



Lend a Helping Paw

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> Cory was in grade school when he became paralyzed from the neck down in a car accident. He desperately needed help to regain his life and independence. He received a dog from the Canine Companions for Independence completely free of charge. This was truly a miracle for Cory. His dog, Melly, knows more than 50 commands and can help him with daily tasks we all take for granted like opening doors and turning on the lights. They are the ears, hands, legs and arms of their companions.

The Canine Companions for Independence is the largest non-profit provider of assistance dogs. This organization helps people with disabilities by providing them with highly trained assistance dogs. There are so many ways to help. Volunteer puppy raisers take care of the puppies and provide socialization and obedience training before they become service dogs, skilled companions, hearing dogs and facility dogs.

This life-changing service is possible because of volunteers like Orlando's own Andrea Coudriet Batchelor. This news veteran and wife of former Florida

Rep. Dick Batchelor open her heart and home to these special puppies. In Pet Planet Magazine, Andrea said, "One little ball of fur at a time, these puppies come into my home, and learn to be well-behaved dogs who will one day offer service and companionship to someone with a disability." Join Andrea and the thousands of others in Orlando and make a difference for millions of pets and people this holiday season. To find out more about Canine Companions for Independence, visit www.cci.org.

There are over 8 million homeless animals that need your help this holiday season. Whether you love cats, birds, dogs, or even bunnies, local shelters always need help with taking care of the animals, from walking them, to feeding them, to bathing them. To find out how to make a difference in the life of an orphaned pet, including finding shelters, volunteering or making a donation, visit: www.iamshome4theholidays.com. <

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