



**FREEDOM
SERVICE DOGS
OF AMERICA**



SRO Kevin & FSD
Facility Dog Jack
with SRO Brian & FSD
Facility Dog Guster



2025



OCTOBER 1, 2024 -
SEPTEMBER 30, 2025



ANNUAL

IMPACT REPORT



MISSION

We transform lives by partnering people with custom-trained assistance dogs.

VISION

We envision a world where individuals have the freedom to live their lives to the fullest with a custom-trained assistance dog by their side.



Kevin & FSD Service Dog Foggy

A Message

FROM BOARD CHAIR AND PRESIDENT & CEO

At Freedom Service Dogs (FSD), we believe dogs have the power to not just change lives, but on some occasions, truly save them. Every day, we witness the incredible transformations that occur when people with disabilities are partnered with an FSD assistance dog. The freedom and healing that follow are reminders of why our mission matters.

This last year, we proudly placed a record-breaking number of service dogs thanks to the many hearts and hands involved in our work and the generosity of our supporters. We also expanded our impact by introducing a new type of client-dog partnership, placing our first two FSD Facility Dogs with school resource officers. (Read more about FSD Facility Dogs on page 4!)

Our focus on strengthening community partnerships paid off as well. Notably, we launched our first team dog, Freedom Service Dog trainee Maxy, with the Colorado Avalanche in collaboration with Kroenke Sports Charities and Goodheart Animal Health Centers! This exciting new chapter has allowed us to spread awareness of our vital mission and education about how assistance dogs change lives.

As we celebrate the successes reflected in this annual impact report, we also recognize that our work is far from finished. The demand for assistance dogs is at an all-time high as veterans, active-duty military members, and first responders continue to face disproportionate rates of suicide and mental health challenges. Now more than ever, the independence, stability, and elevated quality of life that a service dog can provide are urgently needed.



BOARD CHAIR MICHELLE SEARCH WITH YAHTZEE AND PRESIDENT & CEO CHRIS NELSON WITH BOGGLE

FSD DOG TYPES AT A GLANCE



SERVICE DOGS:

Custom-trained to perform tasks that assist veterans and first responders with PTSD or traumatic brain injuries & individuals with physical disabilities or autism.

- ✓ PURPOSE-BRED
- ✓ RECEIVES EARLY SOCIALIZATION
- ✓ TASK TRAINED FOR AN INDIVIDUAL
- ✓ PUBLIC ACCESS



FACILITY DOGS:

Partnered with professionals to provide highly-skilled therapeutic support in a range of environments, including first responder units, hospitals, schools, and more.

- ✓ PURPOSE-BRED
- ✓ RECEIVES EARLY SOCIALIZATION
- ✓ TRAINED TO SERVE COMMUNITIES
- ✗ LIMITED PUBLIC ACCESS



SKILLED COMPANION DOGS:

Placed with veterans, first responders, active-duty military members, and Gold Star Families to provide love and companionship at home.

- ✓ PURPOSE-BRED
- ✓ RECEIVES EARLY SOCIALIZATION
- ✓ PROVIDES LOVING SUPPORT TO WHOLE FAMILY
- ✗ NO PUBLIC ACCESS



SCAN TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE TYPES OF DOGS WE PURPOSE-BREED AND CUSTOM-TRAIN FOR PEOPLE IN NEED!

With gratitude,

Chris Nelson
FSD President & CEO

Michelle Search
FSD Board Chair

Barking News!

DOGS ON DUTY IN SCHOOLS

FREEDOM SERVICE DOGS (FSD) IS DEDICATED TO EXPANDING THE WAYS OUR DOGS MAKE A DIFFERENCE. THIS YEAR, WE WERE THRILLED TO DEEPEN OUR IMPACT BY LAUNCHING A NEW TYPE OF ASSISTANCE DOG PARTNERSHIP IN PLACING OUR FIRST TWO FSD FACILITY DOGS WITH SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (SROS).

MEET OUR SRO FSD FACILITY DOG TEAMS



TEAM BRIAN & GUSTER

Deputy Brian with the Douglas County Police Department is a school resource officer (SRO) at a Colorado middle school. In summer 2025, he was partnered with FSD Facility Dog Guster—making FSD history as the first team of its kind!

During their first year together, Guster has enriched Brian's work by offering comfort, easing stress, and helping students feel seen and supported. Through everyday moments of connection and compassion, this team has played a pivotal role in changing the education experience for students at their middle school.

