

THEY'VE HAD OUR BACKS NOW WE'VE GOT THEIRS

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Our Mission

Got Your Six Support Dogs is committed to providing specialized service dogs to veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, and/or sexual trauma. Our mission is to help these men and women regain their lives through the healing power of dogs.

The Reality

- 22 veterans commit suicide daily.
- 5 active duty soldiers attempt suicide daily (**1 succeeds**).
- 15% of veterans suffer from PTSD or other major depressive disorders.
- Only 30 to 40% of veterans who screen positive for serious emotional problems, depression, or PTSD seek mental health care.

How Do Support Dogs Help?

- Dogs are vigilant. They watch over their soldiers while they sleep, and wake them from nightmares.
- Dogs help relearn trust. They bring a sense of safety soldiers lose on the battlefield.
- Dogs create a barrier in public. Often veterans with PTSD are afraid to leave their homes because they need space.
- Dogs help soldiers relearn how to give affection. War can be a place where love is forgotten and fear takes over.
- Dogs have a veteran's back – literally. They can be taught to sweep a room before a veteran enters, to stand at a veteran's back in public so the veteran doesn't have to worry about sneak attacks.
- In some instances, veterans with PTSD support dogs are able to decrease their medication. Petting a dog elevates serotonin

and dopamine – nerve transmitters that produce a calming state.

How Can YOU Help?

On average, it costs between \$12,000 and \$15,000 to train a PTSD service dog to certification due to the thousands of hours of specialty training involved. Your generous donation allows Got Your Six Support Dogs to offer highly trained support dogs at no cost to the veteran.

To help, consider making a

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