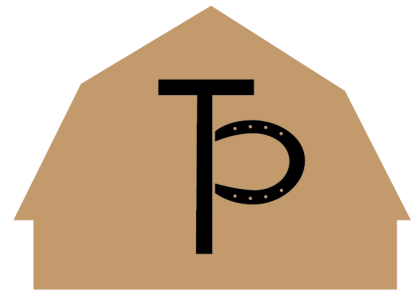


ANNUAL REPORT 2019



TRAILS OF PURPOSE
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GIVING BACK TO
THE ONES WHO
GAVE IT ALL.



A STATEMENT FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Supporters,

Trails of Purpose had a groundbreaking year! TOP incorporated with the state of Virginia in March of 2019. By the end of April 2019, the organization had received its official tax exemption status as a 501(c)(3) with the IRS. Our facilities were prepared and our three therapy horses trained throughout the summer to be ready for our launch season in August.

Our first outreach event took place at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital Fisher House, where we donated 23 home-cooked meals valued at \$500. On August 24th, the organization hosted its first Gold Star Family event with the nationally established organization TAPS. The bonfire gathering had a total of 24 people in attendance. We have also established a working relationship with the Department of Veteran Affairs Hampton Medical Center. On August 29th and October 3rd, the organization hosted visitations from some of the center's in-patient rehabilitation residents.

September 4th was the kick-off date for the program's community weekly classes. Weekly classes last 3 hours in duration, providing coffee, donuts, and a full lunch meal. During the classes, the Veterans were trained in basic horsemanship, completed challenge courses, practiced mindfulness, and learned equine health.

For the Fall season, the organization proudly provided 10 community classes completely free of charge. On September 11th, to meet overwhelming demand, Trails of Purpose launched a \$1.5 million Capital Campaign in hopes of owning a larger retreat center. This grabbed the attention of a local news station, WTKR, and we were featured in the 7 pm news. On October 19th, the organization raised \$4,200 at our Fall Fest for Our Vets. Soon thereafter, TOP was awarded a \$2,500 grant from SEVACF.

In October Trails of Purpose formed a working relationship with the Navy Seal Foundation, Veteran's PATH, and LZ Grace Warrior Retreat Foundation. On Veteran's Day, we gained the attention of another local news station, WAVY 10. We were featured on the 10 pm broadcast. In December we served the Hampton Dept. of VA Medical Center for the holidays. For this event, we provided holiday decorations and baked goods while decorating the in-patient resident's rooms. In the final weeks of December, we were graciously awarded a \$10,000.00 grant from Operation Hat Trick. This generous gift allows us to properly meet the demand for 2020 with an additional facility.

In our introductory year, the total amount of assets raised by Trails of Purpose was \$45,597.67. So far the program has provided over 6,200 Veteran Service Hours to our community. We have gained incredible momentum, and attention. I am thankful and overwhelmed by the support this program has received from the Tidewater area. With every new relationship formed, I become increasingly humbled. I have witnessed first hand the amazing progress and relationships formed in our sessions. I look forward, with great expectation, to our Spring season.

Trails of Purpose is a family that our Veteran community desperately needs. I believe that with every bone in my body and I am proud to call myself a part of it. Thank you to all of our supporters. We can not do this without you.

With utmost respect & gratitude,

Kayla M. Arestivo

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 2019

"This has been a year of formation and rapid development for TOP. Looking back it's hard to believe the progress that was made in such a short amount of time." - Kyle, Treasurer & Board Member

\$45,098.31

Value of assets raised through the 8 month period of operation in 2019.

6,210

The number of veteran service hours provided to each and their respective family members in 2019

VETERANS IMPACTED 2019

"The camaraderie and community is what brings me back here every single week." -Ron, Veteran

2019 ACHIEVEMENTS

Formation - Operation - Partnerships - Events - Capital Campaign

FORMATION & OPERATION

Incorporated March 2019. Hosting Weekly Classes in 4 week sessions for TOP Veterans. Each Class includes a home cooked meal, time for fellowship, and a team building horsemanship activity.

WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

Dept. of Veteran Affairs Hampton Medical Center, Fisher House Foundation, Tragedy Assistance and Prevention for Survivors (TAPS), Navy Seal Foundation, Veterans PATH, LZ Grace Warrior Retreat Foundation.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Due to OVERWHELMING interest, we need to EXPAND. Raising Funds in Progress.