

2022



ANNUAL REPORT





Mission

NO HERO L^{PAW}FT B^{PAW}HIND

Team Foster fights for the unmet needs of injured and disabled Veterans by bringing together civilians, Veterans and highly trained service dogs.

We do this by:

- Helping Veterans obtain highly-trained service dogs they need at no cost;
- Providing grants for the unmet needs of Veterans and their service dog;
- Ensuring Veteran service dogs receive the highest quality training;
- Promoting awareness of service-related PTSD and TBI, and advocating for the long-term needs of our Veterans.

Letter from the ED



It is a privilege to lead Team Foster, a passionate, diverse, and dedicated family of people focused on ensuring every warrior who returns home receives the support they deserve.

Together, we have come so far and along the way, we have impacted so many deserving Veterans. What started as five people who wanted to ride their bikes has grown into a movement honoring our hero, Captain Erick Foster, and has provided service dogs to hundreds of men and women in need.

Coming out of the pandemic has been challenging on so many fronts. Despite those challenges, in 2022, Team Foster helped to connect 39 Veterans with service dogs through our mission partners. To date, our mission partners have specially trained and provided over 400 service dogs to injured and disabled Veterans - that means 400+ lives saved.

With your support, we were able to initiate a new partnership with the University of Pennsylvania and Warrior Canine Connection. (WCC). Through WCC's unique Mission Based Trauma Recovery program will allow hundreds of Veterans to assist in service dog training and through that process, simultaneously work to heal their own wounds. Our partnership with Penn and WCC is just one of our amazing initiatives. Team Foster supported Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs for the second year, including progress on a brand-new Pittsburgh campus. We also worked with Susquehanna Service Dogs for a seventh year to provide service dogs to Veterans, and brought our Philly puppy-raising partnership into its third year. Team Foster also continues to provide direct aid to Veterans in need. Veterans from all eras are eligible for grants and resources for unmet needs.

Highlights from our events this year include hosting Ruff Ride Philly at Lincoln Financial Field, our biggest Foster 100 fundraising event ever, and Ruff Ride Pittsburgh doubling in fundraising and participation in just its second year. The energy and community at our events are unparalleled. The groundswell of support is inspiring.

We were able to do this for two primary reasons. First and foremost, we have an incredible community of supporters. Our Board of Directors, key volunteers, participants and Volunteer Army came together in 2022 to help us raise over \$400,000. This brings our lifetime fundraising to over \$1.2 million. Second, Team Foster remains committed to operate our not-for-profit business like a business. This means investing in the right people, resources and infrastructure to maximize the impact of our supporters and increasing our capacity. In doing so, we hope to each our full potential to save more Veteran lives.

Through all of this, we have never lost sight of what matters most: our Veterans. Thank you for supporting the men and women who have sacrificed so bravely on our behalf. I can't wait to see you in 2023.

Nick Liermann
Founder | Executive Director



Thank You to our 2022 Sponsors



You can view Team Foster's financial statements by visiting:
TeamFoster.org/Team-Foster-Financial-Statements

THANK YOU TO OUR BOARD MEMBERS AND KEY VOLUNTEERS!





2022 Events

\$150K RAISED
420 PARTICIPANTS



Ruff Ride PHL at Lincoln Financial Field was a huge success in 2022 thanks to our partners, committee members, volunteers, and Ruff Ride participants!

\$10K RAISED
20 PARTICIPANTS



Oil Region Ride is one of the most personal rides at Team Foster. Held in Erick Foster's hometown of Oil City.

