

*“Lucky has enhanced my life and made it richer in ways I didn’t even know were possible.”*

— Canine Companions for Independence Graduate Randi Price

Dear Friend of CCI,

At the age of 29, Randi was a triathlete and mountain climber. Then she was diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy. When she received the news, Randi promised herself that she would never let the disease take away her joy in life, and she’d do whatever was necessary to adapt and be happy.

Randi kept her promise, and she’s living life to the fullest thanks to Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) assistance dog Lucky. Randi says, “Lucky is the first one I see when I wake up and the last one I say goodnight to.”

“Lucky helps me stick out in a crowd, meaning that people are more likely to see me if he is with me, and they don’t run into me. On airplanes and at the airport, Lucky holds my ticket, hands the boarding pass to the agent, and even keeps my feet warm as he lies at my feet on the plane. He’s often my “date” at the movies, opening the door, handing the ticket to the attendant, and ensuring I’m not alone” continues Randi.

Lucky also assists Randi at the children’s hospital where Randi works as a nurse practitioner. Randi shares, “Sometimes if a child is upset or scared, I will bring Lucky into the exam room and kids will hug him or hold his leash. Lucky sits calmly with them ignoring the doctor’s activity. Lucky’s focus on the child helps the child have a positive experience.”

“What an amazing gift, knowing that Lucky brings tons of joy, not only to me, but these ailing kids as well,” shares Randi.

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*“Lucky is my bridge to a world I saw slowly slipping away from me.”*

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