

A Service Dog to the Rescue

The following worksheet is designed to help you develop messaging around the number one donor question you will receive during your fundraising efforts: why does your child need a service dog?

Each child and family is impacted differently by their diagnosis; some of these areas may not pertain to your situation (ignore them) and/or you may have other areas of impact to add (insert as many rows as you need). In the middle column, elaborate with everyday examples so we can provide you with potential service dog benefits that are personalized to your family. Do not enter information in the final column.

Area of Impact	How Does My Child's Diagnosis Impact Their Daily Life? (Please provide examples)	How a Service Dog May Help LEAVE THIS COLUMN BLANK!
<p><i>Example:</i> Sensory Processing</p>	<p><i>Sebastian repeatedly ran and crashed into a friend's living room couch. Everyone thought he was being rambunctious, but he was doing this because the changes in environment (outdoors to indoors) and loud talking from the group caused agitated his sensory issues.</i></p>	
<p><i>Example:</i> Communication</p>	<p><i>An older tried talking to Sebastian while we waited in the supermarket checkout line. He hummed and rocked and wouldn't answer her. Offended, she asked him to look her. We explained that he has autism. This put everyone in an awkward situation. He doesn't like going places because of these kinds of situations</i></p>	
<p>Social</p>		
<p>Communication</p>		

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Behavioral		
Sensory Processing		
Motor Skills		
Information Processing/Perception		
Anxiety		
Daily Living Skills/Independence		

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Sleep		