

Together,  
WE CAN UNLEASH  
THE POWER TO *Heal*



Dear Friend,

We are excited to announce the 2023 Annual Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs Community Mutt Strut presented by PNC Bank. I am a member of the auction committee and we are preparing for our fourth, one-of-a-kind, interactive virtual 4-day event (September 13 – 16, 2023) as well as an in-person event that will be held at the Riverfront Park on the North Shore in Pittsburgh, PA on September 16th, 2023. This year will feature an online and in-person auction, dog walk, and Best in Show contests along with inspiring videos and testimonials from veteran recipients of these amazing dogs.

***The mission of the Community Mutt Strut is to raise awareness and funding for service dogs that will be donated to our veterans who face debilitating conditions such as PTSD, traumatic brain injuries, seizure disorders and loss of mobility, just to name a few.***

Every day as many as 22 of our veterans feel so hopeless in their condition that they take their own lives. This is one of the reasons the Community Mutt Strut was created. 100% of the proceeds generated from this event are donated to Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs. This non-profit organization is responsible for training and pairing medical service dogs with local veterans in need. The cost of raising and training each dog is approximately \$25,000. The cost to the veteran recipient is zero. To date, Guardian Angels has paired over 400 dogs with veterans. The freedom, independence, and relief that service dogs can provide is simply incredible and the results are undeniable:

- The suicide rate for veterans paired with a Guardian Angels Medical Service Dog is zero.
- The divorce rate is less than 2%.
- Decrease in the need for prescription medication.
- Dramatic increase in the quality of rejuvenating sleep

***WE NEED YOUR HELP!*** The online auction is crucial to the success of the Annual Guardian Angel Medical Service Dogs Community Mutt Strut presented by PNC Bank. If you are interested in contributing, we would be honored to have your support in the form of an item, gift card or basket to be auctioned off during the event. We are overjoyed with the impact that the Mutt Strut will have on our veterans and are confident that your involvement will help make the event a success!

To learn more about Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs visit the link: [www.medicalservicedogs.org](http://www.medicalservicedogs.org)

To meet veteran Ed and his service dog Lamar please take a moment and [watch the video](#).

To support or make a donation to the auction, please email [MuttStrut@MedicalServiceDogs.org](mailto:MuttStrut@MedicalServiceDogs.org). Any contributions will be greatly appreciated.

\*Please ship items to: Kelly Yurchick, 249 Fifth Avenue, P1-POPP-20-A Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Sincerely,

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**JOIN US IN SAVING THE LIFE OF A VETERAN**

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