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CLIENT PROFILE – OWEN PARKER



"I was in the printing trade my whole life until I retired at 54 because of my vision loss," Owen Parker tells us. In his working life, Owen worked for a printing press; printing newspapers, flyers and ads for businesses, eventually rising to the level of Head Pressman and then Foreman.

Owen continued to work for a time following his diagnosis with Retinitis Pigmentosa, until his condition worsened. After being diagnosed, Owen decided that he wanted to get involved with volunteering for organizations that assist visually impaired Canadians. He would go on to volunteer as a peer group facilitator, and public speaker. At one point, after retiring, he volunteered as many as 35 hours a week.

The peer groups provided him with the opportunity to interact with others who were living with vision loss. Owen says he made a lot of friends and really enjoyed interacting with others in the groups. "My biggest interest was doing volunteer work," he says. "I enjoyed that very much." Looking back, he says that the peer groups had a major influence on him. "I learned a lot about other people's vision loss and how to adapt."

Eventually, Owen would lead his own peer groups as a facilitator. He says that in addition to providing a welcoming space for individuals with vision loss to connect and share their experiences,

he would arrange to bring in Mobility Instructors and Individual Living Specialists for his groups. Owen says that he recognized at the time that you couldn't help everyone, but he believed that, "in every group I had, there would be one or two people who I could help - that I could make a difference in their lives." And for Owen that made it all worthwhile.

Having also joined an ambassador program, he soon found he had a knack for public speaking, eventually giving community presentations for as many as 1000 people. He says that he had always been nervous about speaking in front of others. "I never thought that I would enjoy speaking in front of a crowd, but I found it easy to speak to others about my own experiences," Owen says.

Later, he would take over running the ambassador program. Drawing on his professional experience as a Foreman, he assumed the role of organizer; scheduling volunteers for presentations and arranging for their transportation.

After his career had come to an end, Owen recognized that his vision would continue to worsen, and he would need to be prepared. "When it was suggested to me to consider using a guide dog, my daughter and I went on Google to check out guide dog schools. Canadian Guide Dogs for The Blind was the first one we saw."

Owen chose Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind and has been using CGDB guide dogs since 2007. "Canadian Guide Dogs has provided me with excellent guide dogs, training, and support," Owen says. Having just recently completed training again at CGDB, he adds, "The new facilities are beyond expectations. I would never consider a different guide dog school."

When asked what advice he would have for new guide dog users, Owen says to, "Stay confident and positive! Even an experienced guide dog user can have bad days. Trust the trainer and learn to trust the dog. The most important thing is to learn how to help the dog help you."

Now with his current guide dog, Donny, he says that they are both doing very well. "Donny has fun with his free runs in the back yard. He loves watching TV with me too!"

Owen moved to Deep River with his wife in 2021, to be closer to their daughter. He says that Deep River is a small, quiet little town and that suits him just fine at this stage of life. Owen and Donny spend their time walking around town or relaxing at home. They go downtown 3-4 days a week to shop, visit the post office, the bank or the drug store. Sometimes they just take short walks around their neighborhood. Though he liked living in busier towns, Owen found that the hustle & bustle was getting to be too much at times. "Having everything I need within walking distance in a small town has made my life much easier".

Choosing to train with Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind has been a major part of his improved quality of life, as well. "Having a guide dog has been the best decision I have ever made. It gives me the ability to be very independent, to go out and do things on my own without having to find someone to do it for me," Owen says. "Having a guide dog to keep me safe while walking without a doubt made my life so much better. I could not imagine living without a guide dog ever." ■

PUPPY WALKING PROFILE – ANDREA LIENDO



Andrea Liendo, a retired teacher whose life has been enriched by her love for animals and a passion for helping others, has volunteered as a Puppy Walker with Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind for the past two-and-a-half years. With a background that includes owning both dogs and horses, Andrea has always been deeply connected to the animal world.

Currently, Andrea is a volunteer puppy walker for Max, a 17-month-old Labrador/Golden Retriever cross. "Max is extremely smart, eager to learn, and a total clown," she says. Andrea enjoys their daily outings and the bond they share.

