K9S FOR WARRIORS
YEAR IN REVIEW
• 2016 •
Dear Friends,

Opening the doors to K9s For Warriors was a task that took tremendous effort, drive, and passion. At the time, I saw the start of this organization as a way to help veterans and my son, Brett. I remember being sick with concern over my only son’s struggle with PTSD after returning home from Iraq, where he worked as a civilian bomb dog handler.

Because dogs were the one constant in his life, I knew training service dogs for others fighting the invisible wounds of war would give him a purpose; I was right. Today, Brett is the President of K9s For Warriors, and I couldn’t be more proud. Brett, Rory, and I, together with our amazing team of talented staff members, have touched more lives than we ever thought possible.

Not only are we helping America’s wounded sons and daughters recover from their debilitating scars, but we are also freeing their loved ones from the fear I once suffered from. Losing a family member to suicide is a scenario that no one should ever have to experience. Because of your support, our veterans reduce their risk for suicide and can become the men and women their families once knew before they experienced military trauma.

A service dog gives our warriors back one component of life that every person in the world needs: hope. In 2016, we restored hope into the hearts of so many heroes. Our continued work ensures that our beloved veterans can live life to the fullest and complete tasks we sometimes take for granted.

Although, we’ve had many very impressive achievements this year, please know that there is still so much work to be done. Each new day, more cases of veteran PTSD are diagnosed. Our mission isn’t complete until every post-9/11 veteran struggling with PTSD has a service dog and a new “leash” on life. I look forward to that day. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Shari Duval
Founder - K9s For Warriors
NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- 63 dog shelters VISITED
- 1227 volunteers WORKED
- 27,781 hours VALUED at over $400,000
- 256 dogs RESCUED
- 73 warriors PAIRED to service dogs
- 12 warrior-dog team GRADUATIONS took place
- 82 dogs adopted into furever HOMES
- 205 COMMUNITY events HELD
- 20,417 donations PROCESSED

2016
Shari Duval and Brett Simon create the concept of K9s For Warriors.

K9s obtains 501(c)3 status; holds first fundraiser; opens first location: “Wilderness Trail.”

K9s trains first warrior, Daniel, who receives service dog, Sarge.

K9s moves to second location: “Roscoe Road.”

K9s moves to nine-acre headquarters, “Camp K9.”

K9s moves to ten-acre headquarters.

K9s rescues its 550th dog and pairs its 273rd warrior-dog team.

Rory Diamond is named CEO of K9s For Warriors.
### Revenue Breakdown

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### Funds Raised

$6,941,664.75
FACTUAL FINDINGS

29% of post-9/11 veterans suffer from PTSD.

K9s For Warriors is the nation’s largest provider of service dogs for American veterans with PTSD, TBI, and/or MST.

Fifty percent of veterans diagnosed do not seek treatment.

The average K9s warrior is on 10-15 medications when beginning the program. Ninety-two percent reduce or eliminate medication after graduation.

Twenty-two veterans commit suicide every day.

Seventy-three percent of graduates report improvement in health after having received a dog.

Eighty-two percent of warriors report a decrease in suicidal thoughts after graduation.

Eighty-five percent of graduates report being able to handle anxiety better after graduation.
“This program helped me regain control of my life.”
-Nicholas, 2016 Graduate of K9s For Warriors

“K9s is the most credible service dog organization that I could find. The best parts are that they use rescue dogs and that the program didn’t cost me a dime.”
-Daniel, 2016 Graduate of K9s For Warriors

“K9s For Warriors helped me become my own advocate for my PTSD. I can now manage my symptoms without medication.”
-Shane, 2016 Graduate of K9s For Warriors

“This organization is managed by people who have a deep understanding of the invisible wounds of war or have overcome PTSD themselves. They know what they are doing, and it shows.”
-Rickey, 2016 Graduate of K9s For Warriors

“K9s For Warriors saved my life. It gave me the tools and the partner I needed to defeat the stressors that are brought on by PTSD.”
-Travis, 2016 Graduate of K9s For Warriors

“This really works. There is still hope, and K9s can give it. The wonderful people at this organization supported me every step of the way.”
-April, 2016 Graduate of K9s For Warriors

“The love and acceptance you get once you walk through the doors at K9s is wonderful. My tomorrows don’t look so dark anymore and thinking about my future no longer puts my stomach in knots.”
-Christian, 2016 Graduate of K9s For Warriors

“They could relate to everything I had been through. It made me feel safe and reassured.”
-Tiffany, 2016 Graduate of K9s For Warriors

“I’ve tried everything under the sun from medications to traditional therapy, with little to no results. I bonded with my dog immediately and knew I found something that would really help my pain.”
-Brad, 2016 Graduate of K9s For Warriors
K9s For Warriors has served veterans in 226 cities and 42 states.

The goal is to supply service dogs to every post-9/11 veteran suffering from the invisible wounds of war and to completely combat PTSD.
NUMBERS BY BRANCH

Marine Corps: 41
ARMY: 177
Navy: 33
Air Force: 27
Coast Guard: 2

*Dual service in addition to the ARMY
Last year, we experienced many wonderful achievements and milestones. Now that the 2016 chapter of K9s For Warriors’ story is concluded, it is time to turn the page and shift our focus to 2017. I am proud to inform you that I have stepped into a new role at K9s For Warriors - Chief Executive Officer. I plan to use my legal background, entrepreneurial spirit, and leadership skills to guide this organization to a direction of additional growth and prosperity.

It is such an honor to lead an organization with this much hope and heart, which is clear to every individual that enters the doors of Camp K9. We have Shari Duval to thank for this. She had a vision and the incredible drive to make the K9s mission into a living, breathing entity.

In 2017, you will see K9s For Warriors diligently working on three essential initiatives. First, K9s will continue to grow the areas that are imperative to the livelihood of our nonprofit. We will increase the amount of warriors we serve, gradually reaching 12 per month. With so many veterans, the time to take action to reduce our waiting list is now. Additionally, K9s will expand our dog training department in order to support our program goals. We will hire more trainers to teach our rescue dogs the skills and knowledge needed to serve our veterans with confidence. Soon, both kennels will be filled with dogs eager to complete their life-saving missions.

Secondly, we will spread the word on how service dogs are an effective treatment option for veterans with PTSD, TBI, and Military Sexual Trauma (MST). You will see us advocating on local and national levels, positioning ourselves to get in front of key leaders in the legislative arena.

Lastly, we will collaborate with prominent institutes to conduct cutting-edge research on the healing effect that service dogs have on veterans with PTSD and/or MST. Flagler College, Purdue University, and the National Institutes of Health are some of the entities that are already initiating important studies with us. These partnerships will prove that our service dogs are effective.

We look forward to what this year will bring and thank you for your support as we strive to save more lives.

Respectfully,

Rory Diamond
Chief Executive Officer – K9s For Warriors
TOP DONORS

Individual

• Patricia Dean-Olson
• Scott Trammell
• Robert Swinarton

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• Hanania Automotive Group
• Early Times Whiskey

Foundations

• Birdies for the Brave
• Hall-Halliburton Foundation
• Lt. Dennis W. Zilinski Foundation
• The Community Foundation of Northeast Florida
  (Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Weaver)
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