

Exceptional Dogs for Exceptional People®



Our mission



**We train assistance dogs
for children and adults with disabilities
to enhance their independence.
founded in 1975**



Nationwide Presence



- 5 regional training centers
 - Santa Rosa, CA
 - Oceanside, CA
 - Columbus, OH
 - Long Island, NY
 - **Orlando, FL**
- Graduates, puppy raisers and volunteers in every state
- 3000 volunteers

Who do we serve?



- Adults, children, health care and educational facilities
- Currently 1,500 active teams
- Dogs, training, and follow-up services cost over \$45,000 - all provided free of charge.

What is a Canine Companions?



Breeding



- Volunteer breeder caretakers
- 90 Breeder dogs
- Over 650 puppies born each year



Raise a dog, change a life



Volunteer Puppy Raising

- Over 960 puppy raisers
- 12 Prison puppy raising programs
 - 5 in Southeast Region



Help is a four-legged word



Canine Training

- 6 months at a Regional Training Center
- Professional instructors
- Over 40 commands



One Team, Two Heroes



Team Training

- Dogs + People
- Two-week Team Training
- Joyous graduation ceremony
- Individualized follow-up



Wounded Veterans Initiative



CANINE COMPANIONS
FOR INDEPENDENCE®

Jeffrey Adams and Sharif
1st. Lieutenant Louisiana Army National Guard
July 26, 2008

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Apply for an Assistance Dog



- Contact Melinda Sowers, Southeast Regional Applicant Program Manager at 407-522-3313
- If you are outside of the Southeast Region Please Contact our Toll Free Number
- 1-800-572-BARK
- Connect online – cci.org

