



DCM Associates, Inc. is honored to partner with The Seeing Eye to recruit volunteer puppy raisers!

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BECOME A VOLUNTEER PUPPY RAISER!

The Seeing Eye is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to enhance the independence, dignity, and self-confidence of blind people through the use of Seeing Eye® dogs. In pursuit of this mission, The Seeing Eye:

- Breeds and raises puppies to become Seeing Eye dogs;
- Trains Seeing Eye dogs to guide blind people;
- Provides emotional support to the puppies, handlers, and care of the dogs; and
- Conducts and supports research on canine health and development

At this time, The Seeing Eye is recruiting volunteers to foster puppies who are preparing to train for their careers as Seeing Eye® dogs.

History of The Seeing Eye

The Seeing Eye was incorporated in Nashville, Tennessee, on January 29, 1929. The organization's first breeding station was located in Whippoorwill, N.C., because the climate in the northeast was more humid than the south. The first puppy was born on June 5, 1929. The 60 acre campus is home to the administrative offices, student dormitory, and the puppy training station. The puppy training station was built on 330 acres in Chester, N.J., which houses the adult breeding dogs and puppies until they are eight weeks old. An additional training center is located in Morristown.



Puppy raisers are VOLUNTEER foster families, from all walks of life, who nurture and care for their pups until they are about 14- to 16-months-old. When Seeing Eye puppies reach the age of seven or eight weeks, they are delivered to the homes of volunteer puppy raisers who live within driving distance of The Seeing Eye. Over the course of a year and a half, puppy raisers host a puppy in their home. The family provides love, care, obedience training and social exposure to assist the puppy in becoming a future Seeing Eye® dog. They teach the puppies basic manners and commands, and socialize them to a variety of social situations and experiences that range from shopping and car rides, to visiting airports and boarding airplanes.

History of The Seeing Eye

The Seeing Eye was incorporated in Nashville, Tennessee, on January 29, 1929. In 1931, the organization relocated

to Whippany, NJ, because the climate in the northeast was more suitable for training dogs.

On June 5, 1965, the cornerstone was laid for the current headquarters in Morris Township, NJ.



In February 1929, the first class graduated from The Seeing Eye. Shown left to right are chief instructor Jack Humphrey; graduate Dr. Raymond Harris with Tartar; instructor Adelaide Clifford; graduate Dr. Howard Buchanan with Gala; and instructor Willi Ebeling.

Renovations to the Washington Valley headquarters were completed in 2013. The 60-acre campus is home to the administrative offices, student residence, veterinary clinic and kennels. In 2001, a breeding station was built on 330 acres in Chester, NJ, which houses the adult breeding dogs and puppies until they are eight weeks old. An additional training center is located in Morristown. The Seeing Eye is the oldest existing guide dog school in the world and continues its role as a pioneer in the guide dog movement.

The Seeing Eye has played an integral part in shaping public policy guaranteeing access and accommodation to people who use service animals. From developing a computer information system that calculates the suitability of every dog in the colony to become a breeder, to funding cutting edge research in DNA sequencing and identifying genetic markers for degenerative eye disease, The Seeing Eye is a research leader in canine genetics, breeding, disease control and behavior. The organization is a founding member of the Council of U.S. Guide Dog Schools and a fully accredited member of the International Guide Dog Federation.

If you would like to apply to become a Volunteer Puppy Raiser **and reside in New Jersey or one of the counties listed in the Ideal Candidate Profile in Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland or New York**, [please click here](#) to complete the organization's online form. **If you live outside The Seeing Eye catchment area identified in the Ideal Candidate Profile or are otherwise not eligible to volunteer, please share this announcement with any of your connections who might be eligible and interested.**

If you would like to discuss the opportunity further with an actual Volunteer Puppy Raiser contact Joseph F. Duffy, Vice Chairman at DCM Associates joe.duffy@dcm-associates.com.

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