

# PARTNERSHIPS FOR BETTER LIVES

Corporate Program of Dogs for Better Lives

Initiated in 2017, the Partnership for Better Lives program is dedicated to philanthropic support that helps to save the lives of dogs and enrich the lives of people all across the United States.

Each year, **dedicated business leaders** focus on the needs of rescuing, training and certifying dogs for clients, requesting a specialized assistance dog. Members gather twice a year at mixers hosted by local businesses, to learn how their support makes a difference in the lives of clients and their professionally trained companions, as well as meeting other professionals in the community.

Too often, **individuals living with a disability** are forced to sacrifice independence to navigate their day-to-day lives safely. Dogs for Better Lives Assistance Dogs restore that independence and improve the overall quality of life for individuals and their families. Dogs for Better Lives (Previously known as Dogs for the Deaf) was founded in 1977 to train and place **Hearing and Program Assistance dogs across the United States. Currently, Autism Assistance Dogs will be placed in Southern Oregon only, with expansion plans to roll out across the United States soon.**

Membership is open to any business owner or executive who wants to support the mission of Dogs for Better Lives. We invite you to consider your place in this unique Partnership.

**Specific Area for Support Fiscal Year 2017 (7/1/17-6/30/18): Beginning July 1, 2017, our Partners will focus their philanthropic support on the following:**

## New Canine Exam Room

This year our Partners are dedicated to supporting the exponential growth of the mission of Dogs for Better Lives with their philanthropic gifts securing one of the rooms within a Second Training Facility on the campus of Dogs for Better Lives headquarters in Central Point, Oregon.

This investment will assist with the cost of a Canine Exam Room in the new training facility, designed with 40 kennels – nearly double the kennels in our current training facility. The Canine Exam Room will be instrumental in caring for our dogs. It will be used for care and diagnosis, ongoing wellness, responding to unexpected illness and/or necessary surgical procedures for our bred and rescued dogs.

In 1977, our founder was able to rescue, train and place 1 dog. In 2017, Dogs for Better Lives rescued 60 dogs with over 1/3 showing the necessary aptitude and temperament for the criteria of an outstanding assistance dog. The dogs that did not meet the criteria were sought out by local families. All of these dogs whose futures were at one time uncertain as well as the individuals, who hesitated at the thought of venturing out in public, now realize a loving companion, a greater independence and new found confidence to live their lives to the fullest. **Please join us to help make a difference!**

**Total Cost of Second Training Facility .....\$3Million**

**Total Cost for Canine Exam Room..... \$25,000**

