

## Guide Dogs of America | Tender Loving Canines

Dear Union Family, Business Owners, Friends, and Sponsors,

We would like to invite you to participate in the **4**<sup>th</sup> **Annual Kourpias K-9 Classic**. This is a motorcycle ride to benefit Guide Dogs of America | Tender Loving Canines (GDA|TLC). This year's charity bike run, hosted by the IAM's Eastern Territory, will showcase the four corners of Maine. We will fire up our machines from Kittery, ME and the adventures will conclude in Newry, ME. You will see roughly 1,000 miles of beautiful, scenic Maine during July 28<sup>th</sup> thru July 30<sup>th</sup>.



**GDA beginnings**: at the age of 57, Joseph Jones, Sr. sought the assistance of a guide dog for his mobility needs but was declined by many organizations due to his "advanced age." Because Mr. Jones was determined that a guide dog would enhance his independence, he turned to the IAMAW for help, soliciting assistance from its Executive Council.

For 75 years, GDA|TLC has been transforming lives through partnerships of these highly trained beautiful companions.

**GDATLC** recipients are grateful for the countless donors and volunteers. Additional information about the organization can be found at <u>www.guidedogsofamerica.org</u>

## What can you do? I am glad you asked!

It is by your generous contributions and participation in our sponsored events that ensures GDA|TLC continues to raise, train, and GIVE our trusted companions to individuals who are blind/visually impaired and provide service dogs for Veterans and children with Autism. Please consider participating in this year's ride, or supporting a participant in the ride, or simply donating to:

https://give.guidedogsofamerica.org/Kourpias2023

On behalf of the IAM Executive Council, Guide Dogs of America, the IAM's Eastern Territory and the countless number of recipients...WE THANK YOU!!!

Sincerely, David T. Sullivan General Vice President, IAMAW, Eastern Territory

Registration/Donation for Organization Name: \_

Please make checks payable to Guide Dogs of America-Tender Loving Canines Mail To: GLR George Edwards 698 Lisbon St., Lisbon Falls, ME 04252



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