

Summer Cabinet - 21 August 2022

Lions Foundation of Canada.

To date LFC has trained and placed 3,200 Dog Guide teams and currently has 1,100 active teams working in communities from the West Coast to the East Coast of Canada. Over the next 5 years, the goal is to reduce the wait lists and waiting time by increasing the number of clients graduating each year to 250.

The demand for Dog Guides grows, a new facility is needed that can help us grow as well. The current facility has reached its capacity for both dogs and people, and is not fully accessible. A building is required that takes into account client needs and incorporates leading- edge design to be not just fully accessible but goes beyond AODA compliance

There are plans to build a new, state of the art training school, which will be the first of its kind in Canada. Building completion is targeted for early 2025 and will help to serve more people, raise and train more dogs, and do so in a comfortable and accessible manner.

To do so, LFC is embarking on a mission to raise \$25 million, the largest fundraising campaign the Lions Foundation of Canada has ever taken on. Working together as a community, we can raise the funds necessary to make sure Canadians with disabilities have access to this one-of-a-kind training facility in Canada.

While some Lions clubs have the resources to make major gifts, we also want to encourage donations of any kind from individuals to groups - as amounts add up towards the overall goal.

More details and information on the Campaign will be out in the next few months as we prepare for the official launch to all Lions Clubs in September 2022 as we embark on 'The Difference' Campaign."

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