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ASPCA Dog of the Year, Rescue, are visiting
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About the book: #1 *New York Times* Bestseller and Winner of the American Library Association Schneider Family Book Award. Based on a real-life partnership, *Rescue & Jessica: A Life-Changing Friendship* is the heartening story of the love and teamwork between a girl and her service dog that will illuminate and inspire.

About the authors: Jessica Kensky and Patrick Downes were married in 2012 and were injured during the Boston Marathon bombing in 2013. **Rescue** joined them several months later. **Jessica received Rescue from NEADS, the same organization that gave Center Elementary School our Assistance Dog, Gianna.** Their personal stories of healing have touched millions of people around the world. They presently live in

Cambridge, Massachusetts.

About the story: Rescue thought he’d grow up to be a Seeing Eye dog — it’s the family business, after all. When he gets the news that he’s better suited to being a service dog, he’s worried that he’s not up to the task. Then he meets Jessica, a girl whose life is turning out differently than the way she’d imagined it, too. Now Jessica needs Rescue by her side to help her accomplish everyday tasks. And it turns out that Rescue can help Jessica see after all: a way forward, together, one step at a time. An endnote from the authors tells more about the training and extraordinary abilities of service dogs, particularly their real-life best friend and black lab, Rescue.