"When kids pet Guster, their entire body language gets relaxed. He's non-judgemental, and he's not asking them for anything. He's just there for the love, and it helps make them more comfortable," - BRIAN



TEAM KEVIN & JACK

Deputy Kevin with the Isanti County Police Department supports students as an SRO within a Minnesota high school. In 2025, he was paired with FSD Facility Dog Jack (formerly known as Slash).

Together, this team has brought comfort and joy to students facing trauma, stress, and emotional challenges. This school year, Jack has helped Kevin connect with students he has never been able to reach before and assisted in building rapport.

"Jack helps open up lines of communication with students that weren't there before. He can make connections when no one else can and gives me the opportunity to break the ice," - KEVIN



Scan to read our blog!

2025 IMPACT

59 DOGS

PURPOSEFULLY PLACED WHERE THEY CAN HAVE THE MOST IMPACT FOR INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES



★ 28 FSD SERVICE DOGS PLACED WITH:

17
VETERANS & FIRST RESPONDERS

U.S. Marine Corps veteran Jason & FSD Service Dog Zarek

8
INDIVIDUALS WITH MOBILITY CHALLENGES

Elena & FSD Service Dog Cedar

3
INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM

Leann & FSD Service Dog Quali

10 FSD FACILITY DOGS PARTNERED WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS



21 FSD SKILLED COMPANION DOGS ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★
PLACED WITH VETERANS, FIRST RESPONDERS, ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY, AND GOLD STAR FAMILIES

Puppy Pathway TO SERVICE DOG SUCCESS



Colorado Litter

BREEDING AND BIRTH

As part of Freedom Service Dogs' (FSD) in-house purpose-breeding program, parent dogs (dams and studs) are carefully selected for their genetics, temperament, and health to help ensure they produce puppies with the necessary qualities needed to graduate as successful assistance dogs. Mama dogs are pregnant for about 63 days before giving birth in our cozy nursery, where the puppies spend the first few weeks bonding with their mothers and starting the socialization process.



FSD puppy Shandy

NURSERY

(BIRTH TO 8-WEEKS-OLD)

The first 8 weeks in an FSD puppy's life are crucial to their physical and neurological health. We employ scientifically proven neurological stimulation, socialization, and health care protocols to ensure puppies have the best chance for service dog success.



Denver Women's Correctional Facility Puppy Training Program

EARLY SOCIALIZATION AND TRAINING

(8 TO 16-WEEKS-OLD)

FSD puppies receive their first formal training, either through a canine prison training program or with one of our volunteer tiny tot puppy raisers. Lessons include name recognition, impulse control, basic obedience, potty and crate training, and loose-leash walking.

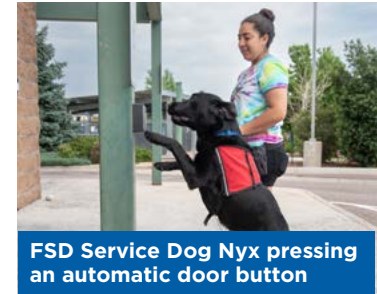


FSD puppy Maxy & her volunteer puppy raiser

PUPPY RAISING PROGRAM

(16 WEEKS TO 14-MONTHS-OLD)

FSD puppies live with a volunteer puppy raiser for approximately 10 months to build on their early training foundation. Puppy raisers advance basic obedience and house manners while providing the puppy with socialization opportunities.



FSD Service Dog Nyx pressing an automatic door button

CUSTOM TRAINING & PARTNER MATCHING

(14 TO 20-MONTHS-OLD)

As young adults, FSD pups graduate from the puppy raising program and each return to the FSD facility to turn "in for training" (IFT). Once in advanced training, each dog begins the custom training process where their skills are evaluated. Over the next several months, our dogs work with FSD trainers to learn specialized tasks tailored to the unique needs of a client on our waitlist.

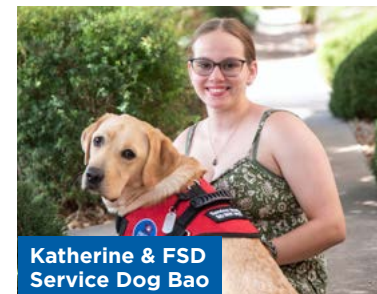


U.S. Navy veteran Lara & FSD Service Dog Mushu

PLACEMENT CLASS & GRADUATION

(20 TO 22-MONTHS-OLD+)

When a client is matched with an FSD Service Dog, they spend 2 weeks at the FSD facility for placement class where they bond with their new partner and practice working together as a team in public spaces. Before graduating, they also complete their ADI Public Access Test.



