



## **DOG TRAINER, NORTH MISSISSAUGA – PAID POSITION**

**We are looking for a dynamic, results oriented person to join our team and help us train two service dogs in training and their foster families.**

*Contract Position Starting January 2022 to December 2022 with the possibility of renewal.  
4-5 hours/week (evening and weekend work will be required).*

COPE Service Dogs' charitable mission is "To provide a remarkable education program that engages communities and empowers students and others in the training of service dogs that will transform the lives of people with disabilities." Our services Include:

- Canines in the Classroom (CIC): students facing barriers are matched with and learn how to train service and therapy dogs. The students earn high school credits and become contributing citizens by visiting elementary schools and seniors' homes in our Reading Buddy and Therapy Visit programs.
- Training and placing Service Dogs – COPE permanently places specially trained dogs with people who have physical disabilities.
- Training and placing Facility Dogs – COPE permanently places specially trained dogs with professionals to augment their therapeutic practice to assist people in need.

### **Responsibilities**

Reporting to COPE's Program Director and working with the CIC Expansion Project Leader, the focus of this position will be to provide Puppy Fosters with weekly obedience training classes that provides exposure to multiple setting for the service dogs in training, Including:

- Become familiar with COPE Service Dogs training philosophies as used in Canines in the Classroom and ensure these philosophies are utilized in training the dogs
- Help recruit, train, and manage volunteer Puppy Fosters and Sitters
- Using COPE materials and methodology, develop and implement training modules
- Provide guidance and counsel to Fosters
- Knowledge of dog handling, positive training techniques, basic dog care and canine first aid
- Ensure that the Program Director is apprised of each dog's performance and seek council/mentorship to improve/enhance each dog's performance

### **Qualifications**

- Certified dog training experience
- Experience training/instructing adults
- Passion for dogs and the education of young people
- Microsoft Office and Zoom
- College or University education preferred

**To apply please submit your C.V. and cover letter to [cic@copedogs.org](mailto:cic@copedogs.org) by **November 15, 2021**. You are encouraged to apply early as we will evaluate applications as they are received and continue until position is filled. We thank you in advance for your interest. Only those being invited for an interview**

will be contacted. To learn more about COPE Service Dogs, we invite you to visit our website at [www.copedogs.org](http://www.copedogs.org)