



Spring 2019

Oh the Places We Go!



LouAnn took her guide dog Atlas to Colorado this winter as she learned to cross-country ski. She participated in two 5k races – both in the same day!



John and Eagle worked together on John's first mural in Brooklyn commemorating World Sight Day. This incredible artist and his guide dog travel the world together making it a more beautiful place.



Donna and her guide dog Huey love the outdoors. Donna's adventures include hiking our national parks to competitive sheep-herding trials!

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Our Newest Teams Graduate

Lives are changed as partnerships are formed

Mario and Grant

Someone recently asked Mario how has having a guide dog from Guide Dogs of Texas changed his life. His response was “How hasn’t it changed?”

Here, Mario shares his thoughts since finding his Guide Dog partner, Grant:

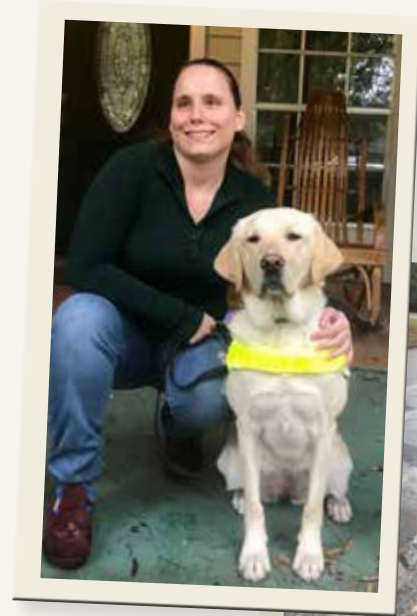
“My life has become a lot more active with Grant. I exercise a lot more with walking and grooming since I am responsible for his care. I groom him every morning. I am a lot more independent and mobile with Grant. In my profession as a counselor, Grant is my wonderful constant companion. He seems to listen intently to my clients. And, my clients tell me that he looks at them very compassionately! Adding Grant to our family has definitely enriched our family life which, by the way, includes two cats who have accepted him albeit reluctantly at first! Grant has enabled me to be more mindful and engaged in my environment than ever before. THANK YOU GUIDE DOGS OF TEXAS!”

Mario Aguirre and Grant



Amanda and Bell

The choice to go through training with a Guide Dog is not an easy one for everyone. For Amanda, a successful massage therapist in Houston, it took some time. She's been a successful cane user her entire life but after noticing her vision decreasing in the past couple of years, she decided it might be time to look into receiving a Guide Dog to help with confidence and independence while traveling so contacted Guide Dogs of Texas. After training with her new Guide Dog Bell, Amanda couldn't be happier about that decision. She loves Bell's "princess" personality and thinks they are an awesome fit for each other! Bell loves having a schedule to stick to which works well for Amanda's busy but very structured life. Amanda is able to better enjoy long exercise walks along the green belt in her neighborhood, daily trips to the school to pick up her daughter, having Bell to help navigate the office complex she works in, and all of the random errands and outings that comes with being a mom of two teenagers! Amanda says she thinks of Bell as a true gift in her life and feels lucky to have her.



Jimmy and Hannah

These pictures show how adeptly Jimmy and Hannah work as partners to navigate downtown Austin and all of the various hazards thrown at them. They are amazing! Jimmy says, "Hanna's awesome, she just loves to be loved!"



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Here come the "Magnificent M's!"

Announcing the arrival of the "M" Litter, named and sponsored by the Houston Delta Gamma Foundation! There are 7 pups and they are ALL BOYS! They will provide over 56 years of guided sight to blind Texans.

**We are thrilled to introduce:
Morty, Mark, Max, Murray,
Merlin, Merlot and Mack!**



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