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2
AT A TIME



SHELTER TO SOLDIER

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Post Traumatic Stress (PTS) is a major problem for our men and women in uniform, and its effects last far and beyond the battlefield. One in five veterans returning from combat tours suffers from PTS. Many of them are so debilitated that they are unable to leave their homes or engage in any meaningful way in society. With the combination of therapy, medications and the companionship of a service dog who does not judge them but does inspire and require them to get up and out, we are seeing our veterans experience a new lease on life with a boost in their confidence, increased productivity, and improved relationships through the sense of security and companionship that their service dog provides.

"There is a distinct difference in my life from where I was without Shelter to Soldier and my service dog to where I am now with their support and help. I have seen the power of our service dogs. I have seen them change the perspective of the hopeless into a driven leader devoted to help others."

— Vic Martin U.S. Navy Ret.



EVERY 69 MINUTES ON AVERAGE
A US Veteran Commits Suicide

20 veterans and 1 active duty military personnel commit suicide every day across the US. They sacrificed everything to protect our freedom and it's our turn to give back to them.



EVERY DAY 3200 Dogs ON AVERAGE
Are Euthanized Nationwide

Some dogs are better suited for a life with a job. We provide them a future with a purpose and a life that is fulfilled by their bond with a veteran in need.



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SHELTER TO SOLDIER
A 501c3 Nonprofit Organization

Shelter to Soldier adopts dogs from local shelters and trains them to become psychiatric service dogs for post-9/11 combat veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress (PTS), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and/or other psychological injuries associated with traumatic service experiences.

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SUPPORT OUR MISSION



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MAGIC
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abc
10 NEWS

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6 THE CW



RANCH & COAST
San Diego's Ultimate Lifestyle Magazine

NBC
SAN DIEGO

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NEWS
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The San Diego Union-Tribune

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Magazine

HOW SPONSORS **MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



Red Star Sponsorship | \$12,000

Becoming a Red Star Corporate Sponsor begins a year-long co-marketing campaign with your company and Shelter to Soldier working closely with our Public Relations Director. Shelter to Soldier will adopt a dog from a local shelter, give it a special name to reflect your support, train the dog over 12-18 months and then place the dog with a post-9/11 combat veteran suffering from PTSD and/or TBI. Your company will also have a special part in the graduation ceremony for the service dog and veteran.



Event Sponsorship

Event sponsorship of any amount allows us to use your funds to offset the costs of running our fundraising events. Event sponsor branding is important to us, and is included in marketing materials and media coverage involved in our fundraising events.

Contributing to or hosting a fundraising event for Shelter to Soldier also helps us continue our mission, and allows your company to demonstrate your philanthropic efforts and commitment to our veteran community and shelter dogs in need.



Employees Volunteer

To get your company more involved in giving, we encourage your employees to support our cause, hands on, by participating on our event volunteer team at one of our many events throughout the year.



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Foundation

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DOGGY PCO
COOL. BENEVOLENT.

The Wintercreek
Foundation

\$12,000

Each service dog/veteran team costs our program an average of **\$12,000** from adoption to graduation. This includes the adoption, housing, medical care, grooming, food, treats, training, training equipment, bedding, toys, testing, handling training, service dog equipment and documents, graduation and materials for the veteran recipient and service dog pair.

Shelter to Soldier visits local shelters and rescue groups and evaluates dogs 4 months to 2 years of age, of any breed, weighing 45-70 lbs, and in good health for our service dog training program.

We evaluate temperament for: desire to work and have a job, food or moderate toy drive, the way the dog handles new environments, people and noises, and an overall stable and social demeanor.

Shelter to Soldier dogs are trained over 9-18 months to be highly obedient and handler-focused in all environments, to ignore distractions, and to mitigate symptoms of stress, anxiety, and depression through task-related work.

Some commands learned:

- | | | |
|---------|--------------|-----------|
| – Under | – Right Side | – Touch |
| – Over | – Behind | – Closer |
| – Block | – Center | – Find it |



Mason Lane Photography





GRADUATION!

