

# York County Veterans Outreach Annual Report 2024



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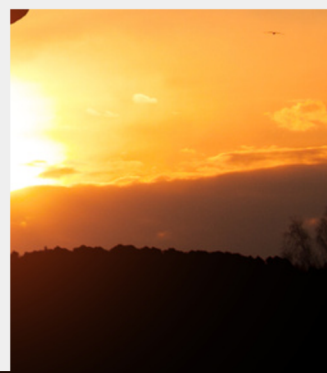
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Veterans  
And Their  
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Provided Funding  
For Nine  
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# York County Veterans Outreach

The York County Veterans Outreach is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit registered in the State of Pennsylvania, serving York County.

**Mission:** York County Veterans Outreach assists Veterans and their families to identify and access resources, services, and programs to meet their short and long-term goals.

## Executive Committee:

Susan P. Byrnes R.N., Chair and Co-Founder  
Kristy Bixler, Vice Chair  
Johnathon Heller, Treasurer  
Tyler Chronister, Secretary  
Gary La Tulippe, Member at Large

## Established:

Fall of 2013

## Co-Founders:

Ret. Judge Craig T. Trebilcock  
Susan P. Byrnes, R.N.

## Board of Directors:

Bruce Bartz  
Kevin Eck  
William Fallon  
Terry Gendron  
Johnathon Heller  
Andrew Herrold  
Gerald Otterbein  
Gary Owen  
Chick Renn  
Kathreen Sibol  
Kevin Smyers, Ex Officio

## Administrator:

Cassandra Storm

## Retired Board Members:

Bruce Bartz  
Terry Gendron  
Johnathon Heller  
Gordon Weith



### Top Left to Right:

Kevin Smyers, Tyler Chronister, Bruce Bartz, Gary Owen, Kristy Bixler, Gerald Otterbein

### Bottom Left to Right:

Kevin Eck, Bill Fallon, Susan Byrnes, Kathreen Sibol, Gary La Tulippe

# The Partners We Funded in 2024

Thank YOU for your dedication and support of our mission! Together, with our partners, we supported our Veterans and their families with programs and resources totaling: \$99,000.

- **York County Department of Veterans Affairs**  
**York County Veterans Fund**  
**\$33,000**



Assisting with home, transportation and food insecurity while also funding mental health, wellness and PTS treatments for Veterans and their families.

- **Leg Up Farm**  
**Equine Assisted Therapy**  
**\$20,000**



Equine Assisted Therapy for Veterans of all ages, filling the disparity gaps in funding that only supports post 9/11 Veterans.

- **For the Love of a Veteran**  
**PTS Treatment Program**  
**\$20,000**



Providing funding for SGB (Stellar Ganglion Block) Injections to significantly reduce symptoms of PTS. Cost is approximately \$2,000 per injection and it is not funded through Veterans Affairs.

- **Pennsylvania Furniture Mission**  
**Furnishing Homes for Veterans**  
**\$7,500**



Supported several York County Veterans and their families including entire home furnishings for at least half a dozen York County Veteran families.

- **Veteran Memorial Gold Star Healing and Peace Garden**  
**Memorial in Honor of Terry Gendron**  
**\$1,000**



Memorial tree and plaque in honor of Terry Gendron, Retired Director of York County's Veterans Affairs.

- **Catfish for Heroes**  
**New Boat Motor**  
**\$7,500**



Provides no cost fishing trips to Veterans as outdoor therapy, giving them a positive outlet from their stressors. The YCVO partnered with Roots for Boots to share the cost of a new boat motor.



- **Prodigy Spectrum Management (PSM)**  
**Furniture for Personal Care Home**  
**\$5,000**



The only VA supported personal care home for Veterans in York County. PSM opened their third home in the fall of 2024, and this was the second \$5,000 grant gifted by the YCVO (the first in 2023). Both grants were used to furnish the homes.

- **Veterans Lake Fishing**  
**New Boat Motor**  
**\$2,500**



Contributed to a new boat motor needed to provide Veterans and their families experiences through utilizing fishing and communication skills while growing a support system within our community and our family.

- **LifePath Christian Ministries**  
**Emergency Shelter for Veterans**  
**\$2,500**



Providing food, shelter and a connection to support services for Veterans.

## Uniting Our Partners



**Far Left:** Gold Star Mothers join Rock with the Veterans at Glenn Hope Care Farm.

**Center:** GHCF donates eggs to Prodigy Spectrum.

**Right:** Prodigy Spectrum Navy Veteran Donald Hauze at Leg Up Farm.

# ARPA Funding 2023-2024

In 2023, the YCVO secured a \$225,000 grant from York County as part of the American Rescue Plan (ARPA). Funds were allocated to Glenn Hope Care Farm, Cover Six Canines and the hiring of our first part-time staff member. In addition to reimbursing their expenses and helping to spread the word about their great work, the recipients are required to provide quarterly updates to the YCVO to document their use of the funds in support of Veterans. We anticipate all ARPA funds to be spent by early 2025 for our nonprofits and mid 2025 for our Administrator.

- **Glenn Hope Care Farm (GHCF)**  
**Mental Health Support & Farm Skills**



Glenn Hope Care Farm offers farm activities to Veterans and their families, including horticulture therapy, animal husbandry, submersion in nature, hiking, fishing, hunting, camping, agricultural classes and special events.

- **Cover Six Canines**  
**Service Dogs for Veterans**

Assists Veterans with securing and training of service dogs at no cost to the Veteran.



- **York County Veterans Outreach Administrator**  
**Part Time Support Staff, Cassandra Storm**

Assists the York County Veterans Outreach Board of Directors with their fundraising, grant distribution and communication with partners, Veterans and their families in need of YCVO support. Our administrator's pay is divided equally between our ARPA grant and fundraising.



**Upper Right:** Cover Six Canines Trainer showcases their work with Veterans at June's Quarterly YORKVET Network Meeting at Glenn Hope Care Farm.

**Above:** Administrator, Cassandra Storm, speaks at the opening of Prodigy Spectrum's newest personal care home on West Market St. in York.

# York Revolution 2024 Nonprofit Season Partnership

In 2024, we honored York County Veterans at 63 York Revolution Home Games in this Championship Winning Season. YCVO Board Members and volunteers were joined by our partners in the YORKVET Network as we raised awareness of available services and fundraised for York County Veterans and their families.



Susan P. Byrnes spoke Opening Day and from that moment onward, we received the highest outreach in donations, volunteers and Veterans looking to connect since our Founding in 2013.

We had special tributes for our Veterans at seven home games including two over Memorial Day Weekend, July 4 and on September 11. All Veterans whose names had been submitted were honored on WellSpan Park’s Big Screen. Retired Vice-Admiral Chip Miller “The Air Boss” spoke during Top Gun Night, York County’s Director of Veterans Affairs, Kevin Smyers, spoke on September 11 and YCVO Board Member Sherry Decker led Veterans from Harley-Davidson on the field for Super Heroes Night.



We owe a special THANK YOU to our Sponsor, Harley-Davidson Motor Co. Military & Veteran Resource Group for their \$15,000 Grant, which allowed all funds raised during the season to go directly to Veterans. Fundraising at WellSpan Park for our Veterans yielded a net profit of \$13,304.94.

**Left:** Kevin Smyers, **Right:** Sherry Decker and Veterans from Harley-Davidson.





**Above:** Vice-Admiral Chip Miller.

Fundraising at WellSpan Park offered opportunities for local businesses and organizations to sponsor a Veteran on-the-field before a game, highlighting their service alongside their families. Veteran Owned, Mission-Mattress was our top on-the-field sponsor, honoring ten Veterans throughout the 2024 season.

On 9/11 we thanked our devoted volunteers, including Vietnam Veteran Perry Nagle, and sponsors. Two of our YORKVET Network partners who were our most devoted table volunteers, Catfish for Heroes and Leg Up Farm, joined us along with Veterans from their organizations to share in this special tribute game honoring our fallen heroes. Thank you to everyone who supported us in making this season a success!



**Above Left:** Honoring Navy Veteran Will Monts by USMC Veteran Tracy Young, owner of Mission Mattress. **Above Center:** Gary Owen Honoring Vietnam Army Veteran Ron Woodard on Behalf of Schaefer Wholesale Flowers. **Above Right:** Kathreen Sibol Assisting Veterans at the YCVO Marketing Table.



**Left:** Susan P. Byrnes and Kathreen Sibol honoring Vietnam Air Force Veteran and ardent YCVO Marketing Table volunteer, Perry Nagle.



**Right:** Thanking Harley-Davidson's Demietra Middleton and Sherry Decker (also YCVO) for their support with the York Revs and Car Show.

**Below Left:** 9/11 Fundraiser with Sandie Walker, Demietra Middleton and Sherry Decker. **Below Center:** Opening Day honoring Navy Veteran Roy Hughes with Mission Mattress and YCVO Board.

**Below Right:** Hosting Catfish for Heroes Veterans on 9/11.



# Fundraising in 2024

Thank you to all our sponsors and donors. In 2024, we continued our long-standing fundraising events: Give Local York, the 7th Annual Golf Invitational and



The 7th Annual Benefit Custom Car and Bike Show which grossed over \$100,000.

