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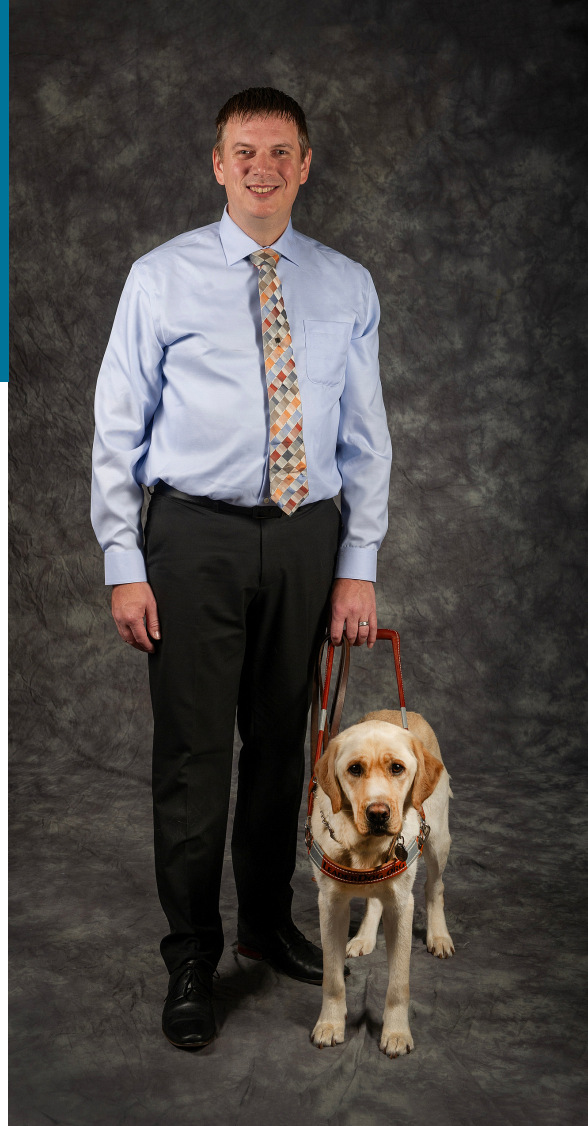


Leader Dogs for the Blind - Lions Newsletter

## Leader Dog at USA/Canada Forum

Lion BJ Blahnik, Leader Dog client, will take the stage with Leader Dog Jackson at this year's USA/Canada Forum in Atlantic City, New Jersey. **Lion BJ will share his story from a diagnosis of retinitis pigmentosa at age 10 to today with his fifth Leader Dog ("Jackson Five").** He has traveled to more than a dozen states and provinces to share the mission of Leader Dog with Lions - this is a session you won't want to miss.

Earlier in the Forum, our Lions team will facilitate a seminar on how Lions can best support those who are low vision in our communities, including acting as a human guide. **If you are going to be at USA/Canada Forum, we want to look out for you. Email us at [LionsSupport@leaderdog.org](mailto:LionsSupport@leaderdog.org).**



## Lions Tour Experience in October

Each year, Leader Dog invites Lions to visit our campus for a Lions Tour Experience. **Any Lion is invited to sign up to attend the afternoon session, which includes a campus tour, client speaker, and presentation.** The next Lions Tour Experience is October 18, 2025 from 1-4pm ET. October is the perfect opportunity to visit beautiful Michigan, we hope to see you here! We are limited to 30 guests to provide the best experience, so sign up soon (QR code for more information is to the right of the page).



"Since I finished Orientation & Mobility training, **I have been able to go to my favorite places without fear.** I am much more confident with unfamiliar terrain, and I'm back out exploring flea markets, farmers markets, and concerts. "

- Laura, Leader Dog Client from Mississippi