Katherine & FSD Service Dog Bao

LIFETIME SUPPORT

(GRADUATION TO RETIREMENT)

FSD supports our clients through the lifetime of their service dog. Graduated client-dog teams receive refresher training, new skills training, and annual team recertification. When an FSD Service Dog retires, the handler is able to receive a successor dog to follow in their pup's paw prints...and all at no cost to them!

COST TO CUSTOM TRAIN ONE SERVICE DOG: **\$50,000+**

\$0 AMOUNT CLIENTS PAY FOR A CUSTOM-TRAINED SERVICE DOG

INSIDE PUPPY PRISON PROGRAMS



FSD puppy with inmate handler at Denver Women's Correctional Facility



FSD puppies with inmate handlers at Fort Dodge Men's Correctional Facility

Most Freedom Service Dogs (FSD) in training take their first big step toward becoming life-changing assistance dogs through puppy prison training programs within the Denver Women's Correctional Facility, Sterling Men's Correctional Facility, or Fort Dodge Men's Correctional Facility in Iowa.

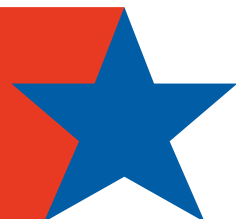
Our puppies in training are matched with a specially selected inmate handler, where they spend 6 to 8 weeks (or 10-12 months in the Fort Dodge Men's Correctional Facility program) receiving critical early training, care, and socialization during one of the most formative stages of their service dog careers. These mutually beneficial programs positively impact our puppies, FSD's training program, and the inmate handlers who often find renewed purpose through their efforts.

While these programs are vital in FSD achieving our mission, they come at a high cost. In 2025, 100 FSD puppies entered a puppy prison training program. Per puppy, it costs \$260 a week or about \$1,560 for the duration of the puppy's 6-8 weeks of training through our Colorado prison program partners. Our partners at the Fort Dodge Men's Correctional Facility generously offer their training program at no cost to us.

We rely on the generosity of our community to sustain programs like these that prepare each puppy to become a life-changing assistance dog. When you give a gift of any amount to FSD, you ensure that we can continue providing the highest quality training and care to every puppy and dog in our program.



SCAN TO LEARN MORE!




2025 PUPPIES

19 ACTIVE BREEDER DOGS



125 PUPPIES BORN

22 LITTERS WHELPED ONSITE

18 PUPPIES EXCHANGED WITH OTHER ADI-ACCREDITED ORGANIZATIONS through the International Breeding Collective (IBC) to support genetic diversity



RAISE A PUPPY, CHANGE A LIFE

Freedom Service Dogs' (FSD) volunteer puppy raisers are at the heart of our mission and come from every walk of life: students, working professionals, families, retirees, and even individuals hoping to receive their own FSD Service Dog someday. No matter their background, what they all share is a desire to make a meaningful difference.

This year, approximately 146 volunteer puppy raisers helped 125 FSD puppies learn, grow, and reach their full potential! As our organization continues to grow, so does our need for more caring volunteers. Every new puppy who joins our program needs someone to guide them during the beginning of their service dog journey. If you're ready to help raise the next generation of future Freedom Service Dog superstars, you'll feel right at home with our FSD family!

READY TO START YOUR PUPPY RAISING JOURNEY?

Visit us at freedom servicedogs.org to apply, give us a call at 303-922-6231, or email us at volunteer@freedom servicedogs.org.



