

# Life. Unleashed.

Imagine not being able to pick up your pencil. Open your closet door. Hear your cell phone ring. Or feel like everyone's staring at you because you're "different." These are the kinds of challenges many people with disabilities face daily.

Put a Canine Companions assistance dog in the picture, and everything changes. Thanks to the physical tasks the assistance dog performs, lives are suddenly filled with new promise and potential. At Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) we provide highly trained assistance dogs and on-going follow-up services to enhance independence for children and adults with disabilities.

By choosing Canine Companions for your Mitzvah Project you will be supporting CCI's mission to:

- Train Dogs
- Teach People
- Create Independence
- Change Lives



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# Mitzvah Project for Canine Companions for Independence®



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# Your Mitzvah Experience with Canine Companions

As a member of a synagogue and a JCC or as a student in a Jewish day school during your B'nai Mitzvah year, you will soon be selecting your Mitzvah Project to encourage social action and exemplify the notion of Tikkun Olam, or fixing the world. This project allows you to create a sense of Jewish identity while addressing a need within your community. Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) invites you to discover the many learning opportunities available when you choose CCI for your Mitzvah Project.

*“Working with CCI for my Mitzvah project was one of the most meaningful things I’ve done in my life. The dedication and passion of everyone at CCI reassured me that I’d picked the right organization for my Mitzvah.”*

—Shai Tabb, student at The Ronald C. Wornick Jewish Day School



# Help is a Four-Legged Word.

Muffy Davis began ski-racing at age three. She soon realized she had special talents and wanted some day to ski race in the Olympics. Then, at age 16, Muffy’s life changed. While skiing she veered off-course and slammed into two trees at 55 mph, crushing her back. In the following months she faced and overcame numerous physical and psychological challenges.

In August 2006, Muffy graduated from Canine Companions with Service Dog Leibe. “I’m able to do more and go further because of Leibe,” shares Muffy.

For instance, Muffy used to be unable to enjoy picnicking on the grass in the park. Because without Leibe she couldn’t get back into her wheelchair on her own. Now Leibe braces her and Muffy can get in and out her wheelchair as she pleases.

Make Canine Companions Your Mitzvah Project



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