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The mission of BC & Alberta Guide Dogs is to meet the demand for professionally trained Guide Dogs and Autism Support Dogs for citizens of British Columbia and Alberta, at all times meeting or exceeding international standards as established by the International Guide Dog Federation and Assistance Dogs International.

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On the cover: Puppies Nellie (left) and Pearson, born May 9, 2017



THANK YOU FROM OUR PATRONS

Golly gee willikers! I can't tell you how much Leah and I have enjoyed our relationship with BC & Alberta Guide Dogs these past 21 years.

As patrons of the organization, we've had the pleasure of watching this organization grow, both in size and in scope, thanks to the incredible support of donors and volunteers like you, dear reader.

We're excited about the impending amalgamation with Vancouver Island Compassion Dogs, and the introduction of PTSD Service Dog training to the existing programs.

For Leah and I, though, the highlights are getting to hear first-hand stories about how these amazing Guide Dogs, Autism Support Dogs, and most recently, PTSD Service Dogs are changing the lives of their partners and their families on a daily basis.

Thank you for all you continue to do supporting BC & Alberta Guide Dogs.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PATRONS



Leah & Howie Meeker, CM at the 2018 London Drugs Golf for Guide Dogs.

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Your generosity helps provide Guide Dogs to blind/visually-impaired individuals, Autism Support Dogs to children with profound autism and PTSD Service Dogs for Veterans living with PTSD.

We are grateful to the individuals and businesses that choose to support us throughout the year.



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MAKING A VISIBLE DIFFERENCE TODAY

Nolan & Autism Support Dog Stella

Stella joined our family after a long and difficult school year. Our son, Nolan, really struggled without the support of his retired Autism Support Dog, Kieran, now our family pet.

It came as a bit of a surprise to us actually. *With years of Kieran's faithful support, Nolan's bolting behaviour had become non-existent.* After our initial confusion, we started to take note of the other, perhaps less noticeable, benefits our Autism Support Dog provided beyond the obvious safety and companionship.

When Nolan and Stella walk together, people often smile and give space for them to pass. *Nolan is less anxious around transitions - he knows Stella is his "home-base" and, when he's with her, things sort themselves out.* Instead of being a passive participant during walks, Nolan is talked through each intersection and direction change because he and Stella walk together as a team. She *provides that extra assurance* that gives Nolan confidence to enter any situation.

Now that Nolan and his brother are older, it has been wonderful to see them both take more responsibility for Stella's care. She involves herself in every game of tag, so they created their own special command. Stella waits patiently to hear "Caw caw," then it's off like a rocket because she knows it's time to get her boys and the giggles and hilarity ensue.

We are thankful for the joy Stella has brought into our home and grateful for

the life-changing support from BC & Alberta Guide Dogs. *Thank you to all the wonderful people who give their time, love and support into raising and training these incredible dogs.*



- Nolan's Family

Crystal & Guide Dog Wendy



My name is Crystal Boyde and Wendy is my second guide dog. Wendy and I were trained by Nick and Guide Dog Apprentice Instructors Jerry and Erica. We had all sorts of weather we had to endure during training.

Wendy accepted my entire household - my husband, daughter, first guide dog and my daughter's two dogs. *We have accepted Wendy whole heartedly and very much love everything about her.*

Wendy and I have been a team for a short while but we have bonded very well. She is very attentive when we are working in the public. Even when we go away for the weekend to our farm, *she never strays away from me - always keeping a watchful eye.*

She loves to play with her stuffed giraffe and will always bring it over to someone new in the house or wants us to play "keep away" with her.

Wendy is smaller than my first guide dog and I get asked if she is just learning to be a guide dog. I let everyone know that she is two years old.

Wendy is a huge hit at my gym and *has stolen the hearts of my extended family, friends and she is loved by all.* I look forward to working with Wendy until she retires.

- Crystal



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS 2017/2018

British Columbia Guide Dog Services

Financial Highlights

As at June 30, 2018

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Results for the year:					
Revenues	1,639,902	1,645,888	1,457,554	1,564,960	1,174,929
Fundraising activities expenses	276,538	267,190	315,538	236,511	217,104
Training/client services expenses	1,218,433	1,171,519	1,016,794	999,205	934,613
Administrative expenses	234,334	190,421	238,610	190,244	171,161
Total expenses	1,729,305	1,629,130	1,570,942	1,425,960	1,322,879
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	(89,403)	16,758	(113,388)	139,000	(147,950)
Transfer to capital fund	152	2,357	-	118,609	-
Transfers to (from) endowment funds	2,500	(7,974)	7,500	-	(26,000)
Year end:					
Operating/gaming fund cash/investments net of bank indebtedness	116,262	(68,763)	36,855	166,185	51,803
Endowment fund and internally restricted fund investments	88,771	69,271	74,745	74,745	185,919
V. Adams fund cash/investments	1,228,386	1,282,790	1,302,197	1,357,026	1,373,759
Fisher fund investments	98,228	98,228	98,228	98,228	98,228
Capital assets at cost	1,470,789	1,458,385	1,441,282	1,453,755	1,421,014
Bequests receivable	-	247,000	60,031	-	658,504
Total assets	2,783,582	3,041,962	2,920,855	2,942,223	3,349,822
Accounts payable and payroll liabilities	70,581	102,244	75,963	70,256	56,639
Mortgage/loan payable	-	-	-	-	141,949
Deferred contributions	1,474,346	1,482,435	1,530,704	1,550,424	2,061,172
Net assets	1,175,787	1,248,190	1,228,932	1,321,543	1,232,011

A complete set of financial statements audited by Crowe MacKay LLP is available upon request.



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