

## About Fidos

**Fidos for Freedom, Inc., (Fidos)** is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization located in Laurel, Maryland. Founded in 1987, the organization provides Assistance Dogs and Therapy Dogs to communities within a 75-mile radius, including the Baltimore-Washington Metropolitan areas.

The Client Services Program deals with individuals who have either mobility or hearing challenges and can benefit from a trained dog to help ameliorate their disabilities.

The Training Program provides puppy raising, skilled training for service dogs, and continuing education for the dog and client teams.



Teenagers in the Fidos Juniors program learn by providing important support for our organization.

## For more information

### Contact us for more information about:

- ◆ Being matched with a hearing assistance dog for people who are deaf or hard of hearing
- ◆ Being matched with a service dog for people who have mobility challenges
- ◆ Supporting Fidos as a donor or volunteer
- ◆ Workplace giving:  
CFC # 41908 or MCC #2605  
United Way - Write in "Fidos for Freedom"



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A copy of the Fidos for Freedom financial statement is available upon request

Accredited by Assistance Dogs International

## Fidos for Freedom



A dog can  
change a life

**Fidos for Freedom**, Improving the quality of life of people living in the Baltimore-Washington Metropolitan Community through the use of specially trained hearing, service and therapy dogs.

[www.fidosforfreedom.org](http://www.fidosforfreedom.org)

## How you can help

**Fidos depends on the support of the community**

You Can Help.

Donate Online.

Mail A Donation To:

1200 Sandy Spring Road, Laurel, MD 20707.

Donate Your Vehicle, Boat, Motorhome, Motorcycle Or Snowmobile Through Donation Line.

Donate To Fidos Wall of Hope.

Donate Through Combined Federal Campaign, Maryland Charities Or United Way Of America.

Support Fidos Through Shopping Online At [iGive.com](http://iGive.com) & [Buy for Charity.com](http://Buy for Charity.com).

## Fidos Changes Lives

**The Therapy Dogs Program** trains and develops therapy dog teams who visit nursing homes, hospitals, and cancer care settings.

**The DEAR Program** – Dogs Educating and Assisting Readers- provides specially-trained therapy dogs to school and library reading programs.

**The Community Education Program** provides demonstrations of service dog skills and programs on disability awareness to community groups, churches, and schools to educate the public about individuals with disabilities and about the benefits of assistance dogs and therapy dogs.



“Saving my Life. That's what it was for me when I was matched to a fantastically trained Service dog. Tommy Boy aka,, Tommy became my service dog in 2006, and that's when my life was saved. Before, being matched and training w/ Tommy, my life was a complete disaster.”

The training department at Fidos is comprised completely of volunteers, including all of our trainers and puppy raisers.

Community events raise awareness of disabilities



Specially trained service dogs support people with disabilities



Service dogs help people be more independent



DEAR Program



Therapy Dogs

Hearing Dogs