



IT IS WITH PRIDE AND PLEASURE THAT WE SHARE OUR LATEST PROJECT AND ASK FOR YOUR HELP!

Paws & Effect is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, founded in 2006. One of our missions is to provide well-trained service dogs for children with autism at no cost to the recipient or their family. Our most prominent program is the dog agility program at ChildServe, where children utilize trained dogs to complete their speech, occupational and physical therapy while taking a dog through an agility course. It is this program, in place since 2007, which we will expand into a service dog program in 2013. In doing so, children will be have service dogs that offset some of the more difficult affects of autism while providing them the opportunity to participate in dog agility events and trials.

Our current service dog programming includes strategic relationships with many community partners, including 4 Paws Unleashed and Jordan Creek Animal Hospital.

- 4 Paws Unleashed shares its facilities with Paws & Effect, donating training space, daycare, boarding and grooming services for our service dogs in training.
- Jordan Creek Animal Hospital is the primary veterinary partner for our service dogs and provides their flea/tick/heartworm prevention medication as well as a 20% discount on veterinary care.

To ensure that service dogs are adequately socialized, each autism assistance dog will take a trip to Disney World, assuring recipients that dogs are able to fly competently as well as tolerate large crowds and busy environments. Paws & Effect covers all the costs involved in raising a puppy, including toys, crates and food.

On average, it costs nearly \$7,500 to raise one autism assistance dog, excluding administrative costs. Families are not usually in a financial position to help us offset that cost, so we rely on corporate and private donations. These dogs make an incredible difference in children's lives and we are honored to be a part of making their world a better place in which to live.



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