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# SCOTT REES – SWIM THE STRAIT



With months of planning and training, Scott Rees, a client of Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind (CGDB), had come to the organization with an idea for a fundraiser. It would be a way for him to give back to CGDB, who had paired him with his guide dog, Kaleb, and a way for Scott to pay it forward for others that would be uniquely his own.

He would set himself a challenge: Scott would swim from the coast of mainland British Columbia, across the Georgia Strait, to the shores of Vancouver Island. The 30-km solo, open water swim – as challenging as crossing the English Channel – would be his way to raise awareness and funds for Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind.

“Unfortunately, the wind forecast for tomorrow is not good, so the boat crew decided we’re better off on Sunday,” came the message from Scott early in the morning on Saturday, July 22 – the target date for Swim the Strait. That weekend in July, this past summer, was the culmination of months of training, focus and sacrifice for Scott – but Mother Nature is fickle and not always cooperative. The longest swim of Scott Rees’ life would have to wait one more day.

As Scott told a reporter at the beginning of the summer, “I’ve always thought it would be nice at some point to give back and this year I decided this was my chance to do it. I’m not going to find this swim any easier as I get older,” he said at the time.

Originally, Scott’s goal was to raise \$25,000 and hopefully create some attention for the swim through social media accounts, and maybe local TV or radio. As Scott stepped onto the shore on Sunday, July 23 the following morning, he had already raised

more than \$100,000 for CGDB and Swim the Strait had been featured across national news networks, like CBC, CTV and Global. All that remained now was to complete the swim.

“It is a big undertaking. It’s nerve-wracking not wanting to mess it up on race day,” Scott was quoted as saying ahead of his swim. He was worried that circumstances might not favour him, or that he might not make it – but he was determined to finish. Scott’s goal would be to complete the marathon swim in under 12 hours.

As he entered the waters on Sunday morning, his team, in support vessels, was with him – including his friend Joost Van Woerden, who would paddle alongside Scott and give him directions through a waterproof headset to help keep Scott on course. Family, friends, and supporters would anxiously await his arrival on the other side of the Strait, including Scott’s wife, Alexandra MacCarthy, and their son, Max.

Scott would also be accompanied briefly by a special guest, four-time Paralympic swimmer Donovan Tildesley, who would swim alongside Scott for the first hour of his journey. “I think he’s given all of us a real gift, showing what can be done as a blind person,” Tildesley, who is also blind, would later say.

Throughout the swim, Joost would read quotes and well-wishes to Scott left by donors and supporters of Swim the Strait on his Canada Helps page, at [swimthestrail.ca](http://swimthestrail.ca).

“He had a great start, struggled in the middle a little bit with currents and fatigue, and then he powered through the last three hours,” Joost later recounted.

The inspiration given over the headset would help keep Scott going for the more than 11-hours it would take for him to reach the finish – but it was the cheers arising from the beach that pushed him through the final stretch. “Hearing the cheers on the beach gave me the fuel, the fire I needed for the last 200 or 300 metres,” recalled Scott after the swim.

Exceeding his goal to finish the swim in twelve hours, he emerged from the strait triumphant just after 5:00 PM on Sunday, completing Swim the Strait in just over 11 hours. After embracing a tearful Alexandra and their young son, Scott celebrated the crossing, sharing a beer brewed in his honour at a local brewery, with his friends and family – feeling, in Scott’s own words, “a bit banged up, but happy to be back on dry land.” ■



# PUPPY WALKING PROFILE – SARAH HARVEY



In January of 2020, Sarah Harvey, and her husband Martin, who is currently the New Zealand High Commissioner to Canada, were looking forward to beginning their four-year diplomatic posting in Ottawa. Martin had previously attended Lester B Pearson College, on Vancouver Island, forty years earlier, and that experience had changed his life.

The couple were both eager to live and work in Canada; both having a feeling of coming full circle in their personal and professional lives. Arriving in January that year, however, just as the initial cases of COVID-19 were being discovered in our country, would force them to alter their plans in response to the unprecedented circumstances.

