



RETRIEVING  
INDEPENDENCE

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUPPORT & PAW-TNERSHIP

## Our Mission

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At Retrieving Independence, our mission is to increase independence and restore dignity through the training and placement of working dogs.

Through the transformative power of the human-animal bond, we provide rehabilitation for inmate trainers, a sense of community for our dedicated volunteers, and greater independence for individuals living with disabilities.

We envision lives and communities transformed through the love, hope, and dignity fostered by the human-animal bond.

## What's Inside?

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- Partnership Programs
- Annual Sponsorships
- Single Donations
- Other Ways to Support



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# PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

## WHY PARTNER WITH US?

### Mission Alignment:

Join us in empowering lives through love, dignity, and change.

### Community Impact:

Contribute to meaningful work that transforms communities.

### Brand Visibility:

Gain recognition through our events, social media platforms, & outreach programs.

### Employee Engagement:

Offer your team opportunities to connect with a cause that makes a difference.

## OUR PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Program-Specific Sponsorships, Event Partnerships, Employee Engagement Programs, Cause Marketing Collaborations, In-Kind Support, Custom Partnerships, Annual & Single Donations & More!

Retrieving Independence offers a range of partnership opportunities tailored to align with your organization's goals and values. Whether sponsoring a specific program, co-hosting events, or engaging your employees in meaningful volunteer activities, we'll create impactful collaborations that foster community and independence. From cause marketing campaigns to in-kind contributions and custom partnerships, your support ensures lasting change through the human-animal bond. Get in touch with us today to kick off the conversation!

Partnerships with Retrieving Independence are more than just collaborations—they're commitments to transforming lives and fostering independence through the power of the human-animal bond. Together, we create lasting impact for individuals, families, and communities. Together, we can transform lives and make a difference.

## OUR CURRENT PARTNERS & FRIENDS

Mill Creek Brewing Company | Gunner Kennels | Vanderbilt LifeFlight



# ANNUAL SPONSORSHIPS

## ANNUAL AMBASSADOR OF LOVE | \$50,000

- Exclusive presenting sponsorship – limited to one sponsor!
- Prominent logo display and verbal acknowledgments at all annual RI events, including graduations, fundraisers, and volunteer appreciation events.
- Opportunity for co-branded promotional giveaways.
- Golden Retriever Sponsorship for the annual Retrieving in the Round event.
- Features in two newsletters and four social media posts.
- Opportunities to name a puppy.
- Opportunities for corporate puppy visits.
- Service day and volunteer opportunities.



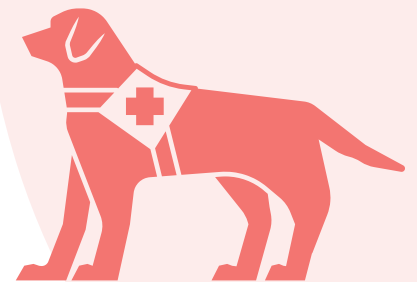
## ANNUAL DONOR OF DIGNITY | \$25,000

- Logo recognition at all annual RI events, including graduations, fundraisers, and volunteer appreciation events.
- Black Lab Sponsorship for the annual Retrieving in the Round event.
- Inclusion in one newsletter and two social media posts.
- Opportunities for corporate puppy visits.
- Service day and volunteer opportunities.



## ANNUAL AGENT OF CHANGE | \$10,000

- Logo recognition at all annual RI events, such as graduations, fundraisers, and volunteer appreciation events.
- Red Doodle Sponsorship for the annual Retrieving in the Round event.
- One social media feature.
- Opportunities for corporate puppy visits.
- Service day and volunteer opportunities.



# SINGLE DONATIONS

## LOVELY CONTRIBUTION | \$50,000+



- Sponsor the breeding, training, vetting, and placement of a service dog in RI's innovative program.
- Your logo featured on the Service Dog in Training's vest throughout their training.
- Regular updates on the dog's progress.
- Invitation to attend their graduation ceremony.
- Opportunity to name a successor puppy in the program.
- Website and newsletter recognition with hotlinks.

