



## Guide Dogs of Texas April Volunteer Newsletter

Just a reminder, our address has changed to 1503 Allena Drive, San Antonio, TX 78213. The phone numbers to the office will remain the same 210-366-4081.

This month we have one booth event we need to work. It is at Laurel Heights Methodist Church. It will be from 8:00am until 1:00pm on Saturday April 8th. I would like to have two shifts for this booth. The first shift will be from 8:00 until 10:30 and the second shift from 10:30 until 1:00. I would like to have puppies at each shift with people to answer questions and work the booth. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are able to work this Saturday.

We have one presentation to work at Zachary Middle School for the parents of that school. It will be April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. The address is 9410 Timber Path, San Antonio, TX 78250. It would be nice to have a dog and the presentation should be about Guide Dogs of Texas and our goal to place dogs with visually impaired Texans. If you can do this presentation please let me know.

The training event this month will be on the topic of working information booths. Training is on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. We call these volunteers Guide Dog Ambassadors. The topic will be answering typical questions that the public has. If you have not seen the new facility it would be a great time to stop by and visit as well as learn a few things. Please RSVP if you can attend.

The training staff has set an aggressive goal for placing dogs with clients this year. In order for them to meet this goal the trainers must spend more time training and less time on non training duties. To help the trainer meet their goal we have added Volunteer Kennel Assistant to our volunteer activities. The Kennel Assistant volunteers will be asked to come in daily to help by cleaning the kennel area, washing and changing the dogs bedding. These volunteers will also be asked to do other duties such as give the dogs in the kennel an opportunity to relieve themselves outside, groom and feed them. If you are interested in getting the whole family involved in volunteering, this would be a wonderful experience. If you are interested in this new volunteer activity, please call the office.

We have sold about 110 bricks for the Guide Dogs of Texas Walk of Independence. We are almost halfway to our goal of 250 bricks. This amount of bricks will give us a price break and get us a good start on the walk. Please remember that these sales are a volunteer fund raising activity and we are really excited about getting the walk started. If you need more brick forms to hand out we have them on the website or you can call the office and we will mail them to you.

**Mark your calendars, we are having Guide Dogs of Texas night out on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Blue Cactus on Wetmore. Guide Dogs of Texas will receive funds from all entrees and drinks. Look for more information coming soon.**