K9s For Warriors Responds to Urgent COVID-19 Need by Joining #GivingTuesdayNow in Global Day of Giving and Unity

(Ponte Vedra, Fla.) – K9s For Warriors is responding to meet the needs of veterans and Service Dogs in training by keeping our doors open and joining #GivingTuesdayNow.

#GivingTuesdayNow is a global day of giving and unity set to take place on May 5, 2020 as an emergency response to the unprecedented need caused by COVID-19. The day is designed to drive an influx of generosity, citizen engagement, business and philanthropy activation, and support for communities and nonprofits around the world.

Despite the pandemic and many businesses closing their doors, K9s For Warriors is keeping our doors and hearts open to continue to support veterans with PTSD and Service Dogs-in-training. K9s For Warriors has over 600 warrior-K9 graduate teams who still need K9s’ services now more than ever in times of mandatory isolation during COVID-19.

“While isolating is the best practice for our country’s health at the moment, isolation is something Service Dogs are meant to help veterans with PTSD overcome. Isolation and social distancing are factors that can easily send at-risk veterans on a downward spiral towards worsened PTSD symptoms,” said K9s For Warriors CEO, Rory Diamond, “It is important for us to continue to provide our services to veterans to fight veteran suicide and to help mitigate symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Traumatic Brain Injury and Military Sexual Trauma. With the support of donors who respond to the call of #GivingTuesdayNow, we can show America’s military heroes that their country is there for them like they were there for us.”

At a time when we are all experiencing the pandemic, generosity is what brings people of all races, faiths, and political views together. Generosity gives everyone the power to make a positive change in the lives of others and is a fundamental value anyone can act on.

“As a global community, we can mourn this moment of extreme crisis while also finding the opportunity to support one another. We each have the power to make an impact with acts of generosity, no matter how small, and to ensure the sustainability of organizations and services that are crucial to the care and support of our communities,” said Asha Curran, CEO of GivingTuesday, “Even as many face financial uncertainty, generosity is not about size. We all have something to give, and every act of human consideration and kindness matters on #GivingTuesdayNow.”

Those interested in donating to K9s For Warriors for #GivingTuesdayNow can visit www.K9sForWarriors.org and click “Donate”.

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About K9s For Warriors

K9s For Warriors’ mission is to end veteran suicide. Based in Florida, we are the nation’s largest provider of Service Dogs to military veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress, Traumatic Brain Injury and/or Military Sexual Trauma. Our program is unique, comprehensive, and proven, thanks to groundbreaking research conducted in partnership with Purdue University’s OHAIRE Lab. The majority of our Service Dogs come from high-kill shelters, which means that with each warrior-K9 pairing, two lives are saved. Support our mission to end veteran suicide, which is even more critical during our country’s current isolated times.

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About GivingTuesdayNow

#GivingTuesdayNow is organized by GivingTuesday in partnership with its global network of leaders, partners, communities and generous individuals. GivingTuesday is a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world.

For more details about the GivingTuesday movement, visit the GivingTuesday website (www.givingtuesday.org), Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/GivingTuesday) or follow @GivingTuesday and #GivingTuesdayNow on Twitter. For youth interested in joining the movement, visit GivingTuesdayKids.org for inspiration and project ideas.