

Leader Dog Report

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Leader Dog 3rd Quarter Donation Totals for MD19

Districts	Donations	
A	\$ 0.00	
B	\$ 4,044.80	
C	\$ 2,875.00	
D	\$ 1,700.00	
E	\$ 5,684.02	
F	\$ 3,098.73	
G	\$ 3,595.88	
H	\$ 3,000.00	
I	<u>\$ 56.05</u>	
2019-2020 3 rd Qtr Total	\$24,053.86.	2018-2019 4 th Qtr Total \$36,497.16

The 4th quarter MD19 donations to Leader Dog will be updated at the end of June. Current donations are \$12,443.30 less than last year. Council of Governors, please encourage the clubs in your district to make their budgeted donations to Leader Dog. The Leader Dog Campus has been impacted by Covid-19, delays in training of dogs and issues to clients. See comments below from Kathleen Breen, Leader Dog Lion Liaison.

Leader Dog was ready to welcome a guide dog class when the governor of Michigan enacted a "Stay Home-Stay Safe" order; the March, April and May classes were cancelled. With the extension through May 15th, it hasn't been determined when the next on campus training class will take place. Leader Dog will continue to monitor the situation and speak with our clients who are due in for training. The staff is working hard to create a safe environment and also to create opportunities that will be sensitive to the interests and comfort level of our clients.

Life on Leader Dog's campus right now is very different. Dozens of the dogs that were in training, have been "rehomed" to volunteers and team members until the larger team can return to campus. It is VERY QUIET at Leader Dog these days!

Leader Dog staff has been working to improve our virtual presentations. We are trying to learn as much as we can about different virtual meeting platforms and their accessibility. Staff have attended virtual meetings and done presentations for clubs, zones, conventions and more. We are happy to help with any presentations. Please refer to the Leader Dog website to see what programs can be presented virtually.