Thank You VOLUNTEERS

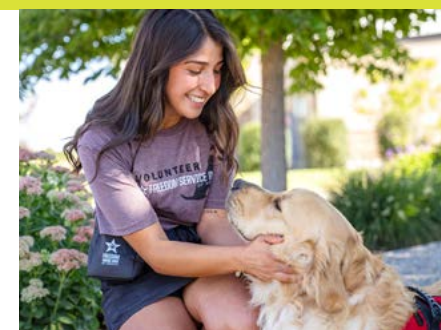
785 VOLUNTEERS PROVIDED EXCEPTIONAL CARE, TRAINING, AND



Love to 291 PUPPIES AND DOGS

20 VOLUNTEER GUARDIAN HOMES Loved and nurtured

15 DAMS AND 4 SIRES AS THEY PREPARED TO BRING NEW GENERATIONS OF FSD SERVICE DOGS INTO THE WORLD



214 VOLUNTEER PUPPY RAISERS AND SITTERS helped guide

OUR NEXT GENERATION OF FUTURE SERVICE DOG SUPERSTARS



115 VOLUNTEER FOSTERS Loved and cared

FOR PUPPIES & DOGS ON WEEKENDS



27 CORPORATE VOLUNTEER GROUPS

ASSISTED WITH IMPORTANT ONSITE TASKS TO KEEP OUR DOGS, STAFF, AND VOLUNTEERS safe and healthy

2025 GRADS U.S. MARINE CORPS VETERAN TOM & FSD SERVICE DOG ALANIS



Duty, Honor, and COMMITMENT

As a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, Tom lives and breathes the core values of the U.S. military—duty, honor, and commitment. These values shaped him as a young Marine and have carried him through some of the most difficult moments of his life. Today, they live on in his partnership with Freedom Service Dog Alanis, who exemplifies these qualities every day.

During his four years of active duty, Tom sustained multiple life-changing injuries, but the worst occurred during a training exercise in the jungle. While free-climbing a steep hillside, he lost his grip and fell 20 feet. The impact shattered bones, damaged joints, and left him with a traumatic brain injury and nerve damage.

“My disabilities caused debilitating pain and limited my activities. The devastation distorted my values and removed my career, ambitions, identity, and purpose,” Tom shared.

In the aftermath, Tom’s world grew small and isolation took root. Eventually, he realized he needed the kind of support that no medication could give. He needed love, comfort, and companionship. When he applied for an FSD Service Dog, he felt something he hadn’t felt in a long time: hope.

In February 2025, Tom was partnered with FSD Service Dog Alanis, and his entire world changed. Tom and Alanis’s connection was instant. Where Tom carried years of silent battles, Alanis brought calm. Where he carried doubt, she brought trust. “From the moment we met,” Tom said, “I knew we were both home.”

Today, Alanis gives Tom the gift of hope and independence by creating space in crowded public areas, performing deep pressure therapy when pain or anxiety rises, and interrupting behaviors triggered by stress. Because Tom lives with limited mobility and pain, Alanis also assists him by tugging off clothing and retrieving dropped items, which allows him to conserve energy for the parts of life that really matter to him, such as his family and faith community.

While the physical assistance Tom receives from Alanis is priceless, it’s the joy she sparks, the connection she rebuilds, and the encouragement she offers that has changed Tom’s life most profoundly. She nudges him to rest when he pushes himself too hard and opens doors, figuratively and literally, to rejoin the world around him.

Tom shared, “Having the support of FSD and Alanis has given me a new level of motivation and purpose I haven’t felt in years.”

In every moment Tom and Alanis share, she reflects the duty, honor, and commitment that have shaped his life. With her steady presence at his side, Tom is reclaiming the confidence, peace, and independence he once thought were lost. Together, they’re forging a new path—one defined by healing and the freedom to move forward.



MEET ALL OUR 2025 GRADS



WE RELY ON THE GENEROSITY OF OUR SUPPORTERS TO SUSTAIN OUR MISSION AND ARE COMMITTED TO BEING RESPONSIBLE STEWARDS OF OUR FINANCIAL ASSETS.

\$.78 OF EVERY DOLLAR PROVIDES DOG CARE AND TRAINING, AS WELL AS CLIENT EDUCATION AND SUPPORT

\$.22 OF EVERY DOLLAR GOES TOWARD FUNDRAISING AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES



MEET THE FIALAS

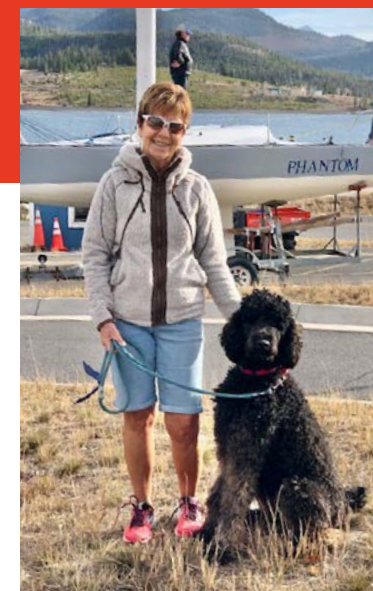
Freedom Service Dogs (FSD) is incredibly grateful for the generous supporters who form the backbone of our mission—supporters like Dean and Margo Fiala, who first joined the FSD community as volunteers in 2017.