\$85K RAISED
487 PARTICIPANTS

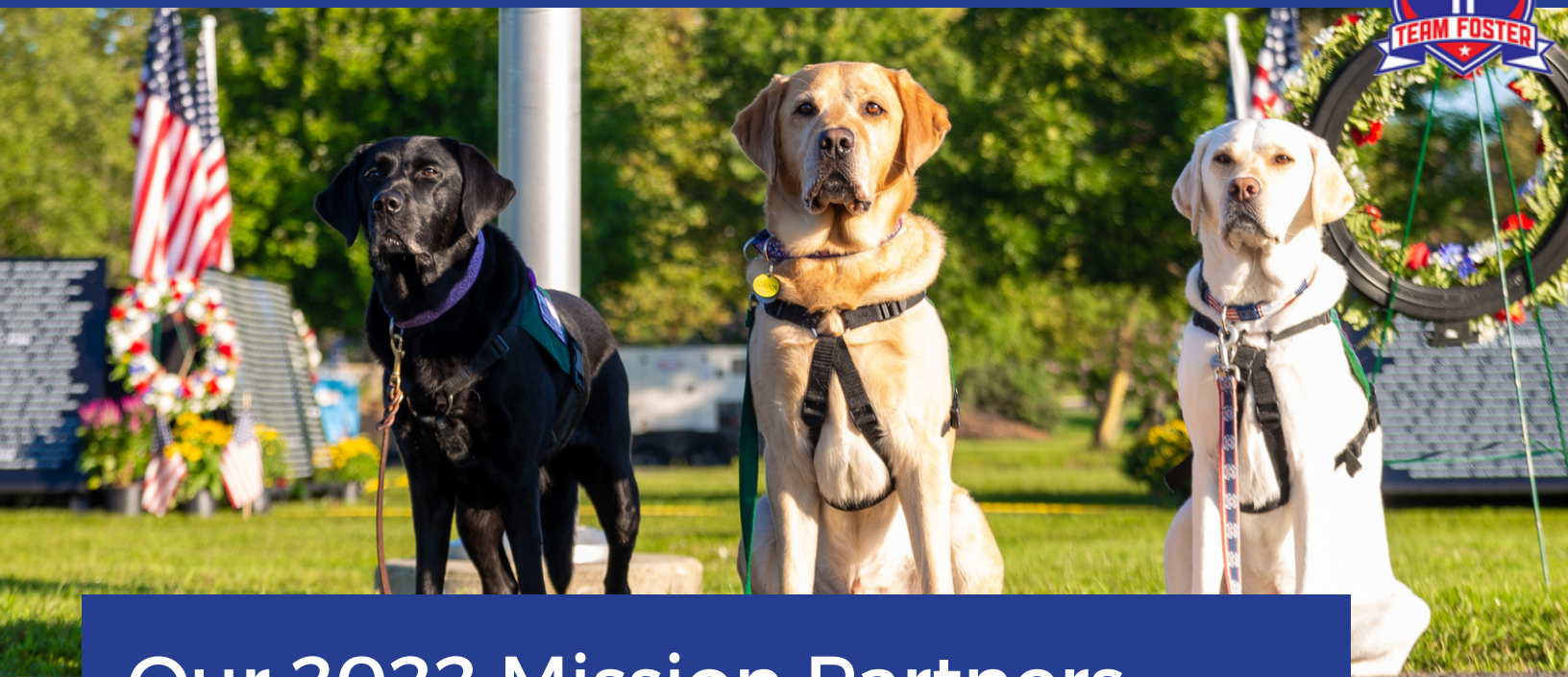


Ruff Ride PGH more than doubled in just one year! We are thrilled to be bringing Ruff Ride to Pittsburgh again in 2023.

\$145K RAISED
339 PARTICIPANTS



The Foster 100 Classic and Foster 100 Week rolled into its 9th year as strong as ever and Team Foster cannot wait to set big goals for the 10th year.



Our 2022 Mission Partners

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In 2022, together with our mission partners, Team Foster has helped successfully paired 39 Veterans with service dogs. Meet Team Foster service dog recipients by visiting: TeamFoster.org/Stories



Join the mission in 2023 at the Team Foster event nearest you. View all of the 2023 Team Foster events by visiting TeamFoster.org/TF-Events



Closing Message



A Message from the Board of Directors:

Together with our incredible family of Veterans, volunteers, sponsors, and everyone who has accepted the challenge to 'charlie mike' [Continue Mission] with Team Foster, we look forward to 2023 and the opportunities to serve that lay ahead. This year, Team Foster will continue the growth of our Philadelphia and Pittsburgh events and expand our reach to Washington, D.C. and beyond, including a brand-new Capital to Capital cycling event.

Even more exciting are the strategic partnerships we continue to nurture with outstanding service dog providers such as Wounded Warrior Connection, Susquehanna Service Dogs, and Guardian Angel Medical Service Dogs to name a few. These organizations enable us to help provide the highest level of support to our Veteran community.

This year, Team Foster's goal will be to raise more than \$600,000 to directly support Veterans. We will continue to be a leader in the service dog sector by partnering only with those organizations that meet our strict criteria and exceed the highest training and service standards. We will expand our geographic footprint.

On behalf of everyone at Team Foster, we thank you for your support and invite you to help continue our mission. Our watch is not finished. The issues and challenges facing our Veterans do not cease. They do not relent. Nor shall we in our resolve and our passion.

No goal is achieved, no service provided to its fullest extent without our greater team of directors, employees, volunteers, donors, and friends standing with us, side by side, relentlessly moving forward in the name of Captain Erick Foster.

Charlie Mike,

Patrick Griffin
Chairman, Board of Directors