

# CREATING A MIRACLE

## SPONSOR AN EMOTIONAL SUPPORT TEAM

It costs **\$10,000** to breed, raise, train, and partner an Emotional Support Dog with an Israeli child with autism, or someone with special needs. The process takes just over a year and totally transforms a person's life.



### Step 1: \$2,402 BREEDING OUR PUPPIES

We begin by selectively breeding puppies for physical and temperament traits required for guide dogs and qualities suitable to specific clients, such as size and speed. Mothers give birth and nurse their puppies for eight weeks at our state-of-the-art Whelping Center. Puppies undergo early enrichment and are exposed to light, sounds, and different surfaces. Specially designed play equipment helps them develop coordination and agility skills.

### Step 2: \$3,461 PUPPY RAISING

Volunteer puppy raisers – mostly university students – foster puppies for a year, providing socialization, obedience training, and lots of love. Our puppy managers supervise and visit each team monthly to check on the puppies' progress. During this crucial year, the puppies go to public places such as shopping centers and restaurants, public transit, and busy streets to familiarize them with situations they will encounter as working dogs.



### Step 3: \$4,137 MATCHING THE RIGHT DOG WITH THE RIGHT FAMILY

When puppies reach approximately 14 months, they return to the Center for evaluation. Dogs not selected to enter Guide Dog or PTSD Service training, are selected for our Emotional Support program. The majority of these dogs are placed with children on the autism spectrum, while other dogs are placed with people who have different special needs.

Our staff screens the family to make sure a dog is the appropriate solution – and to best match them with a loving companion that will make a difference in their lives. In Israel we refer to these dogs as “Kelev Chaver” or “Buddy Dogs.”

We also instruct the family about how to care for and work with a companion dog. These lucky dogs will live out their lives as a beloved member of the family.



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## BUDGET

### EMOTIONAL SUPPORT DOG

<b>I. Breeding Program (per dog)</b>	\$2,402
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Reproduction Coordinator</li><li>○ Veterinary Services</li><li>○ Whelping</li><li>○ Early Puppy Enrichment – on campus</li></ul>	
<b>II. Puppy Raising &amp; Dog care expenses</b>	3,461
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Screening and interviewing puppy-raising families</li><li>○ Training Supervision</li><li>○ Food &amp; Medications</li><li>○ Leash, chew toys, etc.</li><li>○ Monthly training – new lessons</li></ul>	
<b>III. Client Outreach &amp; Evaluation</b>	3,837
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Staff outreach to other human service organizations &amp; social workers</li><li>○ Visiting guide dog program – bringing guide dogs to Eliya School for Blind and Disabled Children</li><li>○ Evaluation of prospective clients</li><li>○ Client instruction in how to care and work with an Emotional Support Dog</li><li>○ Vehicle expenses for visits to clients &amp; other agencies</li></ul>	
<b>IV. Cleaning &amp; Maintenance Expenses – Kennels, Puppy Enrichment Training and Assessment areas</b>	300
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Cleaning &amp; maintenance personnel</li><li>○ Cleaning &amp; maintenance supplies and services</li></ul>	
<b>COST TO SPONSOR AN EMOTIONAL SUPPORT TEAM</b>	<hr/> <b>\$10,000</b>