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American Society of Military Comptrollers
P.O. Box 16237
Arlington, VA 22215-1237

Dear American Society of Military Comptrollers,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Companions for Heroes (C4H) and our family of heroes with their companion animals, we would like to thank you for your donation of \$489.00 on April 30th, 2014. Because of your generosity, an active duty military member, military veteran, law enforcement officer or first-responder, and companion animal will not be forgotten and their lives will be saved.

Each year, Companions For Heroes continues its mission to provide companion dogs and service dogs, which would otherwise be euthanized, to active duty military members, military veterans, law enforcement officers, and first-responders who suffer with severe physical injuries, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), depression, or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).

Companions For Heroes made a life changing difference for Lance Corporal (LCpl) Lemelin and others like him. LCpl Lemelin, a United States Marine, was deployed to Iraq at age 20, fresh out of infantry school. During combat he was severely injured resulting in back injuries and severe PTSD.



"The symptoms of my illness are dizziness, isolation, agoraphobia (fear of crowds), deep and dark depression, nightmares/night terrors, flashbacks, anxiety, panic attacks and not trusting anyone that looked like the men and women I was trained to view as an enemy in combat."

"Walking around corners has been tough for me. There are many times I'm not sure if there is an improvised explosive device (IED) on the other side. Gunner is trained to let me know the coast is clear and that I am safe."

LCpl Lemelin was matched with "Gunner," a loving yellow lab rescued from a shelter. Gunner's training included assisting with balance and stability, climbing stairs, waking from bad dreams, giving gentle nudges, and helping him out of stressful situations. LCpl Lemelin is now able to perform normal daily activities he couldn't do before such as leaving his home or being in public areas with crowds.

Our Nation's heroes need and deserve every opportunity to recover from such trauma and we sincerely appreciate your assistance in furthering C4H's mission. We look forward to keeping you informed and involved.

With sincere appreciation,

David E. Sharpe
Founder and Disabled Combat Veteran
www.companionsforheroes.org

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