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### **SWANTON FACILITY CHANGES LIVES**

In 1989, Assistance Dogs of America, Inc. (ADAI) was proud to announce the opening of its National Training Headquarters in Swanton, Ohio. While preparing for an exciting 1992, ADAI is proud to report on the impressive contributions the Swanton Facility has made in helping to improve the lives of numerous mobility-impaired individuals across the country.

This five-year-old organization has placed dogs around the nation with physically-disabled individuals -- from Oregon to New York. With its 22-run kennel, ADAI's Training Headquarters, based in Swanton, has proved invaluable in the fulfilling of ADAI's mission: *placing highly-trained dogs to assist the mobility-impaired in their day-to-day living.*

The Training Facility was made possible through the generous support of Richard Ransom (founder of Hickory Farms) and the Downtown Kiwanis of Toledo. Through their joint-venture effort, ADAI's 2 3/4 acre Training Facility in Swanton became a reality. The 6-bedroom house, complete with 3 1/2 baths, provides housing for both trainers and recipients. Travelling from around the country to come to Swanton, recipients live at the Facility for a

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two-week period of intensive training with their new dog.

ADAI's nationwide reputation and participation in national and international conferences continues to create a positive reputation for Ohio and the Swanton community, both nationally and internationally.

Assistance Dogs of America, Inc. is an internationally-renowned provider of dogs for the physically challenged. Animals are trained and placed free-of-charge with mobility-impaired individuals. ADAI's National Headquarters is located at 5236 Bethel Centre Mall, Columbus, Ohio 43220. ADAI's Training Facility is located at 8806 State Route 64, Swanton, Ohio 43558.

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