

ECAD

Educated Canines Assisting with Disabilities

You're Changing Lives Four Paws at a Time



A not-for-profit 501(c)(3)

**Your gift made before May 1st
will be matched, meaning twice as
many kids with autism will be safer.**



Dear **Julie**,

I have some good news for you:

The generous Quinn Family Foundation has stepped forward and agreed to match every dollar you give in support of ECAD up to \$10,000. **And here's why that news is so good:**

Maybe you've heard that it's common for kids with autism to wander or bolt. They may be trying to go to a favorite place—like the park or the train tracks—or they may be escaping something that frightens them.

Either way, they are in grave danger from cars, from strangers, and especially from bodies of water.

But you can keep these kids safe.

It costs just \$10 to provide one day of security for an autistic child that is likely to bolt with the help of a tethered service dog trained to sit tight and act like an anchor when they try to run. **And if you make a donation by May 1st, your gift will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000.**

These kids are counting on you to keep them safe from the dangers they can't even understand. And because I know how amazing you are, I know you care about their safety.

Please turn page

Please rush your gift today...

Your donation of **\$25** will be doubled by matching funds to **\$50**.

If you can give **\$35**, that's **\$70**—twice as many days of security for an autistic child.

\$50 will double to **\$100**.

The deadline is **May 1st**. We must not miss that date.

And if you can give **\$70**, matching funds will turn your donation into **\$140**. That's even MORE days of security for an autistic child!

Any amount you can give will be matched until we raise \$10,000.

Now let me tell you about a sweet little boy named Leo.



Leo was diagnosed as being severely autistic.

Like many kids with autism, Leo is a "bolter." Because he is prone to running away, his family doesn't get to go out much. It's too hard to keep an eye on Leo when they are away from home.

Just going to a restaurant or a movie is risky. Imagine trying to keep your eyes glued to a four-year-old....

Every.....Single.....Second.

It's nearly impossible. Especially when you have another small child. Leo's brother is only 2.

Leo doesn't want to sit in a stroller. In fact, he's quite the engineer when it comes to escaping from devices meant to keep him safe and secure.

He doesn't understand that dangers lurk everywhere for someone like him.

He does not know to look both ways when he crosses the street.

He cannot tell you his name, address or phone number.

Your gift before May 1st will keep Leo safe with the help of a tethered service dog trained to act like an anchor if Leo tries to wander or bolt—and it will be matched by The Quinn Family Foundation, to double your impact.



There is no time to waste.

Leo is not the only child in danger.

Almost half of all autistic children will bolt at least once.

The news is full of stories of autistic children who suddenly go missing.

Sadly, these stories don't always have happy endings, either.

Drowning is a leading cause of death in children with Autism.

It only takes a few seconds for tragedy to strike.

Your gift will keep these children safe.

Your gift means families like Leo's can go out to dinner.

Your gift means that families of autistic children like Leo can breathe just a little easier with the help of a tethered service dog, should they take their eyes off him for just a second.

And remember, matching funds will turn whatever you give into twice that amount and provide double the days of security for children like Leo.

But you must give by May 1st or before the matched funds run out!

To get your gift matched, fill out the enclosed reply device and mail it back in the envelope we've included.

Don't wait. Make your gift today! Leo—and lots of other autistic kids like him—are counting on you.

Sincerely,



Dale Picard
Executive Director



P.S. Your gift will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000, and provide twice as many days of security for autistic kids like Leo with the help of a tethered service dog trained to act like an anchor when they wander or bolt and keep them safe. But remember, May 1st is the deadline.

Double my gift with matching funds!

- Yes, Dale, please double my gift to keep autistic children safe with the help of tethered service dogs trained to act like anchors when they wander or bolt.

Enclosed is my gift of:

- \$25 doubled to \$50
- \$35 doubled to \$70
- \$50 doubled to \$100
- \$70 doubled to \$140

Donate Online www.ecad1.org/sugar

Please update your details if they are incorrect. Thank you.



Your gift will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$10,000 if you give by May 1st!

- My choice \$ _____
- I'd like to give every month!
Enclosed is my first monthly donation of \$ _____

Create your legacy

We're not always able to support the charities we love to the level we would like during our lifetime. Leaving a gift in your will is an eternal act of charity that can empower the vulnerable people in our communities. It's a gift that can transform lives and make a world of difference for so many people. It's a gift that delivers on the promise of leaving behind a legacy. **Adding just one sentence** to your will can change the lives of people living with disabilities forever. After taking care of your family and loved ones, your gift—no matter how big or small—will leave a lasting mark, benefitting generations to come and making independence a reality for so many. To discuss more about your Planned Giving options please contact Dale Picard at (860) 489-6550.



Hi, my name is Sugar and I'm one of the dogs in training at ECAD. I'm told I'm a special pup because one day I'll grow up to be a service dog and help kids just like Leo. And that makes me so happy I could wag my tail off. But you've got to help me become the guardian angel these kids need to stay safe.

I need you to reach deep into your pockets and pull out whatever you can find—no, not dog treats—well okay maybe a few. But what I really need is for you to fill out the reply-form inside and give whatever you can, so the people at ECAD can pay for my care and training. I have to grow big and strong so I can be a solid anchor for kids like Leo in case they try to wander-off or bolt. Will you help me? I promise I'll work really hard at my training and I'll be the best service dog ever.

Hugs and licks,
Sugar



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