Andrea's journey with CGDB began through a friend who groomed dogs. The groomer and their family had volunteered for the program in the past, and Andrea had met and interacted with the puppies in their care.

Her interest in the program was further piqued by several earlier experiences she had throughout her life.

"I had a friend that I rode horses with who was blind. She loved to jump her horse, and we would count down the strides out loud before she jumped," Andrea recalls. "My friend also had a guide dog, and it was amazing to watch them work as a team."

In the 1980's, Andrea also taught blind-deaf skiers, through a program called Ski Hawks. She was again impressed by her student's guide dogs, and it was then that she first became interested in the possibility of helping to raise future guide dogs.

"The students in the Ski Hawks program spoke about how their guide dogs had changed their lives. Becoming a part of an organization that provided such a deep transformation in people's lives really interested me," she remembers.

Witnessing the profound impact guide dogs had on these individuals' lives inspired Andrea to get involved. Her commitment to helping others was also influenced by events in her personal life. Both her mother and aunt went blind later in life, and the assistance they received further motivated Andrea to give back. "I realized that by volunteering as a Puppy Walker I could help out and give back in some small way, while getting to work with animals that I also loved – dogs!"

As a Puppy Walker, she finds joy in watching Max learn new skills and adapt to new environments. At home, she says, the games they play together showcase Max's impressive abilities and bring endless amusement. "We play hide and seek with his toys, and I am constantly impressed with his ability to find the toys anywhere I hide them!"

Andrea emphasizes the importance of understanding the time commitment required for raising a puppy and the immense rewards it brings. She recommends that new volunteers should never hesitate to seek help and to understand that they are never alone in this journey. Everyday as a Puppy Walker presents new challenges.

"One of the funniest days I had as a Puppy Walker was with my former puppy, Nitro," Andrea recalls. "After working on a Zoom call, I could not find Nitro anywhere in the house. I don't live in a big space, and no one had opened the door or gone outside. I simply could not figure out where he went." It was then that Andrea felt a slight tinge of panic set in.

"I called for him and could hear him scrambling on the floor in the bedroom," she says. "Finally, I realized he had crawled way underneath the bed to get a toy, had fallen asleep and was now stuck! I reached in and managed to pull out a very dusty puppy, who was simply happy to see me and no worse for wear," she laughs.

The relationships formed, the joy and laughter shared, and the delight of experiencing new things together, make the effort of helping raise future guide dogs all worthwhile for Andrea.

Through her passion for helping those with visual impairments and her love for animals, Andrea Liendo exemplifies the dedication and willingness to give back that CGDB's volunteer Puppy Walkers possess.

The impact of their efforts on the lives of those who rely on guide dogs is profound, and Andrea's story is a testament to the transformative power of these incredible animals and the people who help Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind raise them. ■



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(package of 10 cards with envelopes, Inscription reads: Season's Greetings/ Meilleur voeux)

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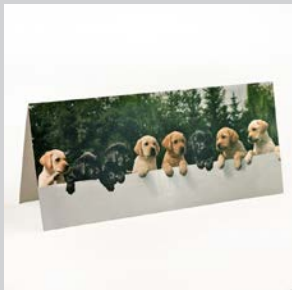
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Assorted Christmas Cards

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Notelet 8 Puppies

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KIDS CORNER

Children 12 and younger can print our colouring contest sheet from our website at www.guidedogs.ca. Send us your colouring page for the chance to win a terrific prize! Prizes are awarded every three months.

Congratulations to our latest winners:

AGES 6 – 8: Melania M., Ottawa, Ontario – Age 7

AGES 5 & UNDER: Elisa A., Ottawa, ON, age 4

HINT: We award extra points for correctly including a white guide dog harness! ■



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PUPPY WALKING AND BREEDING PROGRAM

The following litters were born.