We celebrate the dedication of the dog and handler once they successfully complete all necessary training and pass required tests.

This is where the journey truly begins for the veteran/service dog team!

Upon qualified match – **veteran handlers train for 4-6 months** (on average) time depending upon handling abilities and how well the team picks up on training.

Handlers learn to communicate effectively with their dog to create a loving bond while learning all commands and service dog laws/regulations to prepare them for a life with a service animal.

Three tests are required prior to completion of training:

- Canine Good Citizen
- ADI Public Access Test
- Task-Related Test



**ONE YEAR
+ \$12,000**

**= TWO LIVES
SAVED!**



Shelter to Soldier is proud to have a new home at Pacific Pet Resort, with accommodations and training facility made possible in part by:

Anonymous Donor

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Rennie Gabriel

The Wintercreek Foundation

THANK | YOU

Thank you to our community partners who continue to support our program and our service dogs in training.

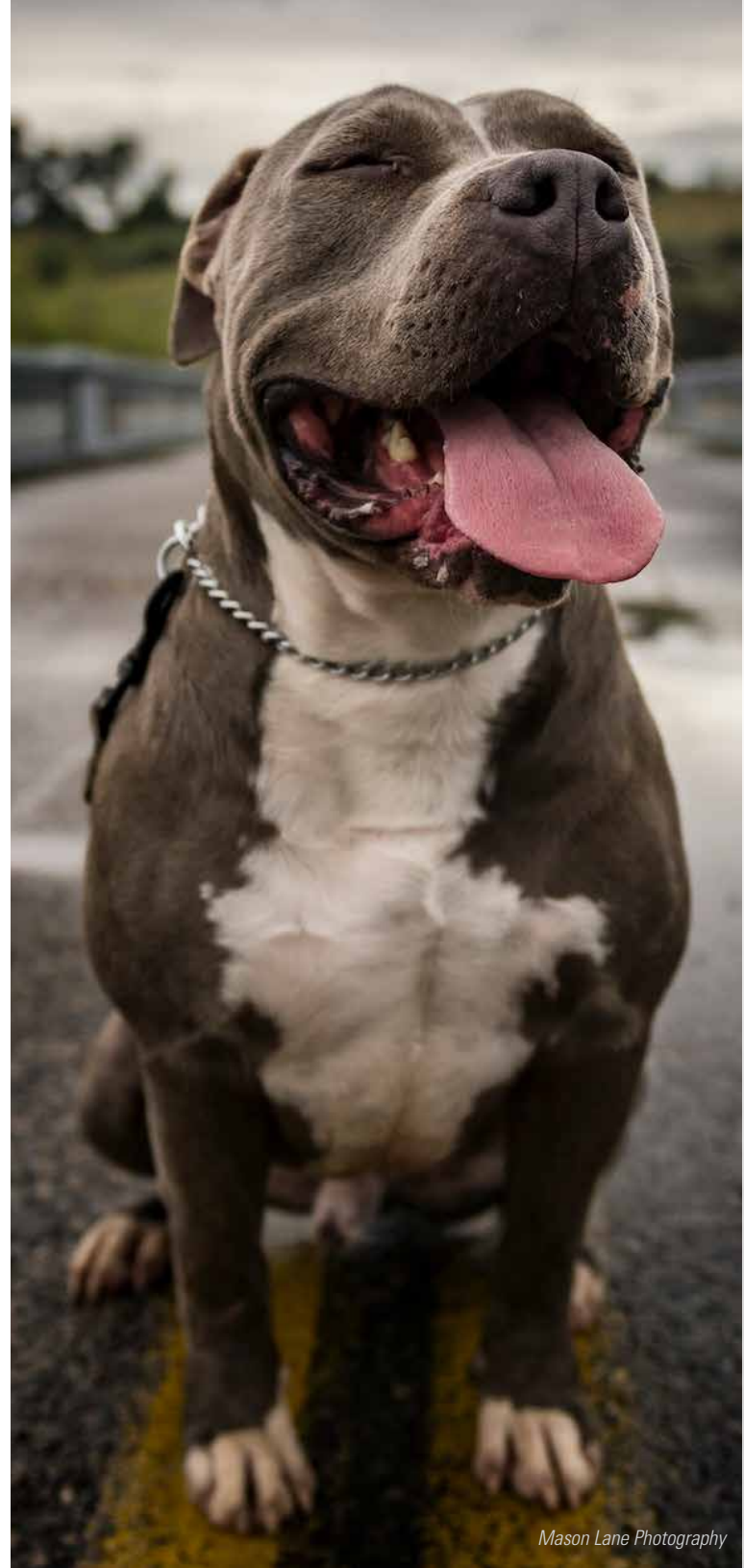


*Carmel Mountain Ranch
Veterinary Hospital*



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COMMUNITY | PARTNERS



Directed
by Vic Martin,
US Navy Ret. and
Shelter to Soldier
Recipient.



MAKING A WAY FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Shelter to Soldier is paving the way of support for veterans on the homefront. With the growth of our program this year, we have expanded our services to veterans and have created job opportunities for some of our graduates.



INDIVIDUAL THERAPY

Approved veteran applicants have the opportunity to attend one-on-one therapy sessions with our mental health liaison, David Moss LCSW, at no cost to the patient.



PEER TO PEER COUNSELING

Peer support is now available at no cost to approved veteran applicants and recipients thanks to the volunteer support of Ben Kilhefner, US Navy Ret. Ben is a Shelter to Soldier Service Dog Recipient and Certified Peer Support Specialist.



CASE MANAGER

