

Heart of the Community Award

is presented to

Paws of War, Inc.

Mission: To rescue, train and place shelter dogs to serve and provide independence to veterans and first responders who suffer from traumatic effects sustained while serving their country & community. Paws of War, Inc. provides essential and supportive services to heroes in need. The War Torn Pups & Cats program helps service members who have saved an animal while serving overseas bring them to safety in the U.S.

Sophia Perna-Plank learned about Paws of War, Inc. in 2020 when she was looking to donate a snowsuit that was too large for her mini goldendoodle Bella. Her love of animals and connection to first responders and military veterans quickly drew her attention to Paws of War, which oddly enough was located close to her home. In fact, Sophia recently picked up her volunteer shirt from the organization and looks forward to helping Paws of War fulfill its mission. The joy, comfort and sense of purpose that is brought to the lives of the animals, first responders, and military veterans through the work of Paws of War is something that cannot be put into words says Sophia Perna-Plank.



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