In Honor of Veterans Day, we successfully launched our first Annual Campaign. We were the recipients of several fundraisers initiated by new corporations joining the YCVO Giving Family. In December, we received our largest grant ever: a \$25,000 Sponsorship from Pennsylvania American Water.

- **\$25,000 Pennsylvania American Water**  
2025 Purple Heart Sponsorship
- **\$17,500 Harley-Davidson Motor Co. Veteran and Military Resource Group**  
2024 York Revolution Sponsor and Four-Star Car Show Sponsor
- **\$10,000 Dr. Gordon Bell and Associates: Center for Dental Excellence**  
2024 Title Sponsor 7th Annual Benefit Custom Car and Bike Show
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- **\$10,000 The W. Dale Brougher Foundation**  
2024 Tournament Sponsor 7th Annual YCVO Golf Invitational
- **\$10,000 York Excavating Company LLC**  
2024 Title Sponsor 7th Annual Benefit Custom Car and Bike Show
- **\$5,000 Glatfelter Insurance Group**  
Annual Giving Designated to: For the Love of a Veteran
- **\$5,000 Met-Ed: A FirstEnergy Company**  
7th Annual Car Show and 7th Annual Golf Invitational
- **\$5,000 WellSpan Health**  
7th Annual YCVO Golf Invitational

We are so grateful to all our supporters. Further details on our donors are available on our website. While we have made every effort to accurately include everyone, please contact us if any names were inadvertently omitted.





# \$100,000 RAISED FOR THE YORK COUNTY VETERANS OUTREACH AT THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BENEFIT CUSTOM CAR AND BIKE SHOW

Special thanks to our Grand Marshal 101-year-old WWII Veteran Paul Steich, our host the Church of the Open Door, all our 120+ sponsors and especially our Event Sponsors Dr. Gordon Bell & Associates, Gohn & Stambaugh Inc. and York Excavating Company.



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# Thank You for Supporting The 7th Annual York County Veterans Outreach Golf Invitational



**We Raised Over \$53,000 For York County Veterans & Their Families**

**Thank You to Our Tournament Sponsor  
The W. Dale Brougher Foundation**

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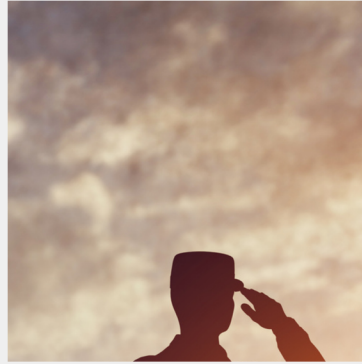
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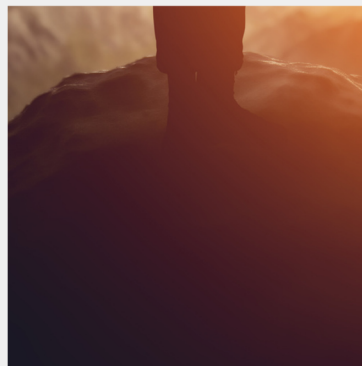
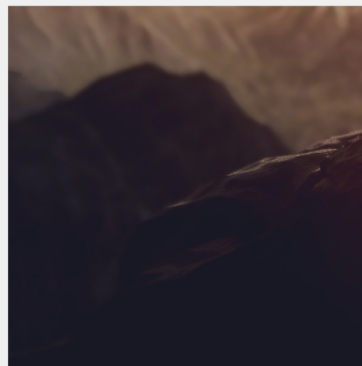
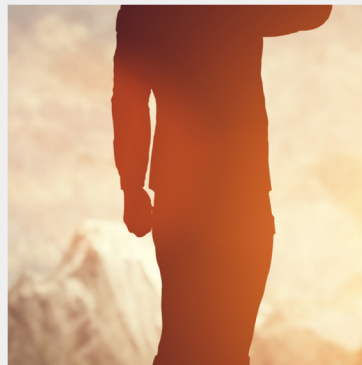
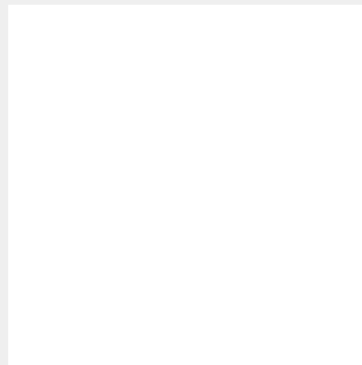
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Custom  
Car & Bike  
Show  
May 24, 2025**




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YORKVET  
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# Thank You

We look forward to another successful year in serving our Home Town Heroes!

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