



Dear Friend,

I am pleased to announce that you are cordially invited to our **2nd Annual Veteran Fundraising Gala**. This year's event will be held at the **DoubleTree by Hilton at 340 RaceTrack Rd, in Washington, Pennsylvania on March 4th 2023. Doors open at 5.** The proceeds will go toward helping one Veteran get a service dog, the PTSD Foundation of America's Camp Hope Program, and PetVets' Veteran Dog Adoption Program. Last year's event was a huge success. We are lining everything up to make this event even greater. Including a Comedy Hour, Local Celebrities, and a Tribute to Local Heroes.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Here's why we need your support; In our County suicides and mental health issues have been on the rise. 46 percent of Americans will meet the criteria for a diagnosable mental health condition sometime in their life. With nearly 1 in 5 American adults having a diagnosed mental health condition in any given year, we are poised to join the fight in creating safe measures to combat this statistic. Veterans suffering from Combat stress and First Responders suffering from work-related anxieties are top of our list to receive help in 2023.

For our brave service men and women, first responders, and families suffering through adverse times, we want you to know that you are not alone. We will not stop until we complete our vision statement of zero Veteran suicides. If Covid-19 taught us anything, it was how resilient our communities are.



Through your event support, our aim is to provide an inclusive environment where new local first responders that have experienced work-related trauma and Veterans can be added to our growing list of success stories. The dogs that PA PetVets has placed with participants are making a huge impact. Statistics show that when a participant is paired with a service dog, the suicide rate drops significantly.

I am asking for your support because the need for your continued commitment is greater than ever. Your contribution will literally save lives and have a direct and positive impact on veterans, first responders and their families.

TOGETHER, WE CAN PROVIDE AN IMPACT

During the Gala, you will see first-hand the amazingly positive effects that your support has on our veterans' lives by meeting them. You will see the direct impact on our social media platforms as training teams(dog/handler) recover as one unit focused on completing the 120 hours needed to complete the hands-on service dog training. We believe that hands on is the only way to ensure the best bond and have seen amazing results in this practice for those willing to show up consistently, take instruction, and complete the tasks given. That is what separates us from other organizations.