

## Be a Sponsor

There are many services associated with the raising and training of an alert service dog including: purchase, veterinary expense, food cost, training equipment, etc. We rely heavily on sponsorships by local businesses and individuals.

To contribute, please indicate your sponsorship level below and return this form with your check to:

Grand Junction Kiwanis Club  
PO Box 1377  
Grand Junction, CO 81502

\_\_\_\_ "Top Dog" Sponsor - \$2,000 +  
Your name and logo on both sides of the training vest. Top billing on posters and handouts. We will attend your company's event with your alert service dog

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\_\_\_\_ "Dog Team" Sponsor - Up to \$1,000  
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**Grand Junction Kiwanis  
Foundation**

For more information about the  
Service Dogs for  
Kids Academy  
Contact  
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## Thank You to our

### "Doggie Duo Sponsors"

Dr. & Mrs. Danny Mistry  
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CO 81507  
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## *Alert Service Dogs for Kids Academy*

A program to match families in our community with an "Alert Service Dog" for a special child at no cost to the family.



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## A Child In Need!

There is a growing prevalence of “silent disabilities” such as diabetes and extreme allergies among our community’s children. Many of these children’s lives are severely constrained and socially limited by their need to be continuously monitored and protected.

Children’s lives can be dramatically improved with a well trained “alert” service dog. These dogs alert to a diabetic episode or the presence of a dangerous allergen. They can locate and retrieve medications, even when misplaced.

They are also trained to find, and alert, an adult in case the child becomes ill. Although these dogs are commercially available, they can cost \$15,000, or more, and the demand far exceeds the supply.

## Our Goal!

We strive to change the lives of children in our community who are afflicted with these silent disabilities by providing them with dogs bred with specific characteristics suitable for service work. The program also provides guidelines and techniques in a classroom environment to be sure that these dogs are properly trained to detect and alert to a specific condition that will reliably protect the child. These operations are made possible by the generous contributions of our sponsors.



## About Kiwanis



Kiwanis International is a worldwide service organization of 350,000 members in 80 nations sharing the challenge of community and world improvement with an emphasis on youth.

**Grand Junction Kiwanis Club :** For the past 77 years, our club has raised money for the direct benefit of children’s health and safety. Our club is fortunate to have an experienced service dog trainer as a member. She, and others, establish all training protocol, select suitable puppies, and perform final finish training of all dogs.

## Our Program!

Our club invites selected families, with an afflicted child, to apply for enrollment in our Academy where they receive a puppy at NO COST to the family.

Program results show most benefit when pups are placed with the family as soon as possible. Then crucial bonding and training are more likely to occur and the dogs more quickly tune into the child’s needs to provide desired results for the family.

The parents and children attend twice monthly training classes where they learn the necessary skills to properly raise and train the pup for “alert” service. Support and advice are provided throughout the training period to optimize success for each family.

The dogs will spend much of their life in public. Therefore, early training emphasizes obedience and the socialization skills required for public access. Academy members include the dogs in all of their daily activities, so they become comfortable in any environment. The regular group training sessions are conducted in public places such as shopping malls, public libraries, recreation centers, etc. This enhances the socialization process and it gives our sponsors due recognition.

Academy enrollment is limited to 6 families, which allows us to customize the alert response to the individual family’s needs.

The dog is formally presented to the child at a public graduation ceremony where sponsors are recognized. Following the presentation ceremony our Club maintains contact for follow up advice.

