



## Wrapping Up The Year

Looking back at 2016, we've had some amazing successes made possible through your financial support. In April we launched our beta Autism Assistance Dog Program as our Training Department continues to refine our training protocols. This will help to ensure that we're producing the highest quality Autism Assistance Dogs for our Autism Spectrum Disorder clients.

Your generous donations have also allowed us to rescue and professionally train 46 dogs in 2016 from shelters throughout the west coast. This year we also placed 27 Assistance Dogs including: 23 Hearing Dogs, 2 Autism Assistance Dogs and 2 Program Dogs. In addition, some of our corporate sponsors helped us purchase a much needed van for rescuing and transporting dogs beginning in 2017. Thanks everyone for your support!



More good news: in November we received approval from Jackson County, Oregon to proceed with our site expansion plans and we had our first groundbreaking event to mark this long awaited news. The new training facility will allow us to house and train even more Assistance Dogs in the coming years – your continued investment with us will help support our much needed facility expansion. Thank you!

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## Program Dog Placement

A Black Labrador named Fancy was trained at Guide Dogs for the Blind before arriving at Dogs for the Deaf. Your contributions allowed us to give Fancy the additional training she needed to become a Program Dog, and she was placed with Catherine at a children's center. With Fancy's calming influence, Catherine can help children heal while giving them the courage to talk about their past wounds. Thank you Catherine, Fancy and all of our supporters for allowing us to be part of this important program!



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## Update: Foster Dog Program

Six month old Foster Puppy and future Assistance Dog Ariel was recently spotted at a local Fred Meyer in Medford. We are happy to report that she is socializing well and enjoys holiday shopping with her foster family! If you would like to help change a life, please consider becoming a Foster Puppy volunteer. You can learn more about this valuable and rewarding program at [www.dogsforthedeaf.org/foster-a-dog/](http://www.dogsforthedeaf.org/foster-a-dog/).



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## We've Been Noticed!

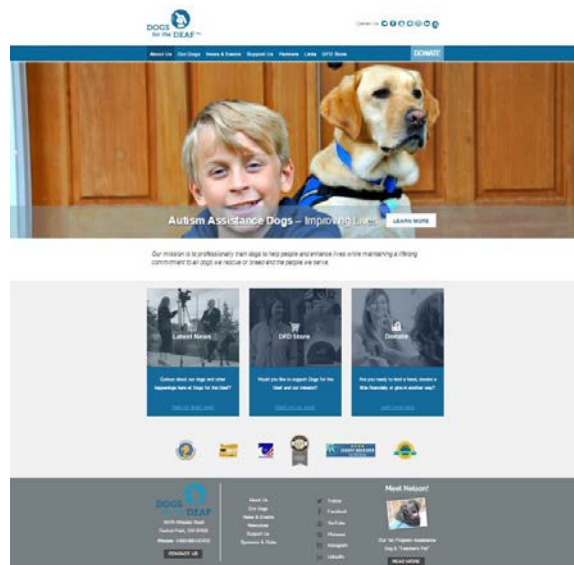
We are humbled and honored to be recognized for the work we do to support our mission to professionally train dogs to help people and enhance lives. This year, we were recognized as one of the [top nonprofits to work for in Oregon](#), as well as receiving the highest ratings given by [Charity Navigator](#) and [Great Nonprofits](#).



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## New Website

Have you checked out our new website?  
Please take a look and let us know what you think! [www.dogsforthe deaf.org](http://www.dogsforthe deaf.org)



## Happy Holidays

Thank you for your ongoing support – we could not have accomplished our work without our donors, ambassadors and volunteers. From all of us at Dogs for the Deaf, we wish you a wonderful and peaceful holiday season.

