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### **Kadence Legacy Fund Expands to Atlantic Canada with Launch of KLF Maritimes**

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The Kadence Legacy Fund (KLF), a veteran-led nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting veterans and first responders living with PTSD, is proud to announce its expansion into Atlantic Canada with the launch of **KLF Maritimes**.

Founded in memory of Kadence, KLF was built on the belief that meaningful support goes beyond words. It requires action, structure, and lived understanding. Through its partnership with Holdfast K9, KLF provides highly trained service dogs to veterans and first responders, helping restore independence, stability, and connection to daily life.

KLF Maritimes is already **officially registered in New Brunswick**, with **Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island currently in progress**, marking an important step toward building accessible, regional support across Atlantic Canada.

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### **Why the Maritimes?**

Across Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, many veterans and individuals living with PTSD face significant barriers to care, including long travel distances and limited access to specialized programs. Too often, individuals are left to manage in silence.

KLF Maritimes aims to change that.

By establishing a presence in Atlantic Canada, KLF is working to bring:

- Locally supported, professionally trained service dogs

- Reduced travel barriers for applicants
  - Community-based support networks
  - Veteran-informed training and program delivery
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## **A Different Standard of Care**

What sets KLF apart is its foundation. The organization is led by veterans, including combat veterans, who understand firsthand the realities of PTSD. Through a structured training and placement program, KLF ensures each service dog meets high-level standards aligned with public access and government expectations.

Each service dog partnership represents more than support. It represents years of stability, safety, and renewed independence.

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## **A Story Behind the Mission**

KLF was born from lived experience.

“One dog, one life saved” is not just a phrase. It is our reality.

Sadie, Kadence’s service dog, brought stability and light into our lives during a time when hope felt lost. That bond showed us what real support looks like and what is possible when the right help is in place.

Now, through KLF Maritimes, we are working to give that hope back. This is Kadence’s hope. A way to reach other military and first responder families who are walking a path similar to ours and remind them they are not alone.

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## **Building the Foundation**

The launch of KLF Maritimes marks the beginning of a long-term commitment to the region. Current efforts are focused on:

- Establishing local partnerships
- Developing puppy raiser programs

- Expanding community awareness and education
  - Securing sponsorship and donor support to fund service dog placements
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## **A Community Effort**

KLF relies on the strength of community to carry out its mission. From donors and sponsors to volunteers and puppy raisers, every contribution directly impacts the life of a veteran or first responder.

“This expansion is about access, dignity, and doing things differently,” says Stephanie McMullen, Maritimes President. “We are not just placing service dogs. We are building a system of support that understands the people it serves.”

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## **About Kadence Legacy Fund**

The Kadence Legacy Fund is a Canadian nonprofit organization committed to supporting veterans and first responders living with PTSD through the provision of highly trained service dogs. Built from lived experience and driven by purpose, KLF is expanding nationally to ensure access to quality, reliable support systems.

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