Jonathon Marroquin, US Army Ret. and Shelter to Soldier Service Dog Recipient assists veterans through the initial application process and is a support for the veteran through the program to final graduation and beyond.



Saving Lives, Two at a Time.

"My name is Warith Najieb and I am a Marine Corps Veteran with 11 years of active service. I was diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder upon completing my second deployment to Iraq in 2009. I was a nervous wreck for approximately 9 years and it was no way to live. I pushed the people closest to me away and I truly didn't care about anything. It wasn't until I got matched with Kai that I truly started to see change in myself. On our first couple of outings, I noticed that I was increasingly comfortable in public places. I have had the full support of my trainer and the Veteran Advocates throughout this process and without their support I don't know where I would be in life. I continue to train with Kai every week and it is the highlight of my week to say the least. We are working on his last requirements for graduation and our commitment to each other is crucial to my well being."

— Warith Najieb, USMC Ret.

Kai's adoption, housing, care, training, placement with Warith and their future graduation was generously sponsored by American Society of Military Comptrollers Professional Development Institute San Diego 2017



OUR TRAINING PROGRAM | TEAMWORK



PRESIDENT | Graham Bloem

Recipient of: 10News Leadership Award, Waggy Award for Animal Welfare, American Red Cross Real Heroes Award, Honeywell Life Safety Award, and the CBS8 Change It Up Award .

Shelter to Soldier is committed to operating our service dog training program in an efficient manner, utilizing the skills from our certified team of dog trainers to take shelter dogs with no training and a potentially troubled past to the elite level of training required of them to become psychiatric service dogs.

Shelter to Soldier's training department has accreditations, certifications and memberships through organizations like:



Animal Behavior
College



Experience. Knowledge. Excellence.
National Association of Dog
Obedience Instructors



International Association of
Canine Professionals



AKC Canine Good Citizen
Evaluators



Starmark Academy



The Association of Professional
Dog Trainers



HEAD DOG TRAINER | Stephen Snyder



DOG TRAINER AND FACILITY MANAGER | Nicky Moore



SERVICE DOG TRAINERS

**Perry Chapman | Lisa Johnson | Vince Martell
Julie McLaughlin | Lynne Ramsey**

TOGETHER | SINCE

VIC & MIA | September 2018

Sponsored by: Griffin Funding

JOSH & JULIO | August 2018

Sponsored by David C. Copley Foundation

DAVE & THURSDAY | July 2018

Emotional Support Dog

Sponsored by The Thursday Club Juniors

ANGEL & JAX | March 2018

Sponsored by UNITE

JAYSON & MIESHA | January 2018

Sponsored by Griffin Funding

KEVIN & ANNIE | October 2017

Sponsored by Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Calabasas

JEREMY & LUNA | June 2017

Sponsored by: Integriv

JONATHON & BERKELEY | November 2016

Sponsored by: Berkshire Hathaway Home Services (BHHS) Calabasas Office

LIZ & CHARLIE | October 2016

Sponsored by: Schubach Aviation

KAREN & SEVEN | July, 2016

Sponsored by: FINE Magazine with Schubach Aviation

MASON & GRIFFIN | April 2016

Sponsored by: Griffin Funding

RICKY & PLATO | February, 2016

Sponsored by: Plato Pet Treats

CHRIS & JADE | January, 2016

Sponsored by: Integriv

BEN & TANK | August 2015

Sponsored by: Wintercreek Foundation

TOM & SANDY | August 2015

Sponsored by: Ranch & Coast Magazine & Wintercreek Foundation

JAMES & CALVER | August 2015

Sponsored by: Wintercreek Foundation

VIC & KIRA (*RETIRED) | November 2014

Sponsored by: Wintercreek Foundation

JAMES & TYBERIUS | May 2013

Sponsored by: Magic 92.5 and Cafe Coyote

MATCHED

To date, Shelter to Soldier has placed 18 dogs with veterans. 17 have been placed as psychiatric service dogs and 1 as an Emotional Support Dog. We have had four career change dogs and one dog retire from working service. Since 2012, we have adopted 37 dogs through our program.



