



No BATS BASEBALL CLUB

"A person's life means nothing, except for the impact it has on others."

Subject: No Bats Raising Funds to Provide Service/Companion Dogs to Wounded Warriors
Please Help 2012 No Bats Charity Beneficiary - Canine Companions for Independence

Friend:

The No Bats Baseball Club continues its strong commitment to the Wounded Warriors who have served and sacrificed so much for our country.

I ask your assistance in helping No Bats support a charity that provides Service Dogs to disabled war veterans: **Canine Companions for Independence (CCI)**, <http://www.cci.org/Veterans>. I have already made a substantial donation. Can we count on your tax-deductible contribution to Canine Companions to help provide a wounded veteran with an assistance dog? Full tax benefits go to each donor, as Canine Companions is a tax-exempt charitable organization (ID number 94-2494324).

WHAT/Why?

For a veteran returning home with life changing injuries, the challenge of rebuilding a normal life starts with re-fashioning a life of personal independence. An assistance dog can provide the help these men and women need to regain that independence, and Canine Companions is the nation's top training facility for matching the right dogs with people in need. A non-profit organization that runs on charitable contributions, CCI invests two years in the meticulous preparation of a dog for a life of dedicated service. Each dog is methodically trained for a life supporting handicaps of differing needs; some assist people in wheelchairs with physical disabilities, while others are trained to assist the deaf and hard of hearing. Many are trained to open doors, retrieve fallen items, and pull a wheelchair. Warrior dogs are taught to support the needs of men and women with forced limitations from missing limbs.

The estimated cost of providing a service dog to a Wounded Warrior, which involves breeding, training and follow-up services, is around \$45,000.

No Bats is not the first to support CCI. Canine Companions was the charity of choice for the late cartoonist Charles M. Schulz, who helped fund CCI's northern California campus, see

[http://www.cci.org/site/c.cdKGIRNqEmG/b.4134039/k.9F5/Tour the Jean and Charles Schulz Campus.htm](http://www.cci.org/site/c.cdKGIRNqEmG/b.4134039/k.9F5/Tour%20the%20Jean%20and%20Charles%20Schulz%20Campus.htm).



In a recent CCI newsletter article you'll find the following quote from Major David Rozelle US Army, who lost his foot when his Humvee ran over a land mine during Operation Iraqi Freedom:

"I've spent ten years at war. I've served three tours of duty. And I've lost my leg. I've had some pretty bad days...but I haven't had a bad day since Domi came into my life. From the moment she bounces out of her crate wagging her tail every morning to when my boys tell her goodnight—I've never been so happy..."

Even though there is never enough money for us to help all of those who could use help, No Bats is going to help. I ask for you to help as well.

How to Donate?

Checks should be **made payable** directly to the "**Canine Companions for Independence**" and **mailed to me** at the **address shown below** by **October 1st**.

Donations can also be made directly **on the Internet** at:

https://www.kintera.org/site/c.cdKGIRNqEmG/b.4127647/k.2CCE/Donate_Now/apps/ka/sd/donor.asp?c=cdKGIRNqEmG&b=4127647&en=5dKGILOfF9JGLGNfE6KGKJOgG6JEUOAJIKJKRMqF8JIKLMkE9JLJ4J.

Enter the requested information and on the "Company" line please enter 'No Bats/Mark Wilcox', so they'll know that donation goes to the Wounded Veteran Initiative.

If you desire to make a direct **electronic bank-to-bank transfer**, you should contact CCI staff member David Bonfilio at dbonfilio@cci.org.

WHEN?

We would like to have as many donations as possible in-hand **by October 1st**, so we can bundle them into a huge commemorative check for presentation to CCI. The focal point of our effort will be Saturday evening October 20th, when we will present our collected donations to Canine Companions for Independence's officials.

No Bats?

This year No Bats (<http://www.nobats.com/donations/default.aspx?Yr=2009>) is proud to play its special brand of baseball, and to work with the Miami Marlins and its New Orleans Zephyrs AAA minor league baseball team, to raise awareness and money for CCI's help to our veterans.

As No Bats has done for more than a decade, we are asking friends, business acquaintances and others to assist us with our 2012 charitable effort. To date, No Bats has raised over \$1,100,000 for baseball-related charities.

You can remain assured that this year, as in the past, 100% of all funds raised by the No Bats Baseball Club will go to our charity focus, which for 2012 is Canine Companions for Independence, to advance its great mission.

Do not make anything payable to No Bats or to me. No Bats is merely a benevolent intermediary; we pay our own expenses and take nothing from the gifts we are able to collect. Every donated dollar has gone, and will always go, directly to the charity. We only hope to raise awareness and money and keep nothing but memories (and miscellaneous muscle pulls and other--sometimes age-related—injuries).

No BATS AT PLAY?

No Bats members will travel from around the country to meet in New Orleans on Thursday October 18th, and will be playing for fun (and the all important No Bats World Championship) on October 19-20th. All eight games will be played in Zephyr Field, New Orleans, LA, home of the Miami Marlins' AAA minor league club. You can come too and watch if you are ready to laugh until your sides ache.

Please Help:

If you have helped us in the past, thanks again. We hope you are proud of where your money has gone and what it has accomplished. If this is your first time helping us, thank you for caring and embracing our club motto, which is paraphrased from baseball legend Jackie Robinson:

"A person's life means nothing, except for the impact it has on others."

As always, we are immensely grateful for your help and support.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration and generosity during this very challenging year,

Mark

Member, No Bats Baseball Club
Hall of Fame Class of 2006



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