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"I became acquainted with D4D after my wife Donna passed away due to complications from T1D, making a \$175,000 contribution to honor her life and memory. As I've had the joy of becoming part of the family and sponsoring several teams through the years, I have chosen to include D4D in my estate planning to continue the contribution that I began in remembrance of my wife. D4D means so much to me, my family, and future generations."

- ANDREW CONNOR

BEST YEAR YET!

Happy New Year, friends and family! We're all so proud that 2018 was D4D's most successful year yet! We placed a record number of partnerships, grew into a new home and a full-time team, and showcased the power of our community in our first ever Annual Report (just to name a few of the feathers in our cap from 2018)!

And we have plans to make 2019 even more impactful and empowering for our community! As we continue to increase our number of life-saving partnerships, we will now be hosting an additional third graduation every year to celebrate our teams and all the supporters who make them possible. We'll also be putting our new resources and processes to work as we expand our Diabetes Buddy Dog program, grow our volunteer and community outreach, and share our Legacy Giving Program.

As we enter our 15th year of service, we're looking ahead and beyond into the future! We're seeing clients retire their first D4D dog for their second life-saving partner, and we are planning to fund the future for generations of diabetics and dogs to come. Our Legacy Giving Program offers our donors the opportunity to secure their impact and leave a mark on the lives of so many. For every life saved and diabetic empowered by one of our partnerships, we are making a difference that ripples through our community, and we are so honored to be impacting future generations.

Ready for 2019 to be our best year yet! Thank you for all your support -- past, present, and future -- we are grateful beyond words.

Christy Gillham

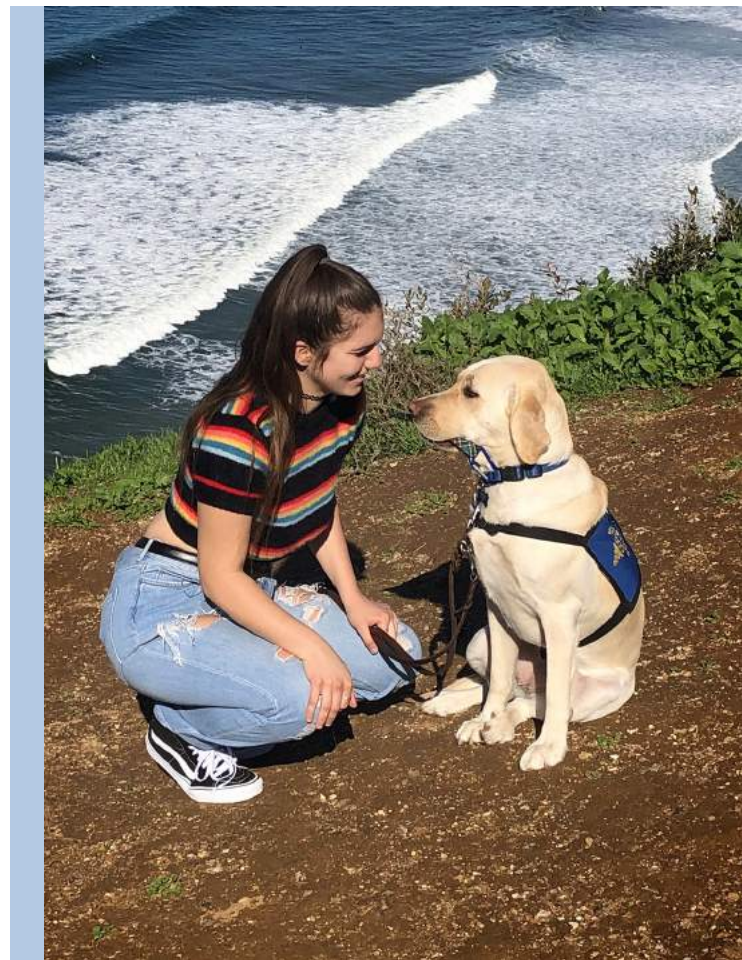
HAPPY TAILS

A NEW LIFE-SAVING PARTNERSHIP, ALI & RUBINA

I was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes during my second week of kindergarten, at the age of five. From that day forward, my life forever changed. My days became consumed by shots, finger pricks, and watching what I ate. Because of my diabetes and the considerable responsibility that came along with it, I matured at an accelerated rate compared to my classmates, and it was hard dealing with the unwanted attention from my diabetes. All I wanted was to fit in. Growing up, I felt quite alone because I did not know any other diabetics. I used dance, music, and horseback riding as my outlets. After I graduated high school, I moved six hours north of my hometown, Moorpark, to get a fresh start and attend UC Davis.

