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GATE COIN BOX, CHARITY ROUND-UP CAMPAIGN RAISES \$55,000 FOR K9S FOR WARRIORS

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., August XX, 2022 — The GATE Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Jacksonville-based GATE Petroleum Company, and GATE customers raised \$55,000 for K9s For Warriors. From January 1 – June 30, 2022, customers could round up the total of their purchase to the nearest dollar in support of K9s For Warriors. They could also donate through coin collection boxes at the registers of all GATE Stores located in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

“It is an honor to help support life-changing services that benefit individuals who have served our country,” said Kathy Brady, executive director of the GATE Foundation. “We are grateful to these brave veterans, and to our customers who generously donated to K9s for Warriors.”

Determined to end veteran suicide, K9s For Warriors is the nation’s largest provider of trained Service Dogs to military veterans suffering from PTSD, traumatic brain injury and/or military sexual trauma.

“We are incredibly grateful to have partnered with The GATE Foundation to support our veterans who have sacrificed so much for our freedoms,” said K9s For Warriors CEO Rory Diamond. “K9s For Warriors has the privilege every day to see the impact a Service Dog has on a veteran. With a battle buddy by their side, the veteran returns to a life of dignity and independence. We are thrilled and humbled by the generosity of The GATE Foundation, raising \$55,000 for K9s For Warriors. The success of this campaign allows us to continue changing veterans lives throughout the Southeast and give new purpose to rescue dogs.”

About The GATE Foundation:

The GATE Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Jacksonville-based GATE Petroleum Company, has contributed tens of millions of dollars to support efforts and services that nurture and protect the well-being of family and community. Founded in 1960 by Herbert H. Peyton, GATE Petroleum Company is a heavily-diversified company headquartered in Jacksonville, Fla. GATE operates in a variety of industries including retail convenience stores, car washes, fleet and fuel services, real estate, hospitality and construction materials. For more information on The GATE Foundation, visit <http://myGATEstore.com/Community> or call (904) 737-7220.

About K9s For Warriors:

Determined to end veteran suicide, K9s For Warriors is the nation’s largest provider of trained Service Dogs to military veterans suffering from PTSD, traumatic brain injury and/or military sexual trauma. With most dogs coming from high-kill rescue shelters, this innovative program allows the K9/Warrior team to build an unwavering bond that facilitates their collective healing and recovery. This treatment method is backed by scientific research (from Purdue University’s OHAIRE Lab) demonstrating Service Dogs’ ability to help mitigate their veteran’s symptoms of PTSD while simultaneously restoring their confidence and independence. Founded in 2011 as a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, K9s For Warriors remains committed to bringing widespread awareness to veterans’ mental health and contributing to policy-level reform.

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