

## **3rd Annual VOW22 Gala and Auction**

**September 16, 2023 6pm**

**The Dow Academic Center at Brazosport College**

**500 College Drive, Lake Jackson, TX 77566**

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**Dear Potential Sponsor,**

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, approximately 22 Veterans commit suicide every day due to the symptoms and consequences of Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS), losing their personal battle to the invisible wounds of war.

VOW22 is a group of Veterans, friends, families, and civilian supporters that have come together to prevent Veteran suicide through community awareness, camaraderie, interaction and communication with Veterans. Many of our volunteers have firsthand knowledge of the effects of PTS and are determined not to allow fellow Veterans to fight this battle alone. However, in order to continue providing the assistance our local Veterans so badly need and continue to draw awareness to the issue that is affecting so many of our Hometown Heroes, we need your help.

VOW22 will be hosting our 3rd Gala on September 16, 2023 from 6-10pm at The Dow Academic Center at Brazosport College. At this time, we would like to extend our invitation to you to support this cause by becoming a sponsor. This year we are proudly offering 5 sponsorship levels (details inside). Sponsorship is so critical to our organization as it our main source of funding for our programs. Individual tickets are available for \$75 each.

Our most important program is our Counseling Program. We are currently partnering with 3 local counseling centers to cover the cost 100% for not only the veterans but their family members who are seeking counseling services. All centers have PTS certified counselors that are able to assist both veterans and their families. As of 3/29/2023, our Counseling Program has serviced 164 clients and covered the cost for over 1,387 counseling sessions for veterans and their families. A small portion of the money raised goes towards covering the costs for our Meet and Greets that we hold throughout the year. This is important for getting our local veterans out of their homes and around fellow veterans to give them back the sense of camaraderie when leaving the service. It also allows them to meet other local veterans to help build a support system.

Also, we are in the early stages of our K9 Program. We have successfully placed 2 K9's with veterans in Brazoria County. Our K9's are trained through a training facility located here in Brazoria County. We are looking to help combat the effects of PTS with the help of emotional support/service animals for our local veterans. This is imperative to the treatment and healing as a whole for our veterans battling the effects of war.

We are a not-for-profit, tax exempt 501(c)(3) corporation and all contributions are tax deductible.

We would like to invite you, your family and your friends to join us in bringing awareness and understanding behind the effects of PTS to ultimately PREVENT veteran suicide. Let's rally around Brazoria County's veteran community TOGETHER and show them they are NEVER alone.

Sincerely,  
VOW22