“The COVID pandemic had shut down our hopes and dreams for our posting just six weeks after we had arrived, and I was forced to rethink what this time could mean for us,” Sarah recalls. “I looked at my bucket list and realized that I now had time to fulfill one of my dreams – to work with a service dog.”

The couple was fortunate to have met new friends early on in Ottawa who had, in Sarah’s opinion, a very impressive Labrador. The couple would learn from their new-found friends that the dog had been trained at Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind, before being adopted by the couple. It was this chance encounter that started Sarah thinking about volunteering with CGDB as a Puppy Walker.

Sarah would first be matched with Keller, a black female Lab from Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind, in 2020. Sarah remembers that there was little that would startle or upset the black lab. She describes her as being fearless and serene. Before Keller was returned to CGDB’s Manotick headquarters to further her training – or to attend university, as Sarah prefers to think of it – the couple would welcome their second puppy from CGDB into their home, as Puppy Walkers.

Aubrey, a female yellow Labrador Retriever, was not quite as fearless as Keller, Sarah remembers, but adored and looked up to the black Lab all the same. “Aubrey would think twice about new situations - like getting in and out of the car,” Sarah recalls. As a

puppy, she says that Aubrey had, “eyebrows and ears still too big for her head, so she would often look worried – but her waggly tail would let me know that she was actually just fine!”

In her role as a Puppy Walker, Sarah’s days begin and end with routine. “I find that the dogs enjoy knowing what I expect of them and what happens when.” She explains that she follows a consistent morning routine including feeding, playtime and exercise or work, before she starts her own day. “Once Aubrey has her jacket on, her tail wags enthusiastically,” Sarah says. “She loves the signal that she is about to go to work!”

Sarah says that her time as a Puppy Walker has been enriching, personally. “I have found it extremely rewarding to watch a puppy, who just wants to play and eat, mature into a constant companion who loves to be with me but doesn’t need my attention all the time.” ■

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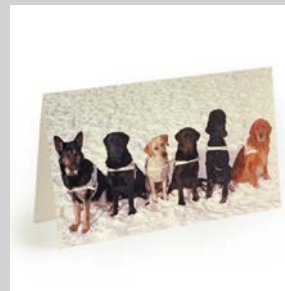
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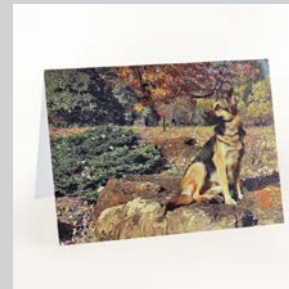
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**AGES 5 & UNDER:** No submissions

**AGES 6 - 8:** Henry, Toronto, ON, age 8

**AGES 9 - 12:** Rebecca, Nepean, ON, age 11

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### Project Give Back

Nate, a Grade 5 student at Bialik Hebrew Day School, chose Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind for his Project Give Back research project.

He made a slideshow for his class presentation which described CGDB's Mission and fundraising efforts and shared with his

classmates some of his favourite facts about guide dogs, he learned while researching our charity.

Nate tells us he chose Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind because he wanted to learn more about the blind community and for his love of dogs. He says in his letter to CGDB:

"I appreciate all the hard work that your charity does and what you guys do. With a few months of training, you've changed someone's life and I think that's amazing."

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# PUPPY WALKING AND BREEDING PROGRAM

*The following litters were born.*

Praline (CLB) bred to Holland (GRM)  
Doll (YLB) bred to Stefan (YLM)  
Topaz (YLB) bred to Leiff (BLM)

YLB – yellow Labrador, bitch

BLB – black Labrador, bitch

YLM – yellow Labrador, male

BLM – black Labrador, male

***A sincere thank you to puppy walkers whose dogs have completed the Puppy Walking Program and breeding stock boarders whose dogs have been used for breeding.***

