

FUNDING APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

Legal Name: Canine Companions for Independence - South Central Region		Federal Tax ID#: 94-2494324		Are you a 501(3)(c) charity? Yes	
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Has the organization applied to the Gordon Hartman Family Foundation in the past and been declined?

No

Grant Amount Requested \$:	Total Project Budget \$:	Organization's Annual budget \$:
\$25,000	\$50,000	\$2,026,687

Mission Statement:

Founded in 1975, Canine Companions for Independence(R) is a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Program / Project Title:

Support to place an assistance dog with a child with a disability

Program / Project Description:

Canine Companions for Independence provides expertly trained assistance dogs to individuals with disabilities completely free of charge. Canine Companions assistance dogs learn 40 commands to enhance independence for people with disabilities including opening doors, retrieving dropped items, alerting to sounds in the environment and pulling manual wheelchairs. We place assistance dogs in 5 categories, Service - adults with disabilities; Skilled Companion - children with disabilities and adults with cognitive disabilities; Facility - support professionals working in hospitals or the criminal justice system; Service dog for veterans - veterans diagnosed with service-connected PTSD and Hearing - adults who are deaf or hard of hearing. Among those served by Canine Companions are service members, veterans, first responders, children (age 5 and up) and adults with a wide range of physical, cognitive and developmental disabilities including spina bifida, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, deafness, autism, and brain and spinal cord injuries.

US Census data reports 2,290,675 people in Texas have a disability. Canine Companions assistance dogs help people with disabilities assist with daily tasks and increase independence by reducing reliance on other people. Canine Companions assistance dogs are trained to assist children and adults with a range of physical and developmental disabilities that leads to greater independence and confidence. The dogs at Canine Companions are trained to perform a variety of tasks like opening doors, turning on lights, and picking up objects.

Within the rapidly growing assistance dog industry, Canine Companions is the gold standard. Canine Companions is a founding member of Assistance Dog International (ADI), a coalition of nonprofit assistance dog organizations dedicated to maintaining the highest standards among assistance dog providers. We were the first organization to be accredited by ADI in 2002.

Canine Companions continues to be on the forefront of innovations in the assistance dog industry. We participate in a number of scientific studies with various institutions. The fields of canine cognition and canine genetics are growing rapidly, and we are a sought-after research partner for the following institutions and companies, including: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; Dog Star Technologies; Dognition, Inc.; Denver Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Duke University; Georgia Institute of Technology; Mars Pet Care-Waltham Centre for Pet Nutrition; Mars Veterinary; Sentinel Biomedical; University of Arizona; University of California, Davis; University of Missouri; University of Pennsylvania; and Whistle Labs, Inc.

Canine Companions affiliated with Baylor Scott & White Health, the largest healthcare system in Texas to bring a premier service dog training center to exclusively serve the state of Texas in 2015. We opened the new Canine Companions for Independence at Baylor Scott & White Health - Kinkeade Campus. The Kinkeade Campus is used to train assistance dogs for placement, free of charge, for people with a broad range of disabilities. Each human/canine team is a \$50,000 investment and is funded through a combination of individual, corporate, and foundation support. The Kinkeade Campus places about 40 assistance dogs per year; close to 10 assistance dogs with children with disabilities or with facilities that serve children. Charitable support allows Canine Companions for Independence to serve these individuals with disabilities by raising awareness of the benefits our assistance dogs can provide and increasing applications from families of children with disabilities, veterans with disabilities, active service members and professionals who serve them in various rehabilitation, therapeutic and other care environments throughout the State of Texas.

Canine Companions - South Central Region respectfully requests \$25,000 in support of the skilled companion program that places assistance dogs with children with disabilities or facilities that serve children in the San Antonio area.

