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Fort Myer Thrift Shop Spins Thriftware into Treasures: \$12,150 Grant Provided for Veteran Service Dogs in Training

Dulles, VA - Veterans Moving Forward, Inc (VMF)

The Fort Myer Thrift Shop, located on Joint Base Myer/Henderson Hall in Arlington, Virginia, continues to live up to its motto: “It’s What We Do – Supporting Military and Families”.

Veterans Moving Forward (VMF) has been the honored recipient of annual grants from the Fort Myer Thrift Shop since 2015, with the latest \$12,150 grant ‘Dog-Ear-Marked’ to support a Service Dog in Training (SDiT) during its second year of VMF training, as well as a portion of its first year with a Veteran.

VMF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to “*provide service dogs and canine therapy services to veterans with physical and/or mental health challenge,s at no cost to the veteran,*” whether the illness or injury was acquired during military service or subsequent to honorable service. Founded in 2010, VMF strives make a meaningful difference in the lives of our Nation’s veterans, and increase their safety and independence within their homes and communities.

“The Fort Myer Thrift Shop is a wonderful supporter of our Military community, providing grants to nonprofit organizations supporting troops and their families, and scholarships for military members,” says Lyn Sherlock, VMF Board Member and its Development and Fundraising Chair.

She adds, “Since 2015 the Fort Myer Thrift Shop has been helping VMF provide services to our nation’s Veterans. This year’s donation directly supports Service Dog Training and Public Access, and Testing for Service Dog Placement with a military Veteran in need. We are so grateful to be among the nonprofits the Fort Myer Thrift Shop elects to support!”

Each dog is unique, so each one’s path from puppy through Service Dog in Training (SDiT) to Service Dog is their own, but follows VMF’s training and development framework to ensure their transformation from a cute, adorable and sometimes, clumsy puppy to a focused, highly skilled and mature service dog.

Michele Khol, VMF’s Director of Canine Operations expresses her appreciation for the support provided by the Fort Myer Thrift Shop. “Since we don’t charge for these Service Dogs, and the government does not provide financial support for service dogs, we rely on the generosity of individuals and organizations like the Fort Myer Thrift Shop, and are so grateful for their support!”

For additional information about Veterans Moving Forward, Inc. visit www.vetsfwd.org