



***This program is available to any
Veteran wounded or injured
during Combat Deployment
who served in GWOT
to include OIF and OEF.***

THIS PROGRAM IS PAID FOR BY

HEARTBEAT

***AND IS FREE TO QUALIFIED
WOUNDED WARRIORS.***

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Service Dog Program



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HEARTBEAT'S NEWEST THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM: K9 HEALING WARRIORS

For those Warriors with TBI, PTSD and physical injuries, our program is set up to allow Wounded Warriors to get their lives back and be able to renegotiate the everyday challenges they face. Now they are not alone. The service dog gives the Warrior the confidence to go out into the community. He/she has his/her own buddy, who has his/her back.

This program will work and train Warriors who already have their own young dog, or if the warrior does not have a dog, K9 Healing Warriors will assist in providing one at no cost to the Warrior. The Warrior and service dog team will train together. Some of the training might include: turning lights off and on, waking Warriors from nightmares, accompanying the Warrior in public places, assisting in balance, assisting with prosthetic devices and performing calming behaviors to facilitate reorientation. Also, the hypervigilance that most Wounded Warriors feel is reduced with the service dog.

Heartbeat will work with Cascade Service Dogs in Olympia. Training is extensive and will last a minimum of one year. As with all our other therapies, Heartbeat pays for all the costs.



Dear Heartbeat Serving Wounded Warriors:

I am a spouse of a wounded warrior. I just wanted to reach out and explain how much this program has changed not only my husband's life but mine as well. When I first met my husband he was a high functioning person and now he's the complete opposite. While my husband was serving in the military he did acquire many different disabilities. My Husband shouldn't be left alone. He is a danger to himself and others. He's not mentally all their anymore.

He has no short term memory, no sense of day or time. He can't make rash decisions. All of those things on top of his mental disabilities make it impossible for him to work. He tries really hard to work but he keeps getting fired due to his inability to perform.

We lost everything when he got out of the military. Heartbeat took us from being homeless living out of the car, to living in an apartment. Life isn't easy being the sole provider. On top of working 2 jobs I have to take care of my husband and make sure he doesn't do anything crazy. I love my husband so much, but it's not easy. Some days we can't even get to the front door without him freaking out. He can't go anywhere or do anything unless I am with him. HBSWW recommended that we have our puppy become a service dog through K9 Healing Warriors. My husband thought that was a great idea but wasn't sure about it. He went and decided yes he could handle doing this training.

Here we are 3-4 months later and my husband can go places by himself. He is able to be more independent with his service dog. His service dog calms him down before he can start to have a freak out. The dog reminds him to take his medicine. When he is having a freak out the dog is trained to attack him with kisses and hugs... yes hugs! When going out in public his service dog is trained to block people from getting to close to my husband and to monitor him and ensure that he is safe and secure. He is so well trained in fact that he is able to sense when my husband is about to start having issues and can remove him from those situations and breaks his attention. The dog is literally trained to find the door in a store and take my husband through it to get him away from whatever it is that is triggering him.

Life is hard but Heartbeat has made life a little less stressful. I have never been so thankful. I can't explain how much this program has helped us. Thank you so much for everything.

*Sincerely,
A grateful spouse*

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