Kristie Babiar, Pamela Barrera, Cindy Blakeney, Brent Diefenbacher, Marlene Bzdel, Heather Dionne, Terry Dupnak, Joanne Favell, Louise Frenette, Jim Garrah, Michelle Groleau, Sarah Harvey, Donna Hobson, Akshay Joshi, Carrie King, Lysa Kingstone, Andrea Liendo, Fabio Lini, Diane Lyon, Roger Martin, Ann Miller, Tim Nason, Katrin Nicholson, Eric Proulx, Susan Rebeccani, Vickie Reynolds, Shelagh Smith, Kristina Stanley, Claire Todd, Darcy Tremblay, Christine Welsh, Karen Winterstein, Iain Woolf, Tracey Wright, Bev Young, Junrong Yu ■



## OBITUARIES AND GUIDE DOG MEMORIAL TRIBUTES

### **Our People...**

**Maria de Lotbiniere-Harwood** passed away suddenly on April 11, 2023. Maria was a long-time volunteer for Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind, serving mostly as a driver for our clients to training destinations and community presentations. We will miss her dearly and offer our condolences to Maria's children, Drew and Sophie-Anne.

**Mark Raizenne** passed away on May 1, 2023, at the age of 69. Mark volunteered for nine years for Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind, boarding dogs. Mark had a great passion and love for any dog he looked after, but always had a special soft spot for Oscar. Mark was inspiring and had plenty of energy. We offer our condolences to Mark's family.

**Cathy Dunlop-Farris**, passed away peacefully on July 2nd, 2023. Cathy, who began volunteering for CGDB in 1997, was a frequent and beloved volunteer at Canadian Guide Dogs' events and will be remembered fondly by all. Our sincere condolences to her loved ones.

**Kristen Spring** passed away at home on July 26, 2023. Kristen received a number of guide dogs from CGDB over thirty years,

including her most recent guide dog, Terra. A beloved member of the community in Kingston, Kristen was an advocate for disability and accessibility rights, and equal rights for all. She will be greatly missed.

### **Our Dogs...**

**Nimbus** was a cuddly dog who loved to work and was by my side for eight years. She was my first guide dog and having her meant I could go anywhere. I will miss you my Nimbus girl.

*Submitted by Carolyn Marie*

**Cheryl**, beloved and retired guide dog to Anne Malone, passed away on July 28, 2023. Cheryl had hundreds of human friends and never forgot anyone she met. She was an ambassador and ally to the disabled and social justice communities, and she will be remembered fondly by those that loved her.

*Submitted by Anne Malone ■*

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# CANADIAN GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND EVENTS

## Past Events



### **Dining in the Dark: A Sensory Experience, at Restaurant International - March 30**

Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind would like to thank Algonquin College's Bachelor of Hospitality and Tourism Management students Mallory Coutts, Tate Eckford-Vea, Thanh Nguyen, Harpreet Kaur, Kourtney Kilgour, and Juliana King, organizers of "Dining in the Dark: A Sensory Experience," held at Restaurant International on March 30<sup>th</sup>. As their final degree project, they created the event to support and promote awareness for Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind. The event was a huge success, quickly selling out and treating guests to an unforgettable dining experience while raising funds for CGDB. ■



### **International Guide Dog Day at Morning Owl Manotick - April 26**

Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind celebrated International Guide Dog Day on Wednesday, April 26 with the staff and customers of the Morning Owl coffee shop, on Manotick Main Street. The team at Morning Owl collected donations for CGDB, as customers dropped by for a coffee and a visit with our guide-dogs-in-training. Each coffee was served in a special CGDB coffee sleeve showing support for Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind. Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind was delighted to share this special day with our friends at Morning Owl again this year! ■



### **International Guide Dog Day at Maverick's Donuts - April 26 & 29**

Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind partnered with Maverick's Donuts for International Guide Dog Day. We were on location with future guide dogs at the Barrhaven store on April 26, 2023, and three days later at the Carleton Place, Ontario store. Both locations had a special "donation donut" to recognize Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind and donated 15% from all six-packs of donuts sold during the day. Thanks to everyone who

stopped by for their gourmet donuts, and to Abbey & Jon in Barrhaven and Paul & Shannon in Carleton Place for the amazing support from Maverick's Donuts. ■



