

Huether to serve as liaison for Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet

Ron Huether is now the Texas Foster Coordination Liaison for Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet.

Huether is also a guide dog trainer who walks potential guide dog pups in varying locations around town each day.

He has been volunteering for Guide Dogs for Texas for the past 17 years and is currently training his 13th guide dog puppy for them.

Huether said he volunteered to fill a vacancy for a state coordinator at Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet since he is a retired Army air ambulance pilot and understands the hardship of a deployment overseas.

Huether and his wife, Susan, have previously fostered two dogs for a service mem-

ber deployed to Afghanistan for a year. Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet is a not-for-profit organization that finds foster home volunteers willing to foster service member's pet(s) during deployment or hardship.

The two programs Huether will be working with are the Pet Foster Home and Warriors' Angels Program.

The Pet Foster Home (PFH) Program was established in 2005 to assist troops, wounded warriors and veterans having a companion animal find a potential foster home caregiver via their Foster Home Network.

This allows the pet and owner to be reunited following a specific deployment (combat or peacekeeping or

humanitarian related mission) or an unforeseen hardship involving a major medical or homeless situation, Huether explained.

The Warriors' Angels (WA) Program was developed to support Texas service members and veterans who have been medically diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and an official recommendation from their primary care manager that an "Assistive Service Canine" would help improve the service member/veteran's quality of life.

To learn more about the work Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet is doing every day or find out more information, visit <https://guardianangelsforsoldierspet.org/>.