

# Patch

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## **Wolf's Lair K9 Announces Community Partnership with YMCA Strong Kids Fundraiser**

Wolf's Lair K9, a professional dog training business based in Northbrook, IL proudly announces its Community Partnership with the North Suburban YMCA Strong Kids Fundraiser on Thursday February 26, 2015 at Pinstripes in Northbrook.

This fundraiser has raised in excess of \$1.75 million in contributions over the last eight years. Today, 1 out of 5 participants at the NSYMCA are supplemented through financial assistance program, made possible through donor support. Through generous contributions, the North Suburban YMCA is able to provide financial assistance to over 2,300 families and children each year. These funds enable all members of the community to access services important to their families such as; after school childcare, day camp, swim lessons, membership and special needs programs, regardless of their financial limitations.

According to said Carlos D. Aguirre, owner of Wolf's Lair K-9. "All of us at Wolf's Lair K9 are so proud to continue our long-standing commitment to giving back to the community where we work and live. Our partnership and donations reflect our confidence in the North Suburban YMCA allocation process and our belief in supporting the physical and emotional well-being of our community."

This year, the YMCA will honor Glenbrook North Principal Paul Pryma with the Thiel Award for Leadership and Social Responsibility.

Wolf's Lair K9, a professional dog training business owned and operated by Marine Corps veteran Carlos D. Aguirre and his wife Elizabeth, recently opened to help dog owners build a stronger bond with their canine through a variety of techniques and programs. In addition to the North Shore, Wolf's Lair K9 also serves and works with families throughout the Greater Chicagoland area, Southern Wisconsin, Northern Indiana and Southern Michigan.

Services range from private training at a client's home, day training at the facility, or a "lodge and learn" program (a 6-8 week course where dogs live & train at the facility and learn how to happily coexist in a home environment). Wolf's Lair K9 also has specialized training options available such as separation anxiety training, agility training, canine socialization, house-breaking and even AKC/UKC competition obedience.

Aguirre was first exposed to working with dogs while serving in the United States Marine Corps, which included deployments to Japan, Norway and Iraq. During a tour in Iraq, Carlos earned a Purple Heart after taking a bullet to his shoulder. The canine training and methods he learned in the military allowed him to find his true passion for dogs which led him to further his studies and graduate from the renowned Tom Rose School for professional dog trainers in St. Louis. Carlos earned his Professional and Master Trainer degrees after completing a two year extensive training program.

#### About Wolf's Lair K9

Wolf's Lair K9 offers specialized training options, including everything from simple everyday obedience for the home such as unwanted jumping or anxiety related issues, to proper leash management, the fundamentals of aggression management to advanced canine obedience for competition sports. For more information, please go to [www.wolfslairK9.com](http://www.wolfslairK9.com), or call 847.691.7088.

Tickets to the event are available on the North Suburban YMCA's website, [www.nsymca.org](http://www.nsymca.org).

#### About the North Suburban YMCA

The YMCA is a not-for-profit entity and relies on donations to make services available for all families and individuals in its 15-city region. All board members are volunteers, who donate their time, talents and financial resources. Located at 2705 Techny Road in Northbrook, the YMCA has served the northern suburbs of Chicago for over 45 years. The Y is about youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility, providing programs and services that address the needs of our diverse community and are accessible to all. For more information or to make a donation, contact Barb Flