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## **A+FCU Partners With Hounds for Heroes To Sponsor Service Dogs For Veterans**

Austin, TX – A+ Federal Credit Union, as part of their A+ Gives initiative, is proud to announce a new partnership with The Dog Alliance to sponsor service dogs for veterans through the Hounds for Heroes program.

“Training a service dog for a veteran takes 14 to 18 months,” Debi Krakar, Founder and Executive Director of the Dog Alliance, said. “Sponsorships by community partners like A+FCU make it possible for us to provide these life-saving dogs at no cost to the veteran.”

Through the Hounds for Heroes program, The Dog Alliance, a non-profit founded in 2006, provides service dogs for veterans who are challenged by the visible and invisible wounds of war.

“I’m thrilled we’re able to align this portion of our A+ Gives program with a great partner like The Dog Alliance and their Hounds for Heroes program,” Eric R. Kase, A+FCU President/CEO, said. “We’re honored to support such an innovative program to assist our valued veterans and we thank them for all they have done for our country.”

A+FCU has been celebrating their 70th anniversary in 2019 by hosting A+ Gives, a series of 70 different days with scheduled acts of kindness throughout the year, to show appreciation for the communities they serve. Over \$41,000 has been given back through this program to Central Texas since the beginning of the year.

“It has been absolutely wonderful to partner with so many great organizations throughout 2019 with our A+ Gives program,” Kase said. “I’m beyond excited for everyone to see what we have planned for 2020.”

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A+ Federal Credit Union was founded in 1949 by 50 Austin, Texas teachers. Seventy years later, A+FCU has over 160,000 members throughout the community, over \$1.6 billion in assets, and 22 branches. A+FCU continues to have close relationships with local schools and provides free financial education curricula for educators, engaging financial education presentations for students, real-life money management simulations for youth, high school branch locations, and unique financial products designed for teachers. A+FCU is proud to be celebrating their 70th Anniversary in 2019. Learn more at [aplusfcu.org/70](http://aplusfcu.org/70).