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Christine Holloway has Ilene, her hearing ear dog guide. Rhonda Workman is Head Trainer for Hearing Ear Dogs and Special Skills Dogs of Canada, Lions Foundation of Canada. Christine describes her experience with hearing problems and what led her to get Ilene. She explains how Ilene helps her and those around her with her hearing problems, and the things that Ilene does that make the sun shine for her. Rhonda describes her work with Dog Guides Canada in training hearing ear dog guides. She explains the types of hearing problems that the dog guides are trained to help with. She discusses the typ

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Christine Holloway

Christine Holloway received Ilene, her hearing ear dog guide, in December of 2009. Christine's hearing problems developed many years previously and steadily worsened. She was born and raised in Peterborough, Ontario, and is married with two adult children. She attended Queen's University and the Nightingale School of Nursing, and taught at the St Joseph's School of Nursing in Peterborough. In 1988, she began volunteering with the Lions Foundation of Canada. First, she was a "foster parent" for dog guides. In all, she fostered 18 of them. In 2005, she moved to Oakville as a volunteer at the Lions Foundation of Canada's dog guides training centre.

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Rhonda Workman

Rhonda Workman is Head Trainer for Hearing Ear Dogs and Special Skills Dogs of Canada, Lions Foundation of Canada. She graduated from the University of Guelph with a Bachelor of Science Degree. She's always loved animals and so, after graduation, she worked at the Guelph Humane Society. After that, she started at Lions Foundation Dog Guides. There she began in the Puppy Program, whelping and caring for puppies until they were old enough to be placed with foster families. She also guided the foster families with their puppies. Her next step was to become an Apprentice Hearing Ear Dog trainer, and she also worked with Special Skills dogs. Then she became Head Trainer of the Hearing Ear Dogs an

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