

Thank you, Auxiliary Sisters and Aerie Brothers of the F.O.E, for supporting the Parkinson's Alert Dogs.

PADs for Parkinson's of San Juan Island would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the generous contribution of more than \$17,000 from the Eagles of Washington State. These much-needed funds will be used to support the 24 dogs of PADs in their training program by furthering research into the efficacy of utilizing canines for the detection of Parkinson's Disease.

PADs for Parkinson's is the first program in North America to train dogs to detect an odor associated with Parkinson's Disease, and the only program providing unrestricted canine assessment and research findings to the Parkinson's community.

Parkinson's Disease cannot be detected at the early stage of the disease when therapeutic intervention would provide the best opportunity to slow, or even halt, disease progression. More than 10 million Americans are estimated to have unrealized Parkinson's Disease at this time, making Parkinson's the fastest growing neurological disease in America.

At this time, we wish to gratefully acknowledge the tremendous effort and giving spirit of the many hands and hearts of Auxiliary Sisters and Aerie Brothers who participated in grassroots fund-raising efforts to raise each dollar for PADs while amidst a pandemic. We wish to especially acknowledge the efforts of 2020-2021 State Madam President, JoAnn Schultz, who selected PADs to honor her husband, Larry, who sadly passed from Parkinsonism. We also wish to especially acknowledge and honor the efforts of Connie Brown, who worked not just tirelessly, but joyfully, on behalf of PADs. Though Connie's physical presence is no longer with us, her loving spirit continues to light our path forward. And as we forge this path, we extend our very deep gratitude to the PADs' sample donors and supporters who are battling Parkinson's Disease. The work we do is for you.

On behalf of the entire PADs team, we are grateful, honored and blessed to be a thread in the fabric of a organization that continues to work for human health.

To continue to support the Eagles' giving effort for PADs, please visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/chairman-for-washington-state-foe>

With gratitude,

Lisa Holt and Richard Lind on behalf of the Team of PADs

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About PADs for Parkinson's:

PADs is the first program of its kind anywhere to train dogs for the detection of Parkinson's Disease. The Program was spurred by the 2015 news of Joy Milne, the woman in Scotland who was proven to have the ability to smell Parkinson's Disease. Formed in early 2016 as a research project, PADs soon grew to become a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a three-fold mission as follows: 1) Train dogs to detect Parkinson's Disease; 2) Supply reproducible training protocol for other trainers; and 3) Assist research efforts that bring us closer to a cure for Parkinson's Disease.

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About Parkinson's Disease:

Approximately 60,000 Americans are diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease each year. There is no cure for Parkinson's Disease, and neurodegenerative damage to the brain begins years prior to tremors. Today, the disease can only be clinically diagnosed once tremors become evident. Detection of the disease prior to tremor stage could help with dramatically slowing progression of the disease. Identifying an odor in the disease may provide an avenue for early detection.