Inspired by the life-changing impact they saw between FSD dogs and the individuals we serve, the Fiala’s deepened their commitment to our mission by joining our Forever Freedom Legacy Society, ensuring their support will shape the future of FSD for years to come.

Dean and Margo have also sponsored the naming of dozens of FSD puppies, fostered nearly 40 FSD Service Dogs in training, contributed hundreds of volunteer hours at our facility, and generously supported our Diamonds in the Ruff galas. Their kindness has touched nearly every corner of our organization, and we are profoundly thankful for their dedication to the people and pups of FSD.

MARGO AND DEAN SHARE:

“We believe in FSD’s mission and have seen the difference FSD Service Dogs have made in clients’ lives. We hope people will consider supporting FSD since there are many volunteer and giving opportunities, big or small, that all make an impact and encourage people to get more involved with the mission.”



Thank you FOR INVESTING IN OUR LIFE-CHANGING MISSION

\$100,000+

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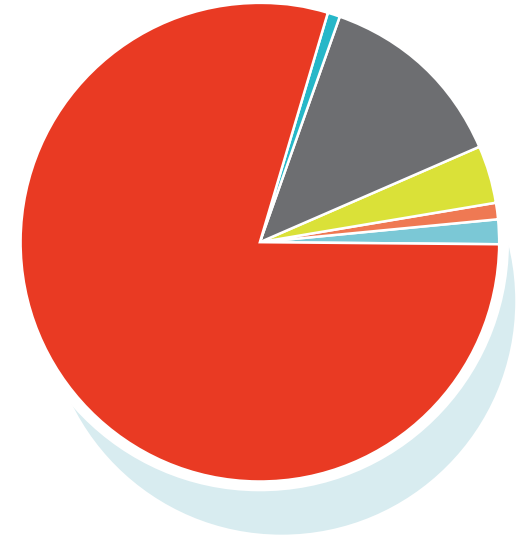
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REVENUE, GAINS & SUPPORT

79.6%	Contributions & Grants	\$5,178,423
0.9%	In-Kind Donated Contributions	\$56,711
13%	Fundraising Events	\$845,336
3.9%	Investment Return	\$256,436
1.2%	Interest & Dividend Income	\$78,170
1.4%	Adoption Fees & Other Income	\$91,230

TOTAL \$6,506,306



EXPENSES

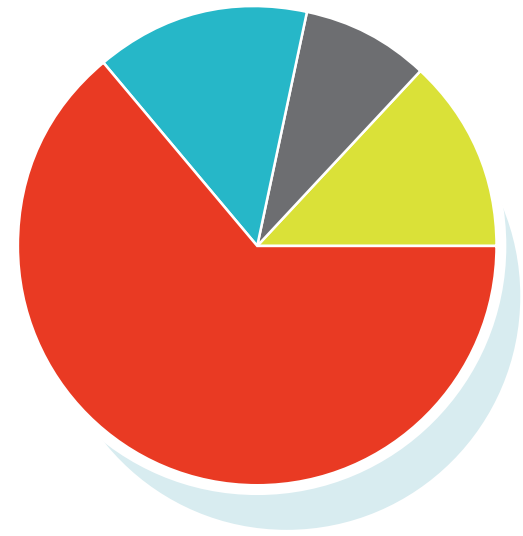
PROGRAM SERVICES

63.9%	Dog Operations	\$4,096,908
14.6%	Education & Client Relations	\$934,560
	Total Program Services	\$5,031,468

SUPPORTING SERVICES

8.6%	Management & General	\$554,426
12.9%	Fundraising	\$827,189
	Total Supporting Services	\$1,381,615

TOTAL \$6,413,083



The financials and programmatic impacts presented in this report reflect the time frame of October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025.