Doll (YLB) bred to Nitro (CLM)
Topaz (YLB) bred to Odin (YLM)
Dottie (YLB) bred to Tom (BLM)

YLB – Yellow Labrador, bitch

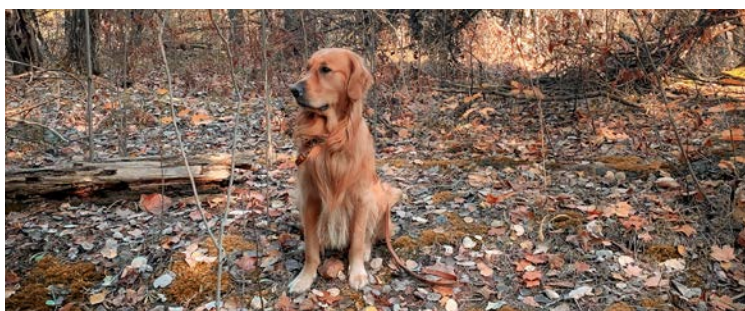
YLM - Yellow Labrador, male

CLM – Chocolate 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.

Rosemary Caza, Karen Frans, Bruce Gernon, David Humby, Nathalie Lachance, Diane Lyon, Judith MacDougall, Heather McKenzie, Jacqueline Palmer, Denis Poirier, Denis Roy, Debra Smith, Dina Tarasevich, Karen Winterstein, Kathleen Young ■



OBITUARIES AND GUIDE DOG MEMORIAL TRIBUTES

Our People...

It is with great sadness that the family of James Stainton share that his death occurred on May 2nd, because of medical complications. James was a man with many diverse talents and had many successes in life and touched many people. He was proud of being awarded the Alberta Centennial Medal in the year 2005, and was congratulated by Queen Elizabeth, who stopped her procession to talk to him and admire his guide dog. James will be greatly missed by his friends and family.

Our Dogs...

We mourn the loss of our beloved Orlando on March 18, 2024. Born October 19, 2009, Lando retired from service and came to our home in 2020. With his sweet, cheerful disposition, fun-loving energy and strong sense of duty, he enhanced our retirement every day. We miss him terribly. A buddy like no other, Lando, we will cherish great memories of you until we meet again.

Submitted by G & S Hagar ■

Only submitted tributes are published. Please limit to 25 words.

Submissions may be sent to Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind, 4120 Rideau Valley Drive North, PO Box 280, Manotick, ON, K4M 1A3; or by email to info@guidedogs.ca.

FUNDRAISING LOTTERY SUPPORTING CGDB – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CATCH THE ACE

Catch the Ace is a progressive lottery – meaning that the weekly prize and the Jackpot grow every single week that the game is played. Each week tickets are sold – at our partnered retail locations and online - for \$10.00 each, tax included*.

For each ticket sold at our retail locations or online, CGDB earns a donation. A full list of our locations is available on our website along with links to purchase your tickets online, if you prefer.

To support Canadian Guide Dogs, you must purchase the tickets from one of our retailers OR select Canadian Guide Dogs from the drop-down menu (pictured below) when purchasing online at the Kin Club of Russell website.

I would like the Kin Club to donate their portion of the lottery proceeds to the following charity *

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- Canadian Guide Dogs For The Blind**
- The Good Neighbour's Food Bank (Russell Township)
- Kin Club of Russell's Storage Centre for Local Service Clubs and Charities
- Fondation Valoris Foundation (Youth Wellness and Leadership)
- WDMH Foundation (Winchester District Memorial Hospital and Dundas Manor Long-Term Care Home)
- Youth Sporting Equipment (Russell Township)

Every week, there is a prize draw on Sundays at 3:15 PM. The ticket(s) you have purchased are only good for that week's draw. In order to be eligible to win the weekly draw, you must purchase a ticket every week!

How The Lottery Works:

At the start of the lottery licence, the game began with a standard deck of 52 playing cards, which were placed individually into 52 envelopes. The envelopes were sealed, shuffled, and then numbered from 1 – 52. The envelopes were then placed into a locked case.