## DIGNIFIED DONATION | \$15,000 – \$50,000



- Sponsor a client's investment for a Service Dog to foster greater independence through the human-animal bond at no cost to them.
- Attend the graduation ceremony to hear how the service dog will transform their life.
- Logo display and verbal thanks at the graduation ceremony.
- Website and newsletter recognition with hotlinks.

## GIFT OF CHANGE | \$1,000 – \$15,000



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# HOW TO SUPPORT

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## How to Support Retrieving Independence

### 1. Partnership Programs

Collaborate with us to create meaningful, customized partnerships that align with your organization's goals and values. Whether it's sponsoring a program, co-hosting an event, or offering in-kind contributions, we'll work together to make a lasting impact.

✉ *Contact us directly at **[info@retrievingindependence.org](mailto:info@retrievingindependence.org)** to learn more and start your partnership today.*

### 2. Annual Sponsorships

Become a sustaining supporter with an annual sponsorship. These contributions ensure ongoing support for our programs and include tailored recognition benefits like logo placement and event mentions.

✉ *Contact us or check out our donation page on our website for details.*

### 3. Single Donations

Make an immediate difference with a one-time donation. Every contribution helps us train and place service dogs, fund rehabilitation programs, and provide resources for our volunteers and clients.

✉ *Contact us or visit our donation page on our website to contribute.*

**[RI Donation Page](#)**



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



## About Retrieving Independence

### **What is Retrieving Independence?**

Retrieving Independence is a nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing independence and restoring dignity through the training and placement of working dogs. Our programs create lasting impact by transforming the lives of individuals, families, and communities.

### **Who benefits from your programs?**

Our programs support individuals with disabilities, inmate trainers in rehabilitation, and a community of volunteers passionate about making a difference.

### **What are RI's metrics?**

*Newsletter:* Over 2,300 regular monthly recipients, Click-to-Open rate averaging 55%

*Events:* Over 200 guests at hosted events throughout year

*Social Media:* Over 180K views, 40K accounts reached in 2024, 3,400 Facebook Followers, 3,200 Instagram Followers

*Impact:* Over 100 dogs placed with clients, 2 prison programs

## Volunteering

### **Can I volunteer as a sponsor?**

Yes, sponsors can volunteer! However, please note that sponsors will not be allowed to work directly with the dog they sponsor. To learn more about available volunteer roles and requirements, please visit our volunteer page on our website.

[riservicedogs.org/volunteer-with-ri/](https://riservicedogs.org/volunteer-with-ri/)



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



## Donations, Sponsorships, Partners & Events

### **Are donations tax-deductible?**

Yes! Retrieving Independence is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and your contributions may be tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

### **Can I sponsor a specific dog?**

Absolutely! Sponsors receive updates on their dog's progress and are recognized for their vital support. Let us know that you are interested in sponsoring a dog through their whole journey when we discuss partnership.

### **What should I do if I need a custom sponsorship/partnership?**

Contact us with your needs! We would love to have a conversation about a custom set up.

### **What is Retrieving in the Round?**

It's our flagship fundraising event featuring live performances, catered food, and exciting auctions. The event celebrates our mission and raises critical funds for our programs.

### **Will Retrieving Independence come to my event?**

We love attending events hosted by our partners and community! Let us know the details and we will see if we can schedule it in.

## Have More Questions?

We're here to help!

✉ Email us at [info@retrievingindependence.org](mailto:info@retrievingindependence.org)

🌐 Visit us at [riservicedogs.org](http://riservicedogs.org)





Celebrating Love, Dignity, and Change

**Saturday, October 4th, 2025**

6PM - 9PM @ The Honey Alexander Center 2400  
Clifton Avenue | Nashville TN 37209

### ***About Retrieving in the Round***

Retrieving in the Round is our annual fundraiser, and we invite you to come, sit, stay, enjoy Nashville songwriters, raise a glass, and to learn more about the impact of our work and of course... Meet some amazing pups!

### ***About Retrieving Independence***

Retrieving Independence's mission is to harness love, dignity and change to transform lives. Our innovative service dog training program uses the human-animal bond to offer rehabilitation to inmate trainers; community to our dedicated volunteer corps; and greater independence to people living with disabilities.





