# Exceptional Dogs for Exceptional People®



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### Who is Canine Companions?

Canine Companions enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing expertly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships – free of charge.



#### **Our Core Values**

# Teamwork **Compassionate Service** Integrity **Community Excellence** Innovation

#### Who we serve

- We serve adults, children, veterans and professionals
- We don't serve types of dogs
- Our program serves more than 65 different kinds of disabilities

#### Percent of Graduates Served



#### Where we Serve

- Canine Companions serves all 50 states as well as parts of Canada.
- We have 6 locations around the country
  - Santa Rosa, CA
  - Oceanside, CA
  - Irving, TX
  - New Albany, OH
  - Medford, NY
  - Orlando, FL



### **The North Central Region**



- Established in 1987
- Training Center located in Delaware, OH. Currently building a new state-of-the-art campus in New Albany Ohio slated to open end of 2020.



# What makes a Canine Companions Assistance Dog

Help is a four-legged word<sup>™</sup>

#### Specially Bred

Each Canine Companions puppy is specially bred at our headquarters in Santa Rosa, CA to love and succeed at being an assistance dog.

We breed Labs, Goldens and Crosses of the two.



### Lovingly Raised

At eight weeks of age, each special puppy is taken into the loving home of a volunteer puppy raiser for the next 18 months where they begin their training and work on socialization.



### Professionally Trained

Each Canine Companions assistance dog goes through 6 – 9 months of professional training where they master over 40 commands.



### Forever Changing Lives

Canine Companions assistance dogs aren't just the ears, hands and legs of their human partners, they are a best friend. They open up new opportunities, new possibilities and spread incredible joy. These partnerships lead to greater independence and confidence.



## Canine Companions Assistance Dogs

Give a Dog a Job<sup>®</sup>

#### Service Dogs

"I have an increased sense of security now that I have Haven. Before I got her I would often get this sinking feeling in my stomach when I dropped something. With her by my side, I know if I drop an important item she will retrieve them for me quickly and efficiently. She is my Haven both figuratively and literally."

Janie, Service Dog Recipient



#### Hearing Dogs

"The truth is, I couldn't do my job without the help of my dog."

Kathy, Hearing Dog Recipient



#### Skilled Companion

"Living with a disability can feel isolating and highlights differences, but Elmer normalized that for Gavin,"

Amanda, Gavin's Mom



#### Facility Dogs

"The response from our patients has been almost magical to see just how well they've taken to her. Luna adds a depth to our care we can't otherwise provide on a physical or emotional level it's a sixth dimension of care." *Lisa, The Mayo Clinic* 



#### **Veterans Program**

"To train dogs like Debra to be partners for guys like me is life changing. She will forever make a difference in my life."

Josh, US Army Veteran



## Questions? Thank You!