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Golden PAWS Assistance Dogs purchases Harley-Davidson building in Naples for relocation and expansion

(March 2, 2020 - Naples, FL) Golden PAWS Assistance Dogs is pleased to announce that they have closed on the purchase of the former Harley-Davidson property on Pine Ridge Road in Naples. They were represented in the transaction by Dave Wallace and David Wallace of CRE Consultants.

Upon completion of a renovation in late 2021, the building will become the new home for Golden PAWS. The 30,000 square feet of space on 2.75 acres will allow Golden PAWS to house and train up to 40 dogs at a time, doubling their current capacity. The organization is working with WDG Architecture and Design and PBS Contractors to transform the former motorcycle dealership into a state-of-the-art service dog training facility that will serve as a model for the industry.

The need for expansion was the catalyst for the organization's current *Just Imagine* capital campaign with the goal of establishing a permanent home for Golden PAWS Assistance Dogs. More information about the capital campaign and naming opportunities is available from Golden PAWS' Vice President of Philanthropy, Cindy Nelson.

The purchase of the property was made possible by leadership gifts from Mr. Tim Ubben & Sharon Ubben and Mr. Kenneth P. and Susan Meyer. In honor of their gifts, the Golden PAWS Assistance Dogs Campus will be named "The Meyer Center For Canine Excellence." These gifts, along with other early leadership gifts have allowed Golden PAWS Assistance Dogs to launch its \$20,000,000 capital campaign with over half of the funds already pledged.

"The growing need among veterans for highly skilled service dogs, combined with tremendous support from our community, has led to rapid growth for Golden PAWS," says Jeannie Bates, Founder and Executive Director of Golden PAWS. "We are extremely grateful for the incredibly generous early gifts that allowed us to move forward with this purchase. We look forward to our transition to the new building so that we can bring the life-changing impact of our highly-trained Golden Retriever service dogs to many more veterans and children."

Golden PAWS Assistance Dogs is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that promotes independence for combat wounded veterans and children with life-changing disabilities through partnerships with skilled assistance dogs.

The service dogs are always placed at no cost to those they serve. Golden PAWS Assistance Dogs provides education and community outreach in support of the organizations' mission through therapy and ambassador dog programs. Golden PAWS is a respected and sustainable organization that creates a meaningful impact for service dog recipients while making lasting contributions in support of the community and those we serve. For more information about Golden PAWS Assistance Dogs, please visit www.GoldenPaws.org or call Ashley Zani at 239-775-1660.