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Total Assets
\$11,230,241

Total Liabilities
\$554,935

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions \$10,043,206

• **Investment in Property/Equipment** \$5,577,654

• **Board Designated**

» **Operating Reserve** \$1,881,636

» **Endowment** \$2,583,916

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions \$632,100

TOTAL NET ASSETS:
\$10,675,306





Maxy at 8-weeks-old

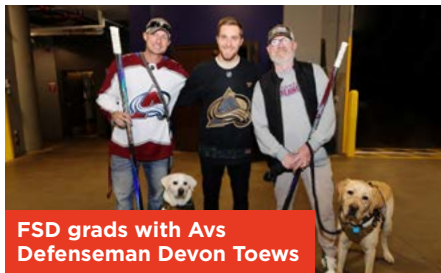
Changing the Game AN AVALANCHE OF SUPPORT

In December 2024, Freedom Service Dogs (FSD) announced the birth of the first-ever Colorado Avalanche Team Dog and first member of Bernie's Buddies, Maxy, who was named by Avs Faithful in honor of the late Avs Color Analyst Peter "Maxy" McNab. Throughout the year, the Colorado Avalanche, Kroenke Sports Charities (KSC), and Goodheart Animal Health Centers have supported Maxy on her journey to becoming a highly-skilled service dog for someone in need while promoting the important mission of FSD.

To honor our brave American heroes, KSC also chose FSD as one of the beneficiaries of their Colorado Avalanche Military Auction, raising \$26,225 to support the veterans and first responders with disabilities we serve!

We are thankful to KSC, the Colorado Avalanche, Avs Defenseman and devoted FSD supporter Devon Toews, and Goodheart Animal Health Centers for their continued partnership and belief in our mission.

We are thrilled to see what's to come during the 2025 - 2026 NHL season as FSD Service Dog in training Maxy cheers on her favorite team.



FSD grads with Avs Defenseman Devon Toews

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Go Avs, Go!

A HOME RUN ★ with UCHhealth

This year, UCHhealth came up to bat for the mission of Freedom Service Dogs (FSD) through their Hit the Mitt campaign and Healthy Swings Charity Home Run Derby.

During the 2025 Colorado Rockies season, UCHhealth donated \$5,000 to FSD each time a Rockies player hit the mitt sign or sent a home run in the left-field tunnel, resulting in a whopping \$20,000 donation! Additionally, on June 5, 2025, UCHhealth knocked it out of the park with a generous \$192,378 gift to FSD as the beneficiary of their annual Healthy Swings Charity Home Run Derby.

FSD is incredibly grateful to UCHhealth, the Colorado Rockies, and the Healthy Swings participants who helped make these fundraisers a home run! Because of the support of generous partners like UCHhealth, FSD is able to partner more life-changing assistance dogs with people with disabilities at no cost.



Broncos Linebacker Alex Singleton with team Miles & FSD Service Dog Ravioli and family



FSD CEO & President Chris Nelson accepts check from UCHhealth

WAYS TO GIVE

HERE ARE SOME OF THE MANY WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A

dog-sized difference

FOR THE LIFE-CHANGING MISSION OF FREEDOM SERVICE DOGS



- Include FSD in your will
- Make an IRA rollover gift/qualified charitable distribution

- Give appreciated stock
- Name FSD as a beneficiary on life insurance



This information is not intended as legal advice and may not reflect current law. Please consult with your advisor.



TO LEARN MORE, contact Deputy Director of Philanthropy Shanda Griebel at 303-922-6231 x240 or sgriebel@freedom servicedogs.org.



FOREVER FREEDOM LEGACY SOCIETY

The Forever Freedom Legacy Society (FFLS) honors those who have invested in the longevity of our mission by making an estate gift to FSD. No matter your age, there's no time like the present to plan for your future! Scan the QR Code to create a free real estate plan & learn more about the benefits of joining the FFLS.



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Margaret Turner
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Susan Treece & Allan Wise

ABOUT FSD



At Freedom Service Dogs (FSD), we believe dogs can make a profound difference in the everyday lives of people challenged with disabilities. Daily tasks and routines that many take for granted can be challenging and complex for a veteran or first responder with PTSD or a traumatic brain injury, as well as individuals with a physical disability or autism. Picking up a dropped phone, moving around in a busy public space, or withstanding a stressful environment can feel overwhelming if you don't have the necessary resources to navigate the situation. At FSD, we purpose-breed and custom train dogs who empower individuals with disabilities to live lives filled with possibility.

Each of our service dogs, facility dogs, and skilled companion dogs is placed with the individual or situation where they can have the greatest impact. At FSD, we understand that these puppies are far more than highly-trained assistance dogs; for those we serve, they are everyday game changers.

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