

## Canine Partners of the Rockies

### **Organization Info:**

Name of Organization: Canine Partners of the Rockies (CaPR)

Website: [www.caninepartnersoftherockies.org](http://www.caninepartnersoftherockies.org)

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Mission Statement: Canine Partners of the Rockies' mission is to positively impact the lives of Colorado residents with disabilities by placing highly skilled service dogs with individuals who have mobility limiting conditions and therapy dogs with professionals who provide therapeutic services to people with disabilities. CaPR also is dedicated to educating the public about the role assistance dogs play in the lives of people with disabilities.

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Please check the most appropriate issue dealt with by your organization:

### **Health/Wellness**

#### **About Your Issue Area:**

What is the deeper issue behind your organization? When we Partner a Service Dog with a person, that dog will PHYSICALLY help that person. The dog will pick things up, get things, open doors, help that person with daily tasks, etc. But equally as important, the dog also will “open the door” emotionally and psychologically for that person. People will always stop to say hello when a dog is around. This helps everyone feel at ease and gives the person a greater sense of comfort, independence and a sense of well-being. These dogs support people physically but also emotionally.

What programs or services does your organization offer? We offer a training program, where we teach people how to train dogs in Basic Dog Obedience. Then we offer Advanced Dog Training, where the dogs are specially trained for the individual's needs. We also offer educational programs where we visit schools and groups and inform people exactly what Service Dogs, how they are trained and how they help people

Do you have an interesting story about your organization or clients to share with the students? In addition to all the great work these dogs do on a daily basis, many times they save people's lives. Sometimes people fall and this is can be very dangerous and even life threatening. When people are Partnered with Service Dogs, the dog is always there to help and they have saved many lives, simply by being there.

## **How Can Students Help?**

How can students help through specific, tangible cash grants? (Ex: \$25 feeds 1 dog for 1 month; or specific items/supplies that will benefit your programs). Here is an example of how grants will be used to support CaPR:

\$25 Materials for service dog capes

\$50 Training classes for one puppy raiser & puppy for one month

\$150 Assistance Dogs International membership fee

\$250 Dog food for one dog in advanced training for six months

\$350 Transportation costs for one qualified puppy from out-of-state to Denver

\$500 Advanced training fees for one month

\$750 Screening/ vet fees for one dog in advanced training

\$1,000 Equipment needed by advanced training (wheelchairs, ramps, door pulls, etc.)

\$1,500 Follow-up support for one human-canine partnership team for one year

How can students help through group service projects? (What is useful to your organization and educational to students?) Students could make items that we use for training, like cabinet pulls, ramps, etc. Students could also participate in training a dog, which is an 18 month commitment. We also invite students to participate in our weekly dog training programs to educate them on how to properly train a dog.

Do you provide individual volunteer opportunities for youth? (If so, what ages, and what types of volunteer opportunities do you provide?)

We could utilize students as Ambassadors for educating the public about Service & Therapy Dogs and getting the Community at large more involved with Disabled issues and realities. Training a dog is an 18 month commitment, so students of any age are eligible with adult supervision.

Are there opportunities for students to be recognized by your organization? (A Mention in Newsletter, Site Visit of Facility, Celebration and Mingling with Clients, etc.) We would recognize the student's support of CaPR by featuring them on our website and in our Newsletter.