About Us

Our service dogs provide a physical and emotional anchor for children with autism. With their child tethered to a service dog, families feel they are newly freed to engage in activities as simple as going out to eat. When out in the community, a service dog can increase safety and make families feel secure. In many cases, the service dog accompanies the child to school, where its calming presence can minimize and often eliminate emotional outbursts, enabling the child to more fully participate in his or her school day. Transitioning among school day activities is eased and the service dog provides a focus through which the child can interact with other children. This helps increase the opportunity for the child to develop social and language skills.

Our mission at Autism Service Dogs of America is to make a positive impact on the lives of children living with autism—and their families—by providing exceptionally well trained service dogs.

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A child who connects to a dog connects to the world.
From Our Families

“Whether you know it or not, you have been the answer to my prayers. Literally, I had been praying for a way to keep Kaleb safe, happy and enjoying life to the fullest. We have ALWAYS had this safe place we call HOME but you have given our family THE WORLD! Thank you doesn’t seem like enough to say.” – Nichelle D

“Milo has made more progress with Chad than anyone ever thought was even imaginable. He’s much calmer. He can concentrate for much longer periods of time. It’s almost like a cloud has lifted and the sun is shining.” – Claire V.

Autism Service Dogs...

- Helps keep the child safe through a tether system
- Reduces anxiety at home, school, and in the community
- Facilitates and encourages communication and eye contact
- Increases confidence and allows for greater independence
- Teaches the child how to build social relationships
- Provides deep pressure to help regulate sensory needs
- Uses nudging to reduce behavioral or emotional outbursts
- Allows child to participate in family activities

To fill out an application for an autism service dog, apply to be a puppy raiser, or offer a donation, please visit our website – www.autismservicedogsofamerica.org