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### **Dogs for Better Lives Is Recipient Of Swedish Engineering West's Philanthropic Contest**

**CENTRAL POINT, OR;** For many nonprofit organizations, nearly a third (31%) of their annual giving occurs in the month of December.<sup>(1)</sup> [Dogs for Better Lives](#) (DBL) is no different, though closer to 40% of our donations are received during the last month of the year.

During the month of November, [Swedish Engineering West](#) in Eugene, OR was promoting a drawing at their auto shop for all customers to participate in. The winning customer would win \$250 for themselves and \$250 for the nonprofit charity of their choice. When longtime DBL donor Sandra found out that she was the December 8th winner and would decide which worthy nonprofit to award, it was a non-decision for her – Dogs for Better Lives.

"I was surprised, then ecstatic to be chosen as the winner, and with my love of dogs and admiration for everything Dogs for Better Lives (formerly Dogs for the Deaf) does to help better people's lives, it was an instant decision," stated donor Sandra.

Swedish Engineering West prides itself on great customer service and conscientious staff that take pride in their work and treat each vehicle that comes in, as if it was their own. Similar to Swedish Engineering West, Dogs for Better Lives shares a similar vision, with a lifelong commitment to every dog rescued and trained, as well a sincere long-term investment in each client served.

"We're very appreciative of this donation, Sandra's enthusiasm and support, and Swedish Engineering West's engagement in the nonprofit community. We love it when this happens organically in the community, even more so when it raises awareness for the invaluable work we do in Oregon and across the country," stated President & CEO Blake Matray.

DBL is currently looking to place its Program and Autism Assistance Dogs in the Eugene area with qualifying clients. [Program Assistance Dogs](#) go to work with and assist full-time professionals such as physicians, teachers, counselors and other licensed therapists in the treatment of and work with their clients and students with special needs.

[Autism Assistance Dogs](#) are placed with a qualifying parent(s) who has a child (aged 4-11 yrs) on the autism spectrum. Autism Assistance Dogs are trained to apply deep pressure, act as an anchor to reduce or slow a child's ability to bolt, and provide companionship solely dedicated to the child.

(1) The Digital Giving Index, Charity Navigator

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*Dogs for Better Lives is a national award-winning 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization focusing on the training and placing of Hearing Assistance Dogs, Program Assistance Dogs, and Autism Assistance Dogs. Accredited by [Assistance Dogs International \(ADI\)](#) and recognized by [Charity Navigator](#) as a 4-star nonprofit, Dogs for Better Lives has been rescuing dogs, bettering lives, and providing Assistance Dogs since 1977.*

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