



LOVE. DIGNITY. CHANGE.

Grant Proposal for Retrieving Independence

About Us

Increasing independence & restoring dignity through the training and placement of working dogs.

Who We Serve

- Individuals with physical, cognitive, or psychiatric disabilities
- Incarcerated individuals participating in purpose-driven skill development
- Schools and youth organizations supporting student well-being

Our Model

We train service dogs through a prison-based program that empowers incarcerated trainers with vocational skills, emotional growth, and purpose — while preparing dogs to transform lives in the community.

Funding Request

We are requesting **\$35,000** to support the placement of **5 new Facility Dog Teams** to meet immediate need.

This funding directly covers:

- Advanced training & daily care needs
- Working equipment & enrichment
- Veterinary wellness support
- First-year handler training & organizational support

This investment will reduce the current waitlist of 6 schools and 5 individuals awaiting placement.

Impact on Both Ends of the Leash

- **Clients & Community:** Increased independence, emotional stability, mobility support, and improved daily living outcomes
- **Incarcerated Trainers:** Professional dog-handling experience, emotional development, and successful reentry pathways
 - **0% recidivism** among program graduates in the past five years

Our Scope

- 100+ working dog teams placed since 2012
- 85+ active working teams supported annually
- 30+ dogs currently in training
- 100+ volunteers contributing 12,000+ hours yearly
- ADI Accreditation expected December 2025

Where One Dog Impacts Many Lives

“Junebug brings joy & healing; lowers stress on sight.”

– Facility Dog Handler

“RI dogs provide tremendous support to students.”

– Franklin Special District

“I’ve gained independence & confidence.”

– Service Dog Client

