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Company/Organization: Hero Pups, Inc.

Type of organization: Nonprofit

Number of Employees: 0- all volunteers

Category: community

Challenge or Opportunity:

Veterans and first responders with PTSD and other service-connected challenges do not always have access to mental health resources and most service dog providers are completely inaccessible due to the costs.

Approach or Solution:

We run entirely on donations and volunteers, and have built relationships that led to having a donated space. Our food is donated by a distributor and all of our trainers donate their time, which means we can make each dollar go further so that we don't have to charge our Heroes for their dogs.

Impact:

Our recipients and their families write to us all the time telling us how the pup has effected the life of not only the Hero, but of their entire household. Without the financial stress of surprise charges common in other organizations, the Heroes we work with are able to get comfortable speaking candidly about their specific needs in a dog.