NEWSLETTER



RETRIEVING INDEPENDENCE'S CURRENT EVENTS

MARCH 2024

A Tail of Love: Bruce Finds His Forever Home

In a touching turn of events. Bruce has found his forever home with the parents of one of our inmate trainers. This adoption not only speaks to the strong bond between our dogs and their trainers but also underscores the impact our program has on the lives of our trainers and their families. We are overjoyed for Bruce and his new family and grateful for the love and care they will provide him as he transitions into his new role as a beloved family member.





Pedal for Paws: Follow & Support Mike's Journey!



Embark on a transformative adventure with Mike as he pedals across America, raising funds to sponsor service dogs for Ed McCaffrey and veterans. Follow his inspiring journey on Instagram and Facebook, and join us in bringing independence one paw at a time by contributing to Pedal for Paws. Leave a message for Mike on socials!

Your donation fuels Retrieving Independence's mission to enhance lives through the power of service dogs, making a lasting impact on individuals like Ed and our honored veterans!





Meet Our New Recruits & Their Sponsors!

Join us in welcoming Dewdrop, Peachy, Rey, & Andi! These pawfect girls, who joined our program just about two weeks ago, bring boundless energy, unconditional love, and endless potential. Follow their pawprints as they embark on a journey of training, love, and a touch of mischief.

Puppy Name Sponsors:

Dewdrop: Marie Lancaster | **Peachy**: Mill Creek Brewing Co. Rey: Rebekah & Mike Glasmeier | Andi: R.I. Board



UPCOMING EVENTS & APPRECIATION

Unlock the Magic: Open House Extravaganza!

Save the Date - April 6th! Our Open House isn't merely an event; it's a voyage into the heart of service dogs and the transformative impact they bring.

Join us for a day filled with engaging activities, where you can witness the extraordinary bond between our service dogs and their recipients. Immerse yourself in the joyous energy of our vibrant community.

It's more than an Open House; it's an invitation to explore, learn, and connect with the mission of Retrieving Independence! We can't wait to see you there.

Date: 4/6 | Time: 10a - 12p | Location: 2400 Clifton Ave, Nashville





<u>Service Dog Matching Registration Paused Until 2025:</u> <u>Our Mission Continues!</u>

The 2024 chapter for match registrations has concluded, but stay tuned for an exciting journey in 2025! We'll resume registrations with fresh opportunities for life-changing bonds.

Keep an eye on our announcements and be part of our mission to infuse lives with love, dignity, and change. Stay involved with us by volunteering, attending events, & engaging with RI online & on socials!

Experience, Rebekah Glasmeier at rebekah@riservicedogs.org

Volunteer Recognition!

Whether it's stepping in, offering unwavering support, or going the extra mile, your commitment embodies the true spirit of our community. Thank you for being the heartbeat of Retrieving Independence and making a lasting impact on the lives we touch!

Recent Recognitions:

Jane Allison Crewse | Rebekah Glasmeier Laurel Hildner | Jennifer Kunic | Courtney Peugeot VOLUNTEERS ARE
NOT PAID - NOT
BECAUSE THEY
ARE WORTHLESS,
BUT BECAUSE
THEY ARE
PRICELESS.
- SHERRY ANDERSON



DOGS IN ACTION

Paws in Education: Otto Visits School!

Otto, our gentle giant, took center stage at local Granbery Elementary School, creating magical moments with the students. His calm demeanor and friendly nature provided a unique learning experience, teaching children about the role of service dogs and fostering a positive attitude toward inclusion.

Otto's visit left a lasting impression, illustrating the powerful connection between service dogs and the community. Stay tuned on our socials to catch glimpses of Otto's educational journey!

"Otto's time at Granbery is an important part of his training to become a service dog, as well as providing positive interaction with Granbery students who can witness a calm, well-mannered dog serving the community."

- Granbery Principal Emily Kajihara







LOVE. DIGNITY. CHANGE.



Scouting for Paws: Rey and Andi Steal the Show!

Our dynamic duo recently made a special appearance at a Boy Scouts meeting, spreading joy and raising awareness about the incredible work of service dogs. Their wagging tails and playful antics captured the hearts of everyone present. These furry ambassadors showcased the impact service dogs can have in fostering a sense of responsibility, compassion, and understanding.

Mando and Nicholas Soar with LifeFlight!

In a collaborative effort with Vanderbilt LifeFlight, Nicholas and Mando (left & right) experienced a high-stress, medically-related environment.

This unique opportunity allows our service dogs to practice their skills in chaotic situations, reinforcing their training and preparing them for real-world scenarios.

Nicholas' and Mando's participation in the LifeFlight program not only showcases their versatility but also emphasizes the crucial role service dogs play in emergency situations.









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