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Subject: Fall Fundraiser, Journey Together Service Dog

Employees of the Oshkosh Police Department will be participating in a fundraising event for a great organization, Journey Together Service Dog, which is based in Oshkosh.

From October 1, 2018 until November 30, 2018, Oshkosh Police Department employees who donate \$50 to Journey Together Service Dog can: have facial hair, female officers can wear their hair past the collar of their uniform shirts and plain clothes officers and civilian staff can dress casually on Thursdays and Fridays.

Journey Together Service Dog Inc., is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Their mission is to provide highly trained service dogs to people diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Dogs are placed at no charge with qualified Wisconsin residents who are 18 years or older.

This organization has a unique training program for their service dogs. The service dogs reside at the Oshkosh Correctional Institution and inmates apply to the program to provide training in a number of areas and care for the dogs. Community volunteers go to the facility to provide instruction with inmates and take the dogs out of the prison to provide experiences that are not possible in a correctional facility. This partnership significantly decreases the cost of training service dogs, increasing the number of dogs who can be trained and placed in the community.