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One Dog, One Life is the flagship service dog program of the Kadence Legacy Fund, a not-for-profit organization operating in memory of Kadence Gillies. This initiative is dedicated to supporting individuals living with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and trauma-related conditions by providing highly trained service dogs and ongoing, community-rooted support.

Grounded in compassion, integrity, and the transformative bond between human and canine, One Dog, One Life gives recipients more than a service dog — we offer hope, stability, and a renewed sense of purpose.

Mission

To provide veterans, first responders, and civilians living with trauma-related conditions access to professionally trained service dogs, promoting mental health, independence, and community connection.

Vision

A world where no one faces PTSD, trauma, or loss alone, and every individual in need has the support of a life-changing service dog.

Program Highlights

-  **No-Cost Application Process** for eligible individuals
-  **Customized Service Dog Matching** to meet specific emotional and medical needs
-  **Professional Training & Ongoing Support** for recipients and dogs
-  **Focus on Mental Health, Healing, and Empowerment**

Who Can Apply / Basic Requirements

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1. **PTSD Diagnosis**– Provides to formal of
2. **Commitment to Training** – Attend 1–2 public training sessions per week for 9–12 months with an Alberta-Certified Service Dog Trainer. Consistent attendance is essential.
3. **Emotional Readiness** – Demonstrate no history of anger or aggressive behavior that could compromise the safety of the dog or others.
4. **Financial Res** – Ability to provide for the dog’s care, including food, veterinary care, vaccines, and ongoing expenses. Training costs are covered by the Kadence Legacy Fund.
5. **Personal Statement** – Submit a story outlining your mental health journey, the impact PTSD has had on your life, and how a service dog would improve your quality of life and emotional well-being.

Next Selection Period: September 3 – October 13, 2026

Decisions will be communicated shortly after the selection period ends.

Link to Application online:

<https://www.kadencelegacyfund.ca/one-dog-one-life-program>

Why It Matters

PTSD can make everyday life feel unmanageable. One Dog, One Life bridges that gap by pairing individuals with canine partners who provide connection, safety, and unconditional support. Each dog placed carries forward Kadence's legacy — a reminder that one dog can truly change one life.

One dog. One life. One legacy.