



## LCC Employment Opportunity for Professional Dog Trainers

Lutheran Church Charities is looking for passionate, dependable, hardworking professional trainers to train future LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs and lead our dog training classes at our locations in Northbrook and East Dundee, Illinois.

We seek individuals who are passionate about the LCC K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry, animal welfare, have strong people skills and want to grow in their career with us. As an LCC K-9 dog trainer, you will be taught our training curriculum and methodologies. You will work with our volunteer apprentice trainers and will enhance communication and teamwork between the dog and the apprentice trainer by offering positive solutions while providing a fun and safe environment. As an instructor for the apprentice trainers, you must be able to command attention, give clear directions, and motivate others. As a trainer, you will take dogs out in the community to provide real world training and socialization. You will document and communicate with staff the pup's progress using photos and video.

As a Lutheran Church Charities staff trainer, you will be responsible for training, socializing, evaluating and taking home our LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs in training. Applicants must have a strong work ethic, good communication skills, a positive attitude, the ability to read dog body language and handle dogs of all temperaments.

### **Qualifications:**

- Previous professional experience training dogs in obedience, manners and socialization.
- Experience instructing/teaching people in small group settings.
- Willing to be open-minded and well-rounded in your approach and techniques of dog training.
- Be willing to board LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs in training.
- Be an active person confident in their ability to handle and train golden retrievers of all temperaments. Candidates for this position must perform lots of bending, kneeling, and walking while training dogs and people.
- Excellent communication skills (verbal and written), including exemplary customer service skills.
- Collaborative, cooperative and team oriented.
- Possess basic computer skills.
- Be willing to perform all required tasks including cleaning, organizing, etc.
- Have reliable transportation.

This is a full time staff position that includes benefits.

Interested candidates should send a resume to [LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org](mailto:LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org).