



Hi there! My name is Ed Rosa, and I am thrilled to share a little about myself. I was born and raised in Puerto Rico and reside in Deland, FL. I retired from the US Army in 2019 after 20 years of service. I've always been passionate about helping others, so I pursued this passion in local nonprofit organizations like the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association (CVMA), where I served as the Public Relations Officer. The CVMA's mission is to support and protect those who have defended our country and our freedoms. They assist and help individual veterans, veteran care facilities, other veteran organizations, and registered charities; I am still a member of this great organization. I also joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), where I volunteered to manage the kitchen and was part of the House Committee. The VFW's mission is to "honor the dead by helping the living" through veterans' service, community service, national security, and a strong national defense. I then joined another nonprofit called Command K9 Service Dogs, where I served as the treasurer. Command K9 Service Dogs provides service dogs free of charge to disabled veterans in Central Florida.

Volunteering with these great organizations exposed me to the challenges our community faces, and I wanted to take a more active role in helping those less fortunate than me. I have always been interested in fixing cars and doing my mechanic work for years, mainly as a hobby and a way to save money. I realized how expensive auto repair can be and wondered how low-income families could afford essential maintenance, let alone costly repairs. I learned that although numerous organizations help cover the cost of auto repairs, none exists that repairs cars free of cost. So, I decided to start Fix It Forward to fill that gap in our community.

I am attending Universal Technical Institute's Auto Mechanic Course to obtain certifications and hone my skills. In my free time, you can find me working on cars or the nonprofit.