



WHAT WE DO

AT FREEDOM SERVICE DOGS, WE UNLEASH THE POTENTIAL OF DOGS BY TRANSFORMING THEM INTO CUSTOM-TRAINED, LIFE-CHANGING ASSISTANCE DOGS FOR PEOPLE IN NEED.

Since our founding in 1987, FSD has graduated hundreds of teams at no cost to our clients. We also provide a lifetime of support for every team, including post-placement follow-up, ongoing training, annual recertification, and advocacy efforts.

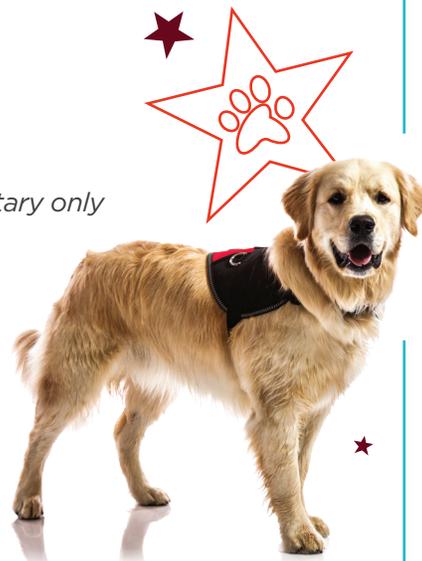
OUR CLIENTS

THE CLIENTS WE SERVE COME FROM ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES AND INCLUDE:

- ✓ Veterans & active-duty military
- ✓ Children
- ✓ Other teens & adults

THEIR DISABILITIES INCLUDE:

- ✓ Post-traumatic stress (PTS)
veterans and active-duty military only
- ✓ Traumatic brain injury (TBI)
- ✓ Spinal cord injuries
- ✓ Cerebral palsy
- ✓ Multiple sclerosis
- ✓ Muscular dystrophy
- ✓ Autism



At any given time, more than 100 clients in need are on our waiting list, with an average wait time of three years or more.



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“Solar has added to my independence tremendously. It’s nice knowing I can rely on him to open heavy doors and pick up things I drop. Solar is my devoted best friend, my constant companion, my lifeline, and my infinite power source.”

- JON

young man with muscular dystrophy who graduated with Solar in 2018

OUR DOGS

Each year, Freedom Service Dogs takes in as many as 150 dogs from a variety of sources, including shelters and rescues. Our dogs are trained to help people enjoy more independent lives by assisting with daily tasks, enhancing social interactions, and making what was once impossible possible. They can learn more than 65 cues to assist their partners, including:

FOR MOBILITY CLIENTS:

- > Retrieve dropped objects
- > Go for help or push medical alert or 911 button
- > Retrieve items from refrigerator or dryer
- > Turn lights on and off
- > Open and close doors
- > Enhance balance while walking and provide brace for transfers

FOR VETERANS WITH PTS:

- > Reduce anxiety by creating a buffer in public places
- > Provide sense of security with consistent physical presence

FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM:

- > Relieve emotional outbursts by redirecting child's attention
- > Nudge child to interrupt repetitive behaviors

Because not every dog is destined to become a service dog, some of the dogs we take in are better suited to being family pets. We take great care to ensure that these "career-change dogs" are adopted into loving homes.



Angela, U.S. Navy veteran with PTS who graduated with Brave in 2016

"Before Brave, my life seemed empty, and I was afraid to go places. When Brave came along, all that changed. He has helped me overcome fears and anxiety attacks. My life is better with Brave because now I, too, can be brave again."



OUR PROGRAMS

> OPERATION FREEDOM

We help veterans and active-duty military reintegrate into civilian life with custom-trained service dogs.

> OPERATION FULL CIRCLE

In this unique program, veterans with PTS and traumatic brain injury work alongside our trainers for four months to train the dogs provided to them by FSD.

> TRADITIONAL PLACEMENT CLASS

This program provides custom-trained service dogs for clients with mobility disabilities such as spinal cord injuries, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, and cerebral palsy.

> DISCO'S DOGS

This program provides specially trained service dogs and skilled companion dogs for individuals age 5 and up with autism-related differences or developmental disabilities.



- ANGELA,
U.S. Navy veteran
and FSD graduate