### **Real Canadian Superstore Westboro Meet & Greet and BBQ - May 20**

The staff at the Real Canadian Superstore in Westboro welcomed CGDB back this May for their summer BBQ and an opportunity to meet with shoppers and collect donations on behalf of Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind. Several of our future guide dogs were on-hand and were a huge hit with customers. We thank Justin and the staff and customers at the Real Canadian Superstore for their generosity, and we look forward to joining them again next year! ■



### **Dollars for Dogs Fundraising Dog Walk, at Andrew Haydon Park - May 28**

The 39<sup>th</sup> annual Dollars for Dogs fundraising dog walk was held at Andrew Haydon Park on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. We were fortunate to have near perfect weather for this year's edition of the walk and we were happy to see many familiar faces – and to welcome some new participants, as well! Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind would like to thank this year's top fundraisers and everyone who participated at the main walk in Ottawa and in their own neighborhoods across Canada. If you would like to host your own Dollars for Dogs Walk in your community, email us at [events@guidedogs.ca](mailto:events@guidedogs.ca). ■

# CANADIAN GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND EVENTS



## Dining in the Dark, at Chances R Restaurant - May 29

On Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> Chances R Restaurant hosted their 13<sup>th</sup> annual Dining in the Dark event. Each year, the restaurant's staff goes above and beyond hosting an inspiring fine dining experience - that they lovingly call Unseen Cuisine - featuring a specially crafted three-course meal. Their wonderful hospitality throughout the years has raised tens-of-thousands of dollars for Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind and helped us make a difference in the lives of Canadians. We thank the ownership and restaurant staff and can't wait for next year! ■



## CGDB at Manotick's Dickinson Days Parade - June 2

CGDB was happy to join with the rest of our community, in Manotick, to celebrate the village's founding during the Dickinson Days Parade. The Canadian Guide Dog float is always a crowd favourite and our volunteers and future guide dogs were greeted on each block with smiles and cheers. We thank the organizers and the Manotick BIA for inviting us to join the parade again this year. ■



## Concentrix Cheque Presentation - July 21

Concentrix, a global leader in digital customer experience, is a strong supporter of charities, both locally and nationally. In July 2023, Concentrix's location in Oshawa, Ontario selected Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind as their charity of the month, encouraging their employees to contribute by way of several fundraisers. On July 21, our puppies in the area paid a visit to meet employees during a luncheon, and our client, Jeff, visited with his guide dog Ryder to represent Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind and receive a cheque at the end of month. Our thanks to Krista Carr and the team at Concentrix for supporting Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind. ■

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## Dog Dayz of Summer at Whipsnapp Brewing Co. - July 23

The good folks at Whipsnapp Brewing Co., in Bells Corners, celebrated the release of their new beer - "Dog Dayz of Sumr" - with an amazing dog-friendly gathering at their brewery. Featuring gourmet hotdogs, local vendors and with a portion of the proceeds donated to Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind, the brewery's furry friends (and their owners) had blast on the patio! ■



## Kevin Frost Cheque Presentation - August 1

Kevin Frost, author of Deaf Blind Champion: A True Story of Hope, Inspiration, and Excellence in Sport and Life, guide dog user and 3-time World Champion Speed Skater, returned to Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind, this summer. While attending class, he presented COO Jane Thornton with an initial cheque from a percentage of the proceeds of his book's sales. CGDB would like to thank Kevin for his donation and wish him continued success in his endeavors. ■

## Shop the Street, Brockville - August 19

CGDB volunteers and future guide dogs attended Brockville's monthly Shop the Street event, as guests of the Brockville BIA. Despite a cool and wet morning, we had an enjoyable day chatting with local residents about volunteer opportunities and collecting donations for Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind, while listening to some excellent local musicians in beautiful, historic downtown Brockville. ■