GRADUATED TEAMS | HANDLERS & DOGS

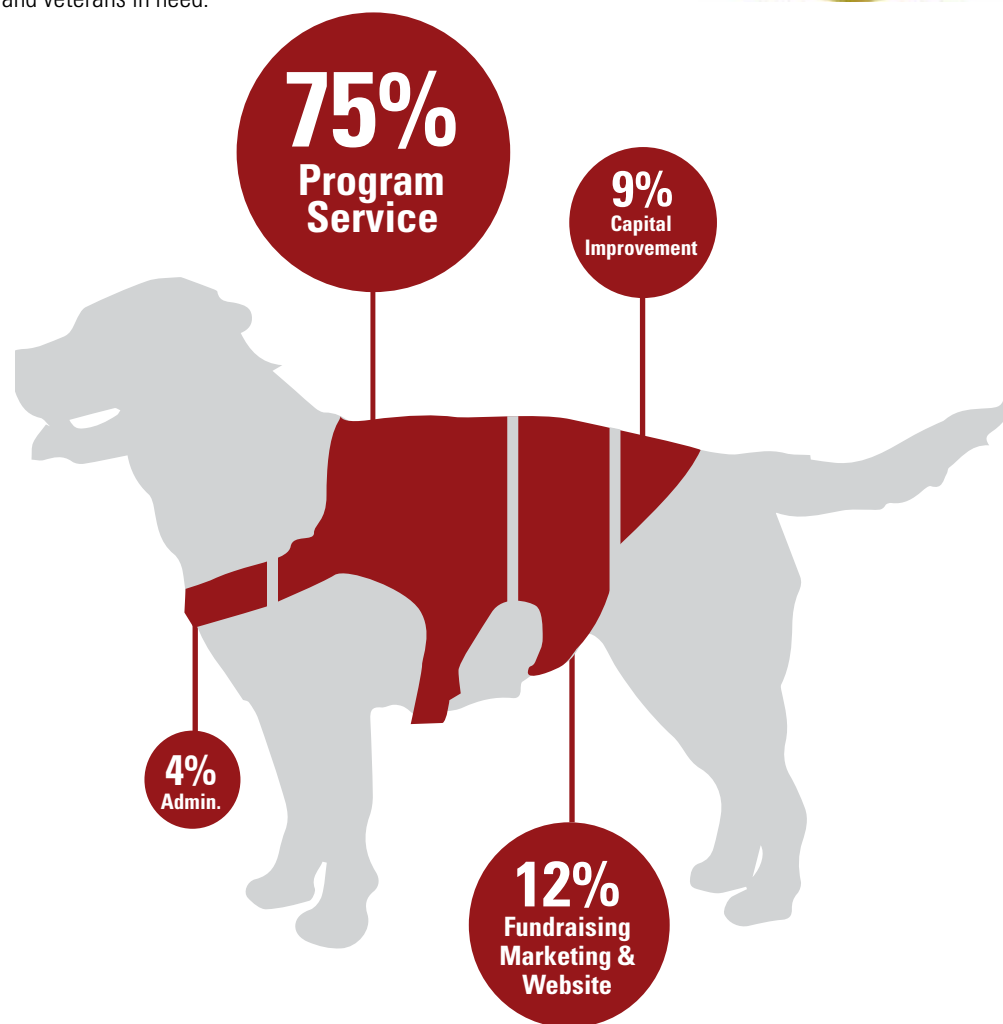
FINANCING | A MATCH



*Julio's adoption, care, housing, training and placement with Josh was generously sponsored by the David C. Copley Foundation.

HOW DONATIONS ARE USED

Shelter to Soldier has amazing community support and a strong volunteer team behind us. Thanks to these relationships, we are able to direct the vast majority of revenue to programs and services. Our steady growth has allowed us to build a strong leadership and administrative team to run the program efficiently. We believe in making each donor dollar go as far as possible to making our program impact the lives of more dogs and veterans in need.



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www.ThePatriotsInitiative.org

GRAHAM BLOEM, ABCDT CO-FOUNDER | PRESIDENT | TRAINING DIRECTOR

Graham's passion for helping and working with dogs and veterans runs deep. He has been a professional dog trainer for 17 years and has extensive animal related business and management experience.

KYRIÉ BLOEM, MS CO-FOUNDER | DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

As the administrative director for our program, she plans all events and fundraising programs, serves as our grant writer, coordinates our volunteer team, and facilitates day to day operations of the charity.

KRYSTYNA HOLC, CPA CO-FOUNDER | TREASURER

Krys keeps all Shelter to Soldier financials organized and ensures our program is working to its fullest potential for efficiency. She is the Vice President and CFO of Goodsell and Company CPA firm.

LtCol BRIAN DENNIS BOARD MEMBER

Brian is an accomplished marine who has and continues to honorably serve our country. His life changed for the better when he rescued a wounded, earless dog named Nubs in war-torn Iraq. He is currently stationed in Texas and continues to give back through his military service and through his work with Shelter to Soldier.

DR. LIZ GREY, DVM BOARD MEMBER

Dr. Grey is a veterinary doctor and owner of a private practice Carmel Mountain Ranch Veterinary Hospital, located in Carmel Mountain Ranch, San Diego. She has been practicing veterinary medicine for 31 years and her family is very patriotic. With a desire to give back to the brave men and women who protect our freedoms and a love for animals, Dr. Grey feels honored to serve on the Board of Directors for Shelter to Soldier.

DAVID MOSS, LCSW BOARD MEMBER

David has been working as a clinical social worker since 2001 in many capacities. He has had the honor of working in the private sector, public sector at the County, State, and Federal levels, multiple non-profit arenas, and in various medical, educational, research, and home health settings. Working full-time for the Department of Veteran Affairs for the past 9 years, David currently serves as the Mental Health Clinic Coordinator for the entire North County Region of San Diego providing clinical and administrative coordination/oversight of the North County Outpatient Mental Health Clinics.

MICHAEL FORD BOARD MEMBER

Michael is a San Diego native passionate about supporting the communities in which we live and work. He has worked with Cox Communications for 12 years and is a member of their Public Affairs team, specifically focused on Community Relations and corporate giving. He currently oversees the programs and support for the Cox Charities Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Cox Communications, which to date has given over 6 million dollars throughout Southern California. Mike is passionate about animal rescue.





**Bringing Post-9/11
Combat Veterans
Together with Trained,
Rescue Dogs to Help
Both Recover and
Move Forward**

**Discover How You
Can Make a Difference
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