# 2025 Sponsorship Opportunities

## *Golden Retriever Sponsor / \$10,000*

- Exclusive presenting sponsorship -- only one available!
- VIP tickets for 16 guests (two tables) with great stage view
- Logo predominantly displayed
- Logo predominantly displayed on all event print materials
- Social media coverage on Facebook and Instagram
- Feature article in RI's October 2025 e-newsletter
- Frequent rotation of full screen logo on stage side slideshow loop
- Thank you in on-stage remarks and opportunity to speak
- Opportunity to name a future RI service dog



## *Black Lab Sponsor / \$5,000*

- VIP tickets for 8 guests with great stage view
- Logo displayed stage-side
- Logo displayed on all event print materials
- Social media coverage on Facebook and Instagram
- Logo and thank you in RI's October 2025 e-newsletter
- Frequent rotation of full screen logo on slideshow loop

## *Red Doodle Sponsor / \$2,500*

- VIP tickets for 8 guests with great stage view
- Logo displayed on all event print materials
- Logo and thank you in RI's October 2025 e-newsletter
- Frequent rotation of full screen logo side slideshow loop





## *Specialty Sponsorship Opportunities*

### *VIP Table Sponsor / \$1,500*

- VIP tickets for 8 guests with great stage view
- Recognition on table marker
- VIP goodie bags



### *Treats Table Sponsor / \$1,000 or In-Kind*

- Exclusive sponsorship of takeaway treats for people and/or pups!
- Logo and signage displayed on table with takeaway flyers/business cards
- Social Media shoutouts on Instagram and Facebook



### *Custom Sponsorships*

Like some or all of these options? Have something unique you can bring to Retrieving in the Round? Get in touch, we can get creative!

### *Silent Auction Donations*

Can't sponsor this year, but want to support by donating to our silent auction? Fill out the form [here](#).

For more information, contact us | [events@riservicedogs.org](mailto:events@riservicedogs.org)



# *Retrieving in the Round*

## SPONSOR FAQ

### *How does Retrieving in the Round support the mission of Retrieving Independence?*

The funds raised during this event go directly toward training and placing service dogs with individuals in need. It helps us cover costs like veterinary care, training, transportation, and supplies, ensuring that our dogs are ready to change lives and restore independence.

### *Why should I sponsor this event?*

Sponsoring Retrieving in the Round offers the opportunity to:

- Showcase your business to a dedicated audience that values community impact.
- Align your brand with a reputable nonprofit making a measurable difference.
- Receive prominent recognition in event materials, social media, and onsite displays.
- Enjoy the event yourself and network with other community leaders and philanthropists.

### *How many people typically attend the event?*

Our past events have welcomed over 100 guests, including community members, local businesses, and supporters who share a passion for our mission. This ensures significant visibility for your sponsorship.

### *How is my sponsorship promoted?*

We highlight our sponsors through:

- Social media shoutouts and event promotion posts.
- Recognition in event programs, flyers, and digital materials.
- Onsite displays, including banners and screens.
- Verbal acknowledgment during the event.

### *What are RI's metrics?*

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# Retrieving in the Round

## SPONSOR FAQ

### *Can I donate an auction item instead of sponsoring?*

Absolutely! Donating an item or service for our live or silent auction is a fantastic way to support the event. Your donation will be featured in the auction catalog, and you'll be recognized as a donor during the event.

### *Is my sponsorship tax-deductible?*

Yes! Retrieving Independence is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, so your sponsorship may be tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. We'll provide all necessary documentation for your records.

### *What makes Retrieving in the Round unique?*

Unlike typical fundraisers, this event combines live entertainment, delicious food, and meaningful connections—all tied to our mission of transforming lives. It's a night of celebration and giving, with an unforgettable atmosphere.

### *Who can I contact for more information?*

For more details, please reach out to [info@retrievingindependence.org](mailto:info@retrievingindependence.org). We're happy to answer any questions and work with you to maximize your sponsorship experience.

## PAST SPONSORS



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