Each week, the tickets go on sale following the draw Sunday afternoon and are available for purchase until the following Sunday morning – online sales finish at midnight on Saturday, however.

Only one ticket is drawn on Sunday afternoon each week, and the owner of that ticket wins the weekly prize!

The numbered envelope, which was written on that winning ticket, is then opened. If the envelope chosen by the weekly winner contains the Ace of Spades, that individual wins the overall jackpot – on top of the guaranteed weekly prize - and the game/lottery is then finished.

If the Ace of Spades is not in the selected envelope, the playing card that is inside that envelope is destroyed. That envelope number is then removed from the game, thereby reducing the number of envelopes left to choose from by one.

The overall jackpot grows each week that the Ace of Spades is not found. As the game progresses, the jackpot grows faster and the odds of the weekly winner winning the overall jackpot increases, as the available envelopes are reduced!

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Established in 1984, Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind (CGDB) has been dedicated to providing guide dogs that offer freedom and independence to those in need for 40 years. Much of CGDB's success throughout the years has been due to the selfless contributions of our many volunteers in communities like yours. Today, CGDB is reaching out to compassionate individuals across the nation to join our cause and make a significant difference in the lives of our fellow Canadians.

The Puppy Walking program is one of the most vital volunteer roles at CGDB. It involves local families in Eastern Ontario opening their homes and hearts to our young puppies, providing them with a nurturing environment, and introducing them to the world. Canadian Guide Dog's volunteers play a crucial role in the puppies' early development, helping them grow into well-behaved, sociable, and obedient future guide dogs.

The experience is not only rewarding, but also critical for the puppies who will go on to lead a life of service.

Nationwide, our Guider Donation Dog program is seeking volunteers, as well. This unique initiative has placed donation dogs in local businesses to collect funds for CGDB for well over 30 years. CGDB's volunteers are responsible for the placement and maintenance of these donation dogs, ensuring that every community's spirit of giving continues to support the organization's invaluable work.

In addition to these programs, Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind requires volunteers in the Ottawa area to assist with various events, driving duties, and errands. These tasks may seem small, but they are integral to the smooth operation of the organization. Whether it's helping with fundraising events or running essential errands, every action taken by our volunteers helps CGDB provide greater freedom and mobility to Canadians through the use of professionally trained guide dogs.

Volunteering with CGDB is not just about the time or effort one gives; it's about the impact one makes. It's an opportunity to build skills, give back to the community, and to realize the difference that one person can make. CGDB values its volunteers immensely, recognizing that their dedication and generosity are the foundation upon which the organization stands.

For those interested in volunteering, CGDB has made the application process straightforward. Prospective volunteers can complete an application and submit it via email, mail, or in person at the National Training Centre. For more information, please visit us at www.guidedogs.ca. ■

CANADIAN GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND EVENTS

Past Events



International Guide Dog Day – April 24-27

In celebration of International Guide Dog Day, Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind once again teamed up with our good friends at Morning Owl Manotick and Maverick's Donuts locations in Barrhaven, Stittsville and Carleton Place.

Maverick's Donuts created a special CGDB-themed donut, sold at each location, with 100% of the proceeds going to Canadian Guide Dogs, from Wednesday to Saturday. And all-day Wednesday, Morning Owl Manotick collected donations on behalf of CGDB, and celebrated International Guide Dog Day with special CGDB branded coffee sleeves.

Our staff and guide dogs in-training were on hand at Maverick's and Morning Owl throughout the week, to meet with the public and talk about our organization. Many thanks to the owners and staff at Maverick's Donuts and Morning Owl Manotick for helping us raise funds and awareness on International Guide Dog Day again this year!



Ottawa Kennel Club Dog Show – May 24-26

Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind was the charity of choice for the Ottawa Kennel Club's Dog Show, held at the Richmond Fairgrounds. CGDB volunteers were on hand collecting donations and helping with the fairground gates. It was a successful weekend and CGDB was happy to team up with the Ottawa Kennel Club for the event.



