The prison dog program was started by Sister Pauline Quinn in 1981 at the Washington Corrections Center for Women in Gig Harbor, WA. Prison dog programs are now in nearly every state in the U.S. and in many other countries.

With a staff primarily comprised of volunteers, Pathways' focus is on building and maintaining prison dog programs, saving shelter dogs from "death row," helping to rehabilitate inmates and assisting the disabled community.

In our society, the inmate is a throw away person because they did something bad. Likewise, an abandoned and unwanted dog is a "throw away animal" sometimes because it did something wrong. The inmates learn skills to teach the dogs to become 'good canine citizens.' In return, the dogs provide the inmates with unconditional love while they learn life and career skills.

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We are dedicated to making a difference in the lives of those who need our help to make better choices by:

- Providing loving, forever homes for our program dogs
- Providing life and career skills for our program participants
- Providing Service Dogs for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

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