



Impact Report November 2017



Your investment in focused training yields life-enhancing results.

Same Compassionate Mission, New Name and Logo

As of November 1, Dogs for the Deaf is operating as **Dogs for Better Lives!** We are pleased with our new name as it better reflects our different Assistance Dog programs: Hearing Dogs, Program Assistance Dogs, and Autism Assistance Dogs.

Dogs for Better Lives name change was in development for more than a year, and the process was part of our board approved three-year Strategic Plan. We believe our new name gives us the opportunity for continued growth and the ability to change the lives of even more people.

Our mission remains the same and Dogs for Better Lives will continue to offer professionally trained Assistance Dogs nationally, just as we've done for the past 40 years. Read more about our name change on our website and tell us what you think!

Hello Dogs for Better Lives! Our name is our promise.



Program Assistance Dog Dallas Joins Hillside Elementary

Last year, Hillside Elementary teacher, Sean, welcomed Program Assistance Dog Dallas into his 5th Grade classroom. When Hillside Elementary Administration asked Sean if he would like to have a dog for his classroom, he jumped at the chance and contacted Dogs for Better Lives. Eight months later, he

received the call: "We have a dog for you. His name is Dallas, would you like to accept?"

According to Sean, a day-in-the-life of Dallas is different every day because the students have different needs. Whereas at home Dallas is more playful, he knows that when he puts his vest on his role is to be a calm, therapeutic influence with everyone he interacts with. "Dallas has made such an impact with the kids, students and faculty. If we had a dog like Dallas in every classroom, the world would be different - and for the better."



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[Program Assistant Dogs](#) like Dallas are available for placement nationwide. Learn more about Sean and Dallas' story in this [video](#). We encourage you to share this story with teachers, counselors and other professionals who may benefit from having a Program Assistant Dog where they work.

Southern Oregon Subaru Loves Our Dogs



In recognition of Adopt a Dog Month, Southern Oregon Subaru partnered with Dogs for Better Lives to collect donations and raise awareness for our [adoptable dog program](#).

Items donated through Southern Oregon Subaru will be provided with our dogs when placed in their forever homes. Thank you Southern Oregon Subaru for your sponsorship and support during October's Adopt a Pet Month! Your generosity will go a long way in helping the dogs that we rescue and place.

Together we can transform lives.
#GivingTuesday



On Tuesday November 28, Dogs for Better Lives will be part of [#GivingTuesday](#) - a global day of philanthropic giving. This one day event celebrates the good works that nonprofits do every day around the world and in our neighborhoods.

Thank you for all that you have already done to show that you care about the lives of dogs and people! Your [contribution](#) is greatly appreciated as it will support our [second training facility](#) that is scheduled for completion in spring 2018. Together we are transforming lives!



Dogs for Better Lives' mission is to professionally train dogs to help people and enhance lives while maintaining a lifelong commitment to all dogs we rescue or breed and the people we serve.

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