

# FAQs

## What is Scotty's House?

- [Scotty's House](#) is a non-profit Child Advocacy Center that serves the seven counties in the Brazos Valley. Their team works to provide comfort and justice to victims of child abuse through professional assessment, counseling, and education using a compassionate and collaborative approach.

## What is Paws for Hope?

- [Paws for Hope](#) is the facility dog program recently launched at Scotty's House to enhance and better promote the mission of Scotty's House.

## What is Paws for Hope's purpose?

- Paws for Hope was created to enhance the mission of the Scotty's House Child Advocacy Center. The program will do so by providing quiet companionship to children during forensic interviews, medical exams, therapy sessions, and legal proceedings. This program will allow children to participate more fully in these activities.

## What is a facility dog?

- A facility dog is a graduate from an assistance dog organization that is a member of [Assistance Dogs International](#), a non-profit organization that establishes and promotes the standards of excellence in all areas of assistance dog acquisition, training, and partnership.

## Who is Sawyer?

- Sawyer, the Scotty's House facility dog, was trained by [Canine Companions for Independence®](#) and is the first dog to be a part of the Paws for Hope program.

## How will Scotty's House utilize Sawyer?

- Sawyer's main priorities will be to provide accompaniment to children (birth to 17 years old as well as developmentally-delayed adults) during forensic interviews, medical exams, therapy sessions, and legal proceedings. Sawyer's presence in the courtroom during special legal proceedings will be at the judge's discretion.

## Is Sawyer classified as a service or therapy dog?

- No, Sawyer is neither a service dog nor a therapy dog. He is a facility dog.

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### What is Canine Companions for Independence?

- A non-profit organization, established in 1975, who breeds, trains, and provides highly trained assistance dogs free of charge to organizations and people with disabilities.

### Where can I find more information on Scotty's House?

- Visit the Scotty's House website at [ScottysHouse.org](http://ScottysHouse.org) to learn more or sign up on our website to become a volunteer!

### Where can I find more information on Paws for Hope and Sawyer?

- Visit the Paws for Hope website at [PawsForHope.net](http://PawsForHope.net) to learn more about the program and Sawyer.

### Where can I find more information on Canine Companions for Independence?

- Visit the Canine Companions for Independence website at [CCI.org](http://CCI.org) to learn more about the assistance dog program.

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