During my senior year of college, I completed my classwork at Dogs4Diabetics. I will never forget how I felt on the first day of class. Hearing the constant noises of CGM alerts, beeping pumps, test strip bottles, and finger pricks was like music to my ears! For the first time in my life, I felt like I fit in. I felt “normal” being in a room full of people just like me. I knew I was becoming a part of something special, and I’m still constantly amazed by the dedication of the staff, volunteers, and Canine Training Partners at D4D. Everyone in this organization is committed to improving the lives of diabetics and creating successful partnerships.

I patiently waited for my trial placement, keeping my faith and trusting the D4D staff to pair me with the right dog for me. And they sure did! Rubina has completely changed my life, and it’s hard to put into words everything she has done for me. While I knew she would help me with my diabetes, I did not realize the impact she would have on every other aspect of my life. With Rubina by my side, I feel like I can reach my true potential. She gives me confidence, not only with my health but with my whole self. I’ve earned my Bachelor of Science degree in Forensic Chemistry and moved to LA to work as a Quality Assurance Chemist at a forensic toxicology laboratory, all with Rubina by my side. As I pursue graduate school and the rest of my forensic career, I know that Rubina and D4D will be there for me. I cannot thank Dogs4Diabetics enough for blessing me with Rubina and the amazing friendships I have made. Thanks to you all, I have a second chance at life and a new outlook on my diabetes. Dogs4Diabetics is truly a family that every diabetic deserves to experience.



A Tribute to Addie

With heavy hearts, the D4D family remembers our amazing Addie. Addie passed away last year from cancer, but her life and legacy continue to be felt by all of us. She was a loyal and energetic life-saver to Russell Roberts for five years, and she will always be remembered in our hearts. Thank you for your faithfulness and service, sweet Addie.



"Addie was my world. From our first day together, spent in downtown San Francisco during client training, Addie was the perfect dog for me. She kept me engaged, having fun, and living life to the fullest. With Addie by my side, we traveled across the country for mechanic workshops and lacrosse tournaments, and she was there with me when I started college at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in upstate New York.



Addie loved every moment of our high energy life together. She was always happy and brave, and more than anything else in this world, she adored licking people's faces. In our five years together, there wasn't a single day that went by without her giving me kisses for minutes on end. As I wait for another dog to help me in my fight with diabetes, I remember and miss Addie every day. I love you, Addiekins."

-RUSSELL ROBERTS

D4D'S FIRST EVER Annual Report!

Our 2018 Annual Report is our way of saying thanks to our incredible supporters who inspire us everyday! Together, we are “Growing and Transforming in Community”, and we are beyond thrilled to be sharing some of our greatest stories and successes.

Each section of our 2018 Annual Report thoughtfully reflects our core values and illustrates how our community is rallying for what matters to us -- life, family, and innovation!

TRANSFORMING LIVES: This section introduces D4D programs, how we operate, and how we are able to change lives in our community.

GROWING IMPACT: Here, we feature our most recent growth and future plans that will widen the circle of the D4D family.

ADVOCATING FOR COMMUNITY: This final section highlights how we are advocating for standards and innovation, giving special thanks to the heart that fuels our mission.

If you haven't had a chance yet, please read and share our 2018 Annual Report! You can find it under the “Financials” section on our new website.