40th Anniversary Dollars for Dogs Walk – May 26

The 40th Anniversary of our Dollars for Dogs Fundraising Dog Walk, held every year at Andrew Haydon Park in Nepean, was a great success! We were so pleased to welcome so many of our volunteers, clients, and supporters – and their furry friends of all shapes and sizes – to the park for our annual 4-km walk. Thank you to all who attended, helping make this edition of the annual walk the most successful since the pandemic.



Dickinson Days – May 31–June 1

CGDB and our friends at Morning Owl Manotick welcomed The Merry Dairy to the village to help us celebrate Dickinson Days with our local community. The weather Friday evening was beautiful – and the patio at Morning Owl was the perfect spot to watch our volunteers and float in the annual parade, with a cool treat from the team from Merry Dairy. We had an amazing weekend at Morning Owl celebrating with our friends & neighbours! And congratulations to Sarah Gallant, who won the gift basket from Morning Owl & CGDB.

Tractor Jam – June 16

CGDB was honoured to be selected as a charity of choice for Stanley's Olde Maple Lane Farm's 3rd Annual Tractor Jam. Our volunteers and future guide dogs were on-hand to witness the roar of the powerful engines and raise money for CGDB. The day at the picturesque family farm was packed with non-stop fun, excitement, and entertainment, including vendors, live music – and of course, the annual tractor pull!



RCSS Westboro Community BBQ – July 6

We were so happy to once again partner with the staff at the Real Canadian Superstore in Westboro for a community BBQ. This year's event

was the most successful yet! Our volunteers and future guide dogs had a wonderful afternoon mingling with the residents of the local community, while sharing delicious burgers prepared hot and fresh by the store's staff. We are grateful for the support of our friends at RCSS Westboro and hope that we can join them again soon!

CGDB Guided Tours – August 14

Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind opened its doors and welcomed members of the public in for guided tours on Wednesday, August 14th. This occasion marked the first time since the beginning of the pandemic that the public was able to join us at the National Training Centre to see our facilities and learn about our organization firsthand. Our friends at The Merry Dairy were also on site with their ice cream truck providing some well needed summer treats in the afternoon.

Missed your chance to come and visit? Keep checking our events page at guidedogs.ca for future opportunities to join us for a tour.



Catch The Ace is Won! – August 18

Lucky number 13! The Ace of Spades was finally caught by Lyle Beckstead, who selected envelope 13 in the weekly draw, taking home a whopping \$907,000 in total prize winnings! CGDB would like to thank the Kin Club of Russell, the partnered charities, our retailers, and our wonderful volunteers that helped make it all possible.

And don't fret – you may have missed the Ace this round but keep an eye out for the launch of Catch the Ace 7 this Fall! More information and dates will be made available on our website, at www.guidedogs.ca. Good luck! ■

Upcoming Events

Catch the Ace

Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind is excited to once again participate in the forthcoming Catch the Ace Lottery hosted by the Kin Club of Russell. Ticket sales will begin in the coming months and can be purchased in

participating store locations (visit the EVENTS page at guidedogs.ca to find stores near you and to see when ticket sales go live) or online at kinclubof-russell.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. If you experience issues purchasing tickets, please call the Catch the Ace Help Desk at 613-445-6483. Lottery No. – RAF1405978

Purdy's Christmas Chocolate Sale

Order your Christmas treats from Purdy's Chocolatier this year and support CGDB at the same time! With 25% of your purchase going directly back to our cause, it's a simple way to indulge yourself, your family, and friends. Plus, you'll enjoy the same great prices as in Purdy's stores! To start crossing names off your holiday list, visit the Events page on our website and place your order!

Holiday Gift Wrapping

We are hoping to be back at Bayshore Shopping Centre 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.

Christmas Wine Fundraiser

Kick off the holiday season by ordering your wine early from Henry of Pelham Estates, while also supporting Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind. Starting soon, you can find this year's promo code on our website at guidedogs.ca. Visit the Events page for full details! ■

HEAD TO GUIDEDOGS.CA AND CLICK ON THE EVENTS TAB FOR MORE INFO. ■

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