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De Pere Fire Rescue therapy dog fundraiser started by grateful mother

DE PERE, WIS. – For Tammy Gossen, who unexpectedly delivered her third child, Ainsley Noel, in a chaotic scene beneath her family’s Christmas tree last year, the way De Pere Fire Rescue rushed to her side to provide unwavering care and comfort will never be forgotten.

Now, she’s now trying to return the favor, hoping to give De Pere Fire Rescue its own source of unwavering care and comfort – each and every day – through the faithful companionship of a tail-wagging friend.

Approved by the De Pere Common Council on Sept. 20, Gossen is trying to raise funds for a resident therapy dog for De Pere Fire Recue.

De Pere Fire Rescue personnel are appreciative of this gesture. Despite the immense joy that surrounds Gossen’s memorable day and other similarly happy outcomes, not all moments for De Pere Fire Rescue staff are celebratory. During their careers, De Pere’s firefighters and EMTs respond to a litany of calls that are filled with people’s worst moments, trauma and loss. The burden of these moments can be mentally haunting at times.

With that in mind, any aid from the community in supporting the mental health of De Pere Fire Rescue is profoundly appreciated, and the thought of a therapy dog, in particular, is something the department has long coveted.

To finally make this a reality, many local businesses are assisting with Gossen’s fundraiser, including Luna Coffee, Java Cream, and Nicolet Bank. All are excepting donations. Reach out to respective businesses for details.

Gossen’s goal is to raise \$10,000, which would support the purchase, training and maintenance of the dog.

Interested parties can donate to the fundraising account directly at Nicolet Bank: A Canine for our Crew, or they may contact Gossen with questions at acanineforourcrew@gmail.com.

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