

**GDB Gratitude Report, Fiscal Year 2022**

**Who We Are**

At Guide Dogs for the Blind, we believe that everyone deserves to move through the world safely and confidently—to live the life they want to live.

Our passionate community employs innovative practices to create life-changing partnerships. And, we advocate for policy reforms that change how the world views blindness and disability.

Because when everyone is empowered to participate, our communities

are stronger.

**From the CEO**

Greetings,

You are amazing! The difference you make by supporting Guide Dogs for

the Blind (GDB) is nothing short of extraordinary. During fiscal year 2022, Guide Dogs for the Blind (GDB) celebrated 80 years of empowering clients to live the life they want to live. And you helped make it all happen!

With the support of our community, GDB’s mission has expanded over the past eight decades to serve three types of clients: our traditional guide dog grads, Orientation and Mobility Immersion (O&M) clients who acquire skills to work with a cane or a canine, and K9 Buddy recipients who are paired with specially selected dogs that provide critical companionship and so much more.

Whether a client has a guide dog, a K9 Buddy, or acquires the skills to travel by cane

independently, we know one thing for sure: your support is changing lives. So yes, you are amazing. Your support is enriching lives, fostering inclusion, strengthening bonds, and making our communities stronger. Thank you for all you do. Together, we are unstoppable!

With gratitude,

Christine Benninger, President and CEO

**Together, We Can Do More!**

“The thing I love about Guide Dogs for the Blind is they support you from the moment you get the dog to the moment you retire the dog, or it passes. Once you graduate, if anything comes up, they’ll handle it in person or by phone. And if there’s ever any financial support you need with medical expenses, they are also extremely supportive with that as well.” -Barbara Oleynick with guide dog *Vallejo*

“My son’s K9 Buddy, *Laredo*, has expanded his world socially and emotionally. Having a dog is a social bridge that helps Kai connect to others. When children in the neighborhood have conversations about their dogs, Kai enthusiastically joins in those conversations.” -Mina Sun

“*Laredo* makes our family more fun and exciting!” -Kai Sun with K9 Buddy *Laredo*

“The Orientation and Mobility Immersion Program is incredible. I gained so many skills and everyone was so friendly and helpful—you can tell they love what they do. The accommodations were amazing! The food was great, the room was comfortable, and I always felt safe. I intend to continue to work on my skills so I can be ready for a guide dog in a year or two.” -Kevin Tye

*GDB’s free Orientation & Mobility Immersion Program helps people develop travel skills that are most relevant to guide dog mobility.*

“To be able to freely leave my home, and go anywhere with confidence; without

any fear, intimidation, or anxiety is so wonderful. I feel like I can do more now than I have ever been able to do.” -Paul Castle with guide dog *Maple*

**10 Notable Achievements in 2022 Because of Your Generosity!**

* 289 NEW guide dog, K9 Buddy, and Orientation & Mobility Immersion clients served
* 2,000 K9 Buddy and guide dog teams received post-graduate support
* 600+ puppies loved, nurtured, and socialized by volunteer puppy raisers
* 3,000+ adults, children, and blindness professionals reached through outreach services and programs
* 8,000+ inquiries about our guide dog and K9 Buddy programs and services
* 1ST GUIDE DOG SCHOOL in North American to acquire Fear Free Certification for all of GDB Veterinary staff
* COMPLETED STUDY in partnership with the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) guidedogs.com/study
* ALL AGES included in the expansion of the K9 Buddy program
* $2 Million+ spent on Veterinary Financial Assistance throughout North America
* LAUNCHED the Gard Furlong Canine Research Program

**Celebrating 80 Years!**

GDB was founded in May 1942 to provide guide dogs to World War II veterans who lost their sight from injuries sustained in the war. Since then, we have become the largest guide dog school in North America serving over 16,000 people of all ages. We partner clients with exceptional guide dogs or K9 Buddy dogs and empower others to move through the world more safely and confidently though enhanced navigational skills.

Moving forward, our plans are bold. Your continued support will help GDB:

* Continue to train the world’s premier guide dogs to serve more people
* Enable more clients to achieve their dreams through expansion of our
* Guide Dog, Orientation & Mobility Immersion, and K9 Buddy programs
* Expand our Veterinary Financial Assistance Program to cover K9 Buddies
* Introduce more youth to the guide dog lifestyle
* Serve as an innovative global leader in creating more inclusive communities

Because of you, our team is ready for the future.

Together, we are unstoppable!

**Financials**

GDB receives no government funding; we are supported entirely by friends like you.

These financial statements are incomplete. A complete copy of the audited financial

statement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 is available at guidedogs.com.

Statements of Activities (in thousands)

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|  | **Years Ended** | |
|  | **June 30, 2022** | **June 30, 2021** |
| Fundraising: |  |  |
| Bequests and trusts | $27,734 | $13,281 |
| Contributions and special events, net | 17,148 | 14,800 |
| **Total Fundraising** | **44,882** | **28,081** |
| Other Income (loss): |  |  |
| Investment income (loss), net | (33,473) | 111,192 |
| Total Revenue and Support | 11,409 | 139,273 |
| **Expenses** |  |  |
| Program services | 40,749 | 38,855 |
| Management and general | 3,685 | 3,518 |
| Development | 8,266 | 7,291 |
| Total Expenses | 52,700 | 49,664 |
| **Change in Net Assets** | (41,291) | 89,609 |
| Net Assets - beginning of year | 488,862 | 399,253 |
| Net Assets - end of year | $447,571 | $488,862 |

Statements of Financial Position (in thousands)

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|  | **Years Ended** | |
| **Assets** | **June 30, 2022** | **June 30, 2021** |
| Cash and cash equivalents | $3,786 | $3,234 |
| Other assets | 4,316 | 3,964 |
| Investments | 420,692 | 462,129 |
| Planned gifts | 7,583 | 8,512 |
| Property, plant, and equipment, net | 49,153 | 49,511 |
| Total Assets | $485,530 | $527,350 |

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| **Liabilities and Net Assets** |  | |
| Liabilities: |  |  |
| Accounts payable, accrued expenses, other | $5,317 | $5,024 |
| Obligations under annuity agreements | 2,663 | 2,423 |
| Loan payable | 29,979 | 29,840 |
| Total Liabilities | 37,959 | 37,287 |
| Net Assets: |  |  |
| Without donor restrictions  Board-designated operating reserves for sustainability  Available for infrastructure expansion and upgrades  Available for client’s successor dogs  Generally available for expansion of client services | 179,607  100,000  125,000  13,095 | 171,546  100,000  125,000  67,864 |
| With donor restrictions | 29,869 | 24,452 |
| Total Net Assets | 447,571 | 488,862 |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | $485,530 | $526,149 |

**How Our Funds Are Used**

* Programs and Services: 77%
* Development: 16%
* Administration: 7%

**Donor Lists**

Printed report includes the following complete lists for fiscal year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022:

* Leadership Circle, honoring the generous major donors who contribute $10,000 or more annually.
* Friend’s Society, honoring the generous donors who contribute $1,000 or more annually.
* Bequest/Estate Gifts
* New Legacy Society Members
* Volunteers

**Our Mission**

Guide Dogs for the Blind harnesses the power of partnerships—connecting people, dogs, and communities—to transform the lives of individuals with visual impairments.

**Our Vision**

An inclusive world where people with visual impairments have equal opportunities and live full, independent lives.

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