

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides

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Governors; I found this one of the most interesting years with Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. All, our meetings were no longer in person due to covid. So, we had lots of zoom meetings, which I felt went very well and very interesting. This past year we held a virtual Pet Value Walk for Dog Guides and raised an impressive \$818,466.50! Hopefully we can get more clubs involved with the next one which will be on May 30, 2021. We are currently will be upgrading LFCDG with a new school built from the ground up just south of Westwood Park hopefully by the late 2023. The move to the new building will achieve the following:

- Meeting compliance standards to achieve the Rick Hnsen Foundation Gold Standard Accreditation for Accessibility.
- Accommodating all the staff under one roof.
- Having an on-site vet clinic.
- =Providing a purpose-built facility for training both the dogs and their new owners.

The Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides purchased land in the Joshua Creek area, so they're not moving too far from the community and will remain in Oakville. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for LFCDG to build a new school from the ground up to enable us to meet our growing demands.

This year the contributions from District 19 is \$85,890.00, great job keep up the great work. As you may or may not know the directors were asked if they wanted to stay another year and I did for my replacement Richard Simonson will be officially starting his years in October. You will do a wonderful job as he is very dedicated and has sat on some of our meetings. Congrats to Richard.

Respectfully Submitted

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