



# Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc.®

Paws for Independence

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Dear David,

In recognition of the lives you change through your support of Southeastern Guide Dogs, we are enclosing a copy of our 2005 calendar. I hope the photographs of our graduates and our guide dogs will be a happy reminder of all you make possible.

The gift of mobility is something most people take for granted. But for people who are blind or visually impaired, the world is filled with unseen obstacles and dangers that can rob them of their independence.

At Southeastern Guide Dogs, our mission is to give blind men and women the gift of mobility by matching them – free of charge – with skilled and loving guide dogs.

It takes our staff and volunteers almost two years to raise and train each guide dog. Once the dogs are fully trained, they are matched with blind recipients in a 26-day training program in residence at Southeastern Guide Dogs. Besides learning how to work with the dogs, the students build an important bond of trust, love and devotion with their new companions. With a wagging tail and a willing heart, our dogs then go home with their new human partners to help them build lives of increased independence.

**None of this would be possible without the support of caring people such as you.**

Your support of Southeastern Guide Dogs gives the gift of mobility to people who are blind or visually impaired, allowing them to go about their lives and careers with greater freedom, independence, and dignity.

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