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VETERAN SPOTLIGHT



In a heartwarming speech at a recent event, Army veteran Robert shared his journey of transformation with the help of Believet Canine Service Partners and his loyal service dog, Emma. Robert, an Army veteran and former police chief, recounted his life's ups and downs, culminating in his experience with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and the overwhelming challenges that followed.

Reflecting on his journey, Robert expressed gratitude for the support and guidance provided by Believet,

stating, "It took me 30 some years to realize that a service dog could be beneficial, and I was encouraged by a doctor at the V.A. to come to Believet." After visiting several programs nationwide, Robert and his wife toured Believet and were immediately convinced that it was the right place for them.

Robert emphasized the unique and profound impact of service dogs, not only for himself but for countless veterans who share the trauma of combat. He highlighted how Believet's proactive approach in addressing the needs of veterans was a game-changer, stating, "Believet was the best thing because it enabled me to have a totally different outlook on my life."

Thank you for bravely sharing your story, Robert. We are so glad Emma is by your side.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT Wendy Flum – A Dedicated Believet Hero



We are thrilled to shine a spotlight on one of our remarkable Believet volunteers, Wendy Flum! Wendy is not just a volunteer but a true hero within our organization, serving on the Board of Directors and passionately taking on the roles of Veteran Coordinator and Weekend Foster Coordinator. Since joining the Believet family in May 2022, Wendy's dedication and love for our mission have been nothing short of extraordinary. Wendy brings a warm and compassionate heart to her work, driven by her two great passions: Veterans and dogs. Her journey with Believet has allowed her to blend these passions in a way that makes a profound difference in the lives of the brave people who have served our country and the canine companions who provide them with unwavering support.

Wendy's devotion doesn't stop at her Believet responsibilities; she's also a loving grandmother to three beautiful grandchildren. And if that's not enough, her home is filled with the love of six dogs and a lot of cats. When asked about her experience with Believet, Wendy shared, "When I joined Believet, I loved the thought of combining two of my passions, Veterans and dogs – what better way to spend my time. I can't begin to express the gratitude and appreciation this opportunity has provided for me."

Wendy, Believet is incredibly fortunate to have you as part of our family, and we thank you for the invaluable contributions you make every day.



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Making a Lasting Impact



In a heartwarming gesture, Carter (age 11) selflessly chose to celebrate his birthday by making a lasting impact. Choosing compassion over presents, he directed his generosity towards Believet and the support of disabled veterans through the gift of service dogs. Carter, a WWII enthusiast, attended a session on service dogs at day camp a couple summers prior so

when a local VFW suggested Believet as an option for his donations it was a perfect fit. This amazing group of young people raised over \$350 to donate to Believet.

6th Annual Believet Ride: Revving Up for Veterans' Support



This June, a host of incredible organizations and supporters held the highly anticipated Believet Ride, a weekend-long fundraiser that revved up our mission in unforgettable ways.

During a weekend filled with camaraderie, the Believet Ride brought together supporters, veterans, and motorcycle enthusiasts to raise funds and awareness for our disabled veterans. We were honored to have the support of outstanding organizations, including the Roseville VFW Post 7555, North St. Paul American Legion Post 39, Lino Lakes American Legion Post 566, Forest Lake American Legion, Big Marine Vets Camp, and many others.

The Believet Ride included not only motorcycles, but also fun events and activities for everyone to enjoy. Participants were treated to hearty meals, live music that set the stage for celebration, a silent auction and more, all while contributing to our mission.

The centerpiece of the weekend was the exhilarating motorcycle ride that took riders on a scenic journey through the heartland. The roar of engines and the sight of a sea of motorcycles painted a vivid picture of unity and purpose. It was a ride that symbolized our collective commitment to support veterans on their journey toward a better life.

We want to express our deepest gratitude to all the individuals, groups, and organizations that made the Believet Ride a resounding success. Your unwavering support and dedication empower us to continue providing service dogs, free of charge, to disabled veterans. Thank you for being part of the Believet family, and for helping us ride toward a brighter future for our veterans.



Woodbury Memorial Day Event

Believet service dogs made a memorable appearance at the Woodbury Memorial Day event this year. As the community gathered to pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country, Believet's presence added a unique touch of patriotism and unity. These loyal service dogs exemplified the bond between humans and their four-legged companions, reminding everyone of the invaluable support and comfort these animals provide to veterans with disabilities. Believet's participation not only warmed the hearts of attendees but also highlighted the significance of service dogs in the lives of those they serve, making this Memorial Day event truly unforgettable.



Believet's Successful Golf Tournament: Teeing Off for a Worthy Cause

Believet's mission to provide service dogs, free of charge, to disabled veterans received a significant boost on Thursday, August 17, 2023, as we hosted a memorable golf tournament at the picturesque Northfield Golf Club. The day was nothing short of extraordinary, filled with golf, music, patriotism, and generous support from our sponsors.

With clear skies overhead, over 80 golfers gathered at the Northfield Golf Club to participate in this special event. The tournament not only showcased the golfing skills of our participants, but also celebrated the unity and camaraderie that define our community's dedication to helping disabled veterans regain their independence.

One of the highlights of the day was the soulful performance by the jazz-infused blues band, Spaghetti Monetti and the Sauce. In addition to the lively tunes, attendees were treated to a moving military display, thoughtfully provided by Richard Cady. The presentation served as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by our veterans, instilling a sense of gratitude and purpose in all who attended.

The honor guard's impressive performance, led by a talented bagpiper, was followed by a stirring rendition of the national anthem which further enhanced the atmosphere of reverence and patriotism throughout the tournament.

None of this would have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors, who rallied behind Believet's cause with unwavering dedication.



The overwhelming support from these sponsors played a vital role in ensuring the success of our golf tournament and, more importantly, in furthering our mission of providing service dogs to disabled veterans. Their commitment to this noble cause is truly commendable.

We are also grateful to our volunteers who supported us on the day of the event, including a large contingent from Wells Fargo. The tournament would not have been possible without the guidance and extensive efforts of event organizer Jessica Sewich. We are also thankful to Bridgette Hallcock for donating her photography skills.

Believet is deeply grateful for the outpouring of support from our community and sponsors, which allows us to make a tangible difference in the lives of disabled veterans. As we reflect on this remarkable day at the Northfield Golf Club, we are reminded that together, we can achieve great things and bring hope and independence to those who have sacrificed so much for our country.

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