

## MISSION

The Zeus & Luna 2 Pay It Forward Foundation aims to better the world by placing trained / untrained German Shepherd dogs free-of-charge where they can have the greatest impact on safety and mental health in our community.

## ABOUT US

Luna, our German Shepherd dog, came to us thanks to the generosity and compassion of friends who knew we were grieving deeply over the loss of our two incredible dogs, Duke and Riley, who had lived full lives and crossed the rainbow bridge within just a few months of each other. Our little Luna proved to be perfect in every way and helped us work through our grief. As she got older, we knew she needed a companion, and we were thrilled when Zeus joined the family.

Our dogs have been an incredible source of love and support in our family. Inspired by our own friends' generosity in bringing Luna into our lives, we created a non-profit foundation to pay it forward with Zeus and Luna's puppies. Specifically, we sought ways that were best-suited for German Shepherds to do good in the world. The breed is exceptionally loyal, smart, and capable, and we decided to focus in a few key areas:

- Police departments with the need – but not the budget – for trained K-9s
- Military veterans with emotional and/or physical support needs
- Individuals, such as abuse victims, seeking emotional support or physical protection

Our service is free to recipients because we don't want the cost of a puppy to prevent people from getting the help and support they need. In addition to our program for housing, veterinary care, and placement of the dogs, our long-term vision is to build a state-of-the-art facility for owners and handlers to bond and train with their matched dogs.

## OUR PROGRESS

We're excited to report that The Zeus & Luna 2 Pay It Forward Foundation is working on how to provide trained and untrained dogs/ puppies to military veterans' homes. The local VA reports that the waitlist for dogs is an astounding 3-years long, so we're eager to do our part to shorten that list.

Our local police department has also expressed interest. We're excited to work with them on next steps and hope to have more news soon!

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Every little bit helps, whether it's through cash, time, or connections:

- Cash – donations support the ongoing veterinary, housing, and food costs for the dogs and puppies, as well as background-screening costs to ensure the dogs are placed in good homes. Please consider making a donation to help us further our mission.
- Time – please contact us [Here](#) if you are interested in volunteering your time or services to support our mission. In particular, we are in search of police-dog trainers, grant-writers,
- Connections – if you or somebody you know has a relevant skill set or is affiliated with an organization that can help The Zeus & Luna 2 Pay It Forward Foundation, please put us in touch. We'd love to hear from them!

## What we stand for

“The world would be a nicer place if everyone had the ability to love as unconditionally as a dog.”—M.K.Clinton

“Dogs have a way of finding the people who need them, and filling an emptiness we didn't ever know we had.”—Thom Jones

“Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole.”—Roger Caras