

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

The objective of this section is to highlight representative NAO nonprofit members of various sizes, geographic locations and subsectors to showcase the great work our members are doing across Oregon!



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What does your organization do? Who does it serve?

Since 1977 Dogs for Better Lives has focused on the mission of rescuing and professionally training Assistance Dogs. DBL provides Assistance Dogs in three areas, Hearing (national), Autism (OR & WA only), and Facility (national), at no cost to the client.

What's your organization's most recent accomplishment you'd like to share?

DBL's Autism Assistance Dog program started in 2016 with one placement in southern Oregon. In 2018-19, DBL will place a record three Autism Assistance Dogs in Oregon. Overall, the program has now placed six dogs and recently expanded into Washington State, with eventual plans to place across the west coast and ultimately will be a national program. The \$50,000+ dog is placed with the client at no charge.

<https://dogsforbetterlives.org/reflecting-on-past-as-dbl-expands-to-future-inaugural-founders-month-launches-in-april/>

How has being an NAO member helped you succeed in furthering your organization's mission?

NAO provides us with valuable workshops, webinars, and community contacts that help us to become better experts in our sector as well as in our field.

*Special thanks to Harvey Potts,
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