MEET THE D4D DOGS-IN-TRAINING

KICKIN' TRAINING TAIL

Here are our 14 adorable and loving dogs-in-training! They come to us from our amazing partners, **Guide Dogs for the Blind** and **Tony LaRussa's Animal Rescue Foundation**, and they are working hard and having fun through every phase of our life-saving training program.

Do you or someone you know want to help train these life-savers? We'd love for you to stop by on **Tour Thursdays**, become a volunteer in the **Training Room**, or foster as a **Canine Training Partner**!

Or, have you already had a loving hand in training one of these amazing dogs? If so, please share an update on our new website's **Nose Tracker** page! Puppy raisers from GDB, our CTPs, other volunteers, and clients can now stay up-to-date on the progress of these life-saving partners. Tune in and stay connected!

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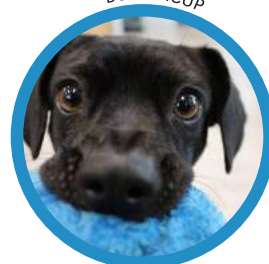
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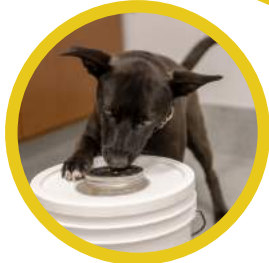
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Dog House

by HOLLIS, D4D CHIEF CANINE AMBASSADOR



HAVE YOU HEARD?

Our new home at the D4D Nylabone Training Center is *the* place to be! It's a buzz of excitement here! With almost 4 times more space, we have plenty of room to run around, train, get a bath, and enjoy our beautiful garden. And since we're creating even more life-saving partnerships, we'll now be hosting three graduations here every year, with the space for more friends to come and celebrate with us. We're getting ready for our first graduation of the year on February 23rd, and we'll be welcoming 6 new teams to the family -- woof, woof!

And I'm always excited and all tails wags about my new playmates from Guide Dogs for the Blind and Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation! So far this year, one new friend who has already joined our pack! Lady Bug is the newest addition to our family! She and I are hard at work and play here at D4D, and from all of us, thank you for the pets & treats, training and love!

Woof,



Treats from the Trainers



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A D4D DOG-IN-TRAINING

We're giving you a special inside look at what our life-saving dogs do and learn everyday! D4D has an exciting and comprehensive training program, and thanks to our dedicated Canine Training Partners (CTPs), our dogs never stay in kennels. During their 3-4 months of training, they live at night and during the weekends with our CTPs, who also transport the dogs to and from our training center. Our CTPs help our dogs-in-training receive the happiest, healthiest, and most social life possible!



A DAY IN THE LIFE

Good Morning!

Our CTPs start the day by giving our pups a walk, their breakfast, a teeth brushing, and some play time before their drive to our training center.



Training Time!

During the day, our dogs learn several types of training.

- **Scent Training:** (3 sessions daily) Dogs-in-training learn to recognize and find a diabetic's hypoglycemic scent through their amazing sense of smell. As dogs progress in training, they build a positive history of reinforcement and learn to differentiate between human smells and those with the hypoglycemic scent.
- **Bringsel Training:** (3-4 sessions daily) We train the dogs to do a non-natural alert when they detect the hypoglycemic scent from one of our diabetics. Using positive reinforcement, we first train the dogs to hold a dumbbell, and after they pass an intensive test of holding the dumbbell, they are taught to hold a bringsel.
- **Find It On People:** (1-3 sessions daily) We teach the dogs that the hypoglycemic smell comes from people, not buckets or jars, by hiding scent in special toys. The dogs learn to invade our personal space to find the hidden scent.
- **Extra Skills Training:** (2-3 sessions daily) Because low blood sugars can physically incapacitate clients and put them at risk of injury, we have expanded our training to teach our dogs to go get help, go get supplies, and poke (CGM alert).
- **Additional Fun:** With the remaining time in the day, volunteers take the dogs on walks, have playtime, and do some relaxing grooming and loving snuggling.