Canine Companions has over 40 years of experience placing assistance dogs with people with disabilities. In the past 5 years The Kinkeade campus has supported 170 active teams including 5 teams in the San Antonio area. This successful program is built on a research-based program. The evaluation of our assistance dogs' overall health and temperaments relies on data gathered from a variety of sources, including: monthly reports from volunteer puppy raisers, training staff records on dogs in professional training; staff evaluations conducted at in-person follow-ups; and annual veterinary reports provided by graduates. Canine Companions has developed an extensive screening and training process for both future assistance dogs and future assistance dog handlers in all categories. We have found that these processes are critical to our graduates' long-term success. When all requirements have been met, applicants will be placed on our waitlist. Canine Companions breeds Labrador Retrievers, Golden Retrievers and a cross of the two to be assistance dogs. The breeding department, based in the Canine Early Development Center (CEDC) at our national headquarters in Santa Rosa, meticulously selects and pairs our dogs for breeding based on each dog's temperament, trainability, health and history. Puppies are born either in the home of the dam's volunteer breeder caretaker or at the CEDC. At eight weeks old, each puppy begins living in the home of a volunteer puppy raiser. Puppy raisers care for, provide basic obedience training to, and socialize the puppies until they are around 18 months old. Canine Companions - South Central is fortunate to have more than 140 active volunteer puppy raisers across Texas. When a puppy is about 18 months old, it is returned to one of our regional centers to begin its professional instruction. Canine Companions' training staff spends six to nine months evaluating temperaments and teaching dogs to master more than 40 commands. Careful training logs are kept documenting each dog's progress in training, mastery of trained behaviors, and exposure to a wide variety of environments, as well as any medical or behavioral concerns that arise. Dogs who successfully complete training and testing are then ready to be Canine Companions assistance dogs: proficient in 40 commands, comfortable around wheelchairs and other mobility equipment, and appropriately behaved in public and home environments.

Potential recipients must complete a comprehensive application process that includes a written application, a telephone interview, an in-person interview, and the submission of medical reference forms signed by their primary health care provider, documenting their diagnosis or diagnoses and symptoms. During the final step of the process, applicants are invited to a regional training center for a tour, demonstration, dog handling assessment and final, in person interview. Applicants must be able to demonstrate their ability to safely and effectively control, manage, and care for a dog. All candidates must attend Team Training, a two-week, onsite training course. We hold Team Training classes in February, May, August, and November at each center for Service Dog, Skilled Companion and Facility Dog placements. Each class is led by professional Canine Companions instructors, who have learned to teach every command, evaluate dogs' temperaments, and adjust their training styles to each dog. Equally important, they learn how to teach our diverse client population with all their unique needs.

Students receiving dogs attend class five to six days a week to learn about canine behavior and care, as well as how to use and expand on the commands their dogs already know. Students learn to work in partnership with their new dog through lectures, quizzes, hands-on instruction, practice sessions, and field trips at locations like shopping malls and restaurants. At the end of the course, training staff administers a written test that covers the course material. This is followed by the practical ADI public access test. Team Training concludes with a graduation ceremony during which the Canine Companions mission comes full circle when the volunteer puppy raiser who raised the graduating dog passes off the leash to the graduate. During Team Training, students' disabilities, needs, expectations and lifestyle are all considered by our professional staff instructors to ensure successful and enduring matches. Our staff knows each dog's unique qualities, which enables us to reliably match people with the dog that will best meet their needs. Each student must demonstrate the ability to provide for the dog's care and well-being before graduating with a Canine Companions assistance dog. The success of the placements is evaluated during required follow-up visits, annual veterinary reports and through ongoing contact with graduates by phone, email or additional in-person visits, as needed.

Evaluation Plan:

At the Kinkeade Campus in Irving, Texas we plan to place 40 assistance dogs within the state of Texas, as well conduct follow up visits and workshops with our existing 170 clients. We have 5 qualified candidates from the San Antonio area currently on our wait list and aim to serve them as quickly as possible. As an organization, Canine Companions collects data from puppy raisers, staff and graduates to measure progress and set goals for many aspects of our programs. This data includes monthly puppy raiser reports, professional training reports, medical records to track medical issues cross our dog population, dog graduation rates, graduate questionnaires, and team success rate (measured at three months postgraduation.)

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

Canine Companions for Independence South Central Region is the sixth and newest region. Opened in 2015, The Kinkeade Campus at Baylor Scott & White Health is located in Irving, Texas, and is the first assistance dog program to partner with a healthcare system. The campus is named for United States District Judge Ed Kinkeade, who took the lead in bringing this partnership together for the formation of a campus to serve the state of Texas. Through their vast networks and resources we are working diligent to secure funding, volunteers and applicants to achieve our goals. In the past 5 years, the South Central Region has greatly expanded funding here in Texas. We have increased the number of successful placements, volunteers and donors. With the launch of a regional board of directors in 2019, Canine Companions - South Central Region hopes to continue with this successful trend.

Line item Budget:

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Gordon Hartman Funds Allocation
Breeding	\$3,500	\$1,750
Puppy Raising	\$4,000	\$2,000
Veterinary	\$4,500	\$4,500
Client Services	\$2,500	\$1,250
Training	\$15,500	\$15,500
Public Information	\$6,500	\$0
Adminisistrative	\$13,500	\$0
TOTAL:	\$50,000	\$25,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS

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