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Hastings Saunders is a 9-year old boy with epilepsy. His mother, Sandra Saunders, found him a seizure response dog guide. It was trained by the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides Training Centre, where Ian Ashworth is Program Director. Sandra talks about the family's experience with seizures. She explains what led her to think of a dog guide, and about the particular challenges of seizures that she hoped it would help with. Hastings talks about the dog, Manny, and how it fits into the family. He describes how Manny helps him. Ian discusses the work of Dog Guides Canada in the training of se

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Ian Ashworth

Ian Ashworth is Program Director, Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides Training Centre in Oakville, Ontario. His Dog Guide career began in April 1983 as an apprentice trainer with The Guide Dogs for the Blind in the UK.

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Hastings Saunders

Hastings Saunders is an exceptionally bright 9 year old boy with epilepsy. When medication didn't help much his seizures, and the side effects took over his personality, his mother, Sandra Saunders, a special education teacher, looked for alternatives.

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