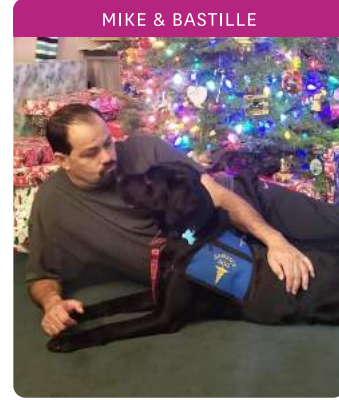
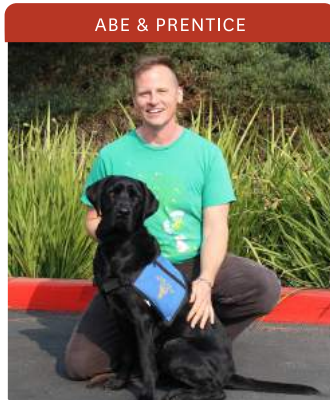


Home Time!

Our CTPs pick up the dogs and return home for dinner, grooming, and more play & cuddles before bedtime and another adventurous day!

HELP US CHEER THEM ON!

These Client/Dog Teams are working hard to meet graduation requirements!



CONGRATS ARE IN ORDER

These Client/Dog Teams have met graduation requirements
and will be graduating on Saturday, February 23rd.



We're All In!

It's time again for our biggest annual event, and this year, we're raising the stakes with **D4D's FIRST EVER POKER CHIP WALK!**

We're taking bets that this will be our best walk ever.
So ante up! **This event is fun for the whole family!**



And the wild card? **It's ELVIS-THEMED!** So get "All Shook Up" in your favorite Elvis costume (for you and your pup)! **Don your blue suede (running) shoes and get ready for a full house!**

New to our walk? **You "can't help falling in love" with the family and fun** at D4D! Exciting details and walk website coming soon--stay tuned!



EASIER THAN EVER TO Become a CTP!

We're happy to announce that we're now offering Canine Training Partners (CTP) Orientations! If you'd like more information about fostering a dog with D4D, these orientations are a great way to learn about our program, meet some dogs, and get all your questions answered. To receive an invitation to our next orientation, simply fill out the CTP application on our website under "Canine Training Partners".



D4D'S NEW WEBSITE!

THANK YOU to everyone in our community! You are serving our mission, and together, we are courageously creating life-saving partnerships that inspire, transform, and empower diabetics.

After many months of hard work, collaboration, and testing, our new website is finally LIVE! In addition to the the updated look with our new logo and branding, we also took great care to make sure that our website is super functional and user-friendly. We want it to be easy and fun for our community to get information and get involved!

NEW FEATURES

NOSE TRACKER: Finally! Your go-to place for the latest update on each of our dogs-in-training! Our community of volunteers, clients, and supporters can now stay connected and see your contributions in action! Please send us your updates and help keep our nose to the ground!

PAWS: Our Pre-Application Workshop is now online! As the first step in applying for Medical-Alert Service Dogs and Diabetes Buddy Dogs, PAWS is now easier than ever. Qualified candidates can watch the video, take the quiz, and access an application via email.

FAQs ANSWERED: What's the difference between a Medical-Alert Service Dog and a Diabetes Buddy Dog? This, and many of our frequently-asked-questions, are explained in our new Resources section. This section also includes details about our industry-leading standards and other information to help you become empowered in your diabetes management!

FOR VOLUNTEERS: We couldn't fulfill our life-saving mission without the generosity and commitment of our volunteers! Thank you! To make it convenient to get involved, our applications for all volunteers, including our Canine Training Partners, are now on our website! So you're just minutes away from making an impact and becoming an integral part of the D4D family!

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Join the D4D Family...

The following organizations have supported Dogs4Diabetics, Inc. for many years with donations of dogs, financial resources and various other goods and services which have been critical to D4D's mission. They have earned the right to be thought of as Partners to the Achievement of our Mission.

We are able to provide our great dogs to insulin-dependent diabetic clients at virtually no cost to them through the generous support of our supporters. D4D relies on the support of individuals, foundations, and corporations. We would like to honor and thank these donors for their support, which in many cases, has been provided over several years.

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