



2023 Impact Report

Established in 1989, our organization has been a beacon of empowerment for 35 years, dedicated to enhancing freedom, mobility, and independence for Texans with blindness or low vision through the provision of guide dogs. As we reflect on our enduring journey, the longevity of our service stands as a testament to the impactful strides we've made in fulfilling our mission.



Snapshot



Dogs through
Advanced
Training



Guide Dog Teams

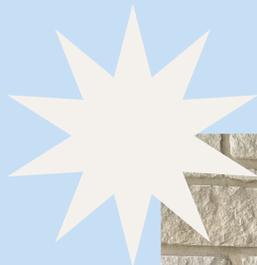


Annual Continuing
Education and
Support (ACES) Visits

A message from our CEO

Guide Dogs of Texas has significantly grown in 2023, welcoming new leadership and key team members. Our focus on refining client services, evident in the streamlined application process, ensures more efficient assistance for those we serve. Graduating four new Guide Dog teams, despite budget constraints, highlights our commitment to high-quality training and the profound impact these partnerships have on our clients' lives and mobility.

Attaining our 5-year accreditation from the International Guide Dog Federation reflects our unwavering dedication to maintaining the highest standards in our field. This success wouldn't be possible without the generosity of our donors and partners. With immense gratitude to our Board, staff, and volunteers, 2024 promises to be a landmark year for Guide Dogs of Texas, thanks to your unwavering support!



“When people see a cane, they get out of your way; they move around and don’t talk to you. Now that I have Price, everybody wants to come up to talk to me. It also brings **a new level of freedom that I didn’t have** with a cane – that I can explore and do things on my own a little more independently.”

David, client

David and Price

Puppy Raising

The Puppy Raising Program plays a crucial role in strengthening the pipeline of potentially successful guide dogs. Central to this initiative is the expansion of our puppy pool. Strategic hiring not only ensured a profound understanding of the end goal but also facilitated focused efforts on puppy instruction, markedly boosting our success rate and strengthening the channel of future guide dogs.



Puppies Raised



Puppy Raising
Classes



Puppy Raising Visits



We couldn't have accomplished so much this year without your generous support.



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