn Puppy Sponsors receive a photo of their puppy. An enthusiastic wag of the puppy tail to all our Puppy Sponsors for their role in providing the resources to support our puppies on their journey toward their life’s work as guide dogs.

If you would like to become a GDA Puppy Sponsor, please call Debbie Sands at (818) 833-6433.

Please note: The names that appear on this list indicate those individuals, families, and organizations who became Puppy Sponsors during this past GDA fiscal year (July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007).

GDA PUPPY SPONSORS

Accenture .................................................... Brisco
Daughters of Penelope ............................ Ella
Steve & Jackie Gettleman .................... Harley, Blitz
IAM&W – District Lodge 8..................... Nightly
Judith A. Kaplan ................................. Nidia
Lilia Kogan ............................................ Virtue
Ron McCue ............................................. Mac
Mike’s Tree & Spray Service ............... Orlando
D. Max Reid ......................................... Truman
Run for the Dogs Assn. ....................... Alvin
Sepulveda Building Materials .......... Epcot
Hayley Sherer ..................................... MacGyver
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Shortell ................. Dallas, Brandon
Simi Boots & Slippers ....................... Rica
Square Dance Club ............................... Macki Singer
Stephen S. Wise Temple Elementary .... Phoebe
School - Class of ’06 ......................... Frank
Beau W. & Wendy J. Ward .......... Salem, Rincon
Anonymous Sponsored Puppies:
Boone, Stuart, Sawyer, Memphis, Tori, Oceana,
Rocco, Biscuit

NEWBORN PUPPY SPONSORS

R. Brooks
E. Callahan
Encino Women’s Club
Judith A. Kaplan
B. Kaufman
C. Mertens
Mr. & Mrs. M. Miller
Sepulveda Building Materials
B. Starr
World Savings

NEWBORN LITTER SPONSOR

Anonymous Donor (1)

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BREEDING DOG FAMILIES

Terry & Ray Crawford .......... Beacon
Maggie Domico ...................... Malibu
JoAnn & Brian Hulse .............. Sawyer
Nancy Joyce ............................. Tucker
Tammy & Mark New ................ Darla
Lissa Primack ....................... Mona
Wende, Tom & Alyssa Roy ...... Maci
Karen & Joe Ruiz .................... Kandy
Melanie Ruiz ......................... Winicka
Mindy & Nick Sharp ............... Roxy
Tracy & Jeff Stansfield .......... Willa
Karen & Byron Warloe .......... Molly
Leaving a Legacy of Love

When members of the Partners in Trust Society place GDA in their wills, trusts, and life insurance policies, they ensure that their support of GDA reaches beyond their lifetime. We are deeply grateful to all those who have thoughtfully named GDA in their estate plans, in any amount, and honored that they have chosen GDA to be a part of their legacy.

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, 2006 - June 30, 2007).

Anonymous (7)  
Margo Adams  
Janice Baxter  
Irene Brown Living Trust  
Diane D. Bruce  
Lynn Buckley  
Carole Horton  
Anastasia Maniskas  
Matthiessen Family Trust  
Vicki McGill  
Virginia Quintana  
John & Lin Riggs  
Eugene C. Schneider  
Karen Q. Smith  
Dr. Jonathan Wilson  
Mark and Sharon Winters  
The Buzun Trust  
Lorne DeBeau  
Jo Gilbert Living Trust  
Dolores Martin Trust  
McKnight Living Trust  
Barbara J. Mignone Estate  
Ruth H. Person Trust  
Kathy Phillips  
Mary K. Phillips  
Judith A. Schmidt  
Vera C. Seiler Trust  
Margaret Straw Living Trust  
Norma C. Strohmeier

PUPPY RAISERS

Pawsitive Praise!

Even though our puppy raisers don’t think of what they do as a job, we recognize that raising a puppy is a lot of work. It takes tremendous dedication to the program, a commitment of their time, and can be a test of patience and perseverance. Finally, puppy raisers exhibit an enormous amount of selflessness that can only be attributed to loving what they do and knowing they are making a difference. Opening their homes and their lives for a year-and-a-half to our puppies-in-training, our puppy raisers know that the dog they have been committed to and grown to love will return 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.

For information about becoming a puppy raiser, visit the GDA web site, 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 their home during this past GDA fiscal year (July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007).
Become a Member of the Partners in Trust Society

Just as blind men and women partner with GDA’s remarkable dogs for more independence and mobility, generous friends and supporters partner with GDA to help us carry out our work. Become a member of the Partners in Trust Society by naming GDA in your will or trust and receive this beautiful, crystal biscuit jar.

Please call Rhonda Bissell at (818) 833-6432 for more information.