## Arbor Memorial Foundation Cheque Presentation - August 28

Each year, Arbor Memorial Services, through its Arbor Memorial Foundation, encourages its employees to submit donation requests on

behalf of charities in their community. This year, David Bagnell, Funeral Director for Capital Funeral Home & Cemetery, chose Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind as his charity of choice. David visited our national headquarters in Manotick and presented C.O.O. Jane Thornton and senior Guide Dog Mobility Instructor Nadja with the cheque, on behalf of Arbor Memorial Foundation. ■



### **Pints for Pups – September 1**

After a successful summer fundraiser with our friends at The Merry Dairy, Manotick Home Hardware in Manotick Mews graciously donated use of their parking lot for Pints for Pups - a visit from The Merry Dairy's Ice Cream Truck, in support of Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind. CGDB's supporters met the truck Friday afternoon to pick up their special CGDB branded ice cream pints – the perfect way to beat the heat & support a great cause! ■

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Artists of Stonebridge – October 21-22**

Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind is delighted to have been chosen again this year as a charity of choice for the Artists of Stonebridge annual Paint the Town event, held at the Cedar Hills Golf & Country Club. Alongside the fabulous works on sale from local artists, the event will also include a silent auction and raffle to benefit the selected charities, including CGDB. ■

### **Kemptville Dollars for Dogs Fundraising Dog Walk – October 22**

Join Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind Sunday, October 22 at the Fergusson Forest Centre Arboretum for a lovely Fall stroll at the Kemptville Dollars for Dogs Fundraising Dog Walk. Registration for the event will take place in person Sunday morning from 10:00 – 11:00 AM at the Arboretum, on Honour Way, in Kemptville, Ontario. The event is open to the public and dog-friendly. For more information and to download a pledge form, visit the Events page at [guidedogs.ca](http://guidedogs.ca). ■

### **Catch the Ace – Coming Soon!**

Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind is excited to announce our participation in the forthcoming Catch the Ace Lottery hosted by the Kin Club of Russell. Ticket sales will begin in October and can be purchased in participating store locations (visit the EVENTS page at [guidedogs.ca](http://guidedogs.ca) to find stores near you) or online at [kinclubofrussell.ca/catch-the-ace](http://kinclubofrussell.ca/catch-the-ace). Remember to select Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind as your charity when participating in this lottery, as we receive a percentage of the ticket sales. Additionally, if we're one of the top 3 fundraising charities, we'll move on

to the next round of the lottery! If you experience issues purchasing tickets, please call the Catch the Ace Help Desk at 613-445-6483. Lottery No. – RAF1341100 ■

### **Purdy's Christmas Chocolate Sale**

Order your Christmas treats from Purdy's Chocolatier this November, and 25% of your order goes back to CGDB - it's an easy way to treat yourself, your family, and friends – and the best part is the prices are the same as in Purdy's stores! The deadline for orders this year is November 29<sup>th</sup> – don't miss out! To get started checking off those on your Christmas list, head to the Events page on our website. ■

### **Christmas Wine Fundraiser**

Get a jump on the Christmas festivities and order your holiday wine early from Henry of Pelham Estates – all while showing your support for Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind. This year's promo code will be available at [guidedogs.ca](http://guidedogs.ca) beginning this October – check the Events page for more details. ■

### **WestJet Gift of Flight Raffle**

The WestJet Gift of Flight raffle is back for 2023! Win a round-trip ticket for two passengers to anywhere that WestJet flies. Tickets are \$20 each and only 1060 will be sold. Get your tickets today by heading to the Events page at [guidedogs.ca](http://guidedogs.ca), or by calling 613-692-7777. ■

### **Holiday Gift Wrapping Stations – Bayshore & Place D'Orleans Shopping Centres**

We are hoping to be back at Bayshore and Place D'Orleans for gift wrapping again this year. In the coming months as Christmas approaches, please visit the Events section of our website for more details and possible volunteering opportunities at the gift wrapping booths. ■

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