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Alberta-Based “One Dog, One Life” Program Launches to Support Veterans and First Responders with PTSD

Edmonton, AB — The Kadence Legacy Fund is proud to announce the launch of One Dog, One Life, a local not-for-profit service dog program created to support veterans and first responders in Edmonton and surrounding communities who are living with PTSD, operational stress injuries, and trauma-related conditions.

This vital initiative exists because the need is real—and it’s growing. Alberta is home to four active military bases (CFB Edmonton, Cold Lake, Wainwright, and Suffield), a large population of military veterans, and countless first responders across police services, EMS, fire departments, and healthcare systems. These individuals serve and protect our communities daily—often at a cost to their mental health.

“Our mission is simple: One dog can change one life.” said Tina Gillies, Afghanistan veteran, Scarfice Medal recipient, and founder of the Kadence Legacy Fund. “After the devastating loss of my daughter, Kadence, I witnessed firsthand the healing power of a service dog. Now, we are giving that same hope to others in her honour.”

One Dog, One Life works to match highly trained service dogs with individuals facing trauma, PTSD, anxiety, and other disabilities. The program also offers education, community connection, and long-term peer and dog-handler support.

With veteran suicide and burnout rates rising, this initiative comes at a critical time for Alberta. The program is currently accepting applications for recipients, and seeking donors, trainers, sponsors, and foster families who want to be part of this meaningful mission.

How to Get Involved:

Apply for a service dog

Donate or become a sponsor

Share our story to spread awareness

Learn more or get involved at: [\[insert website link\]](#)

Together, we can honour the lives of those we've lost by helping those still here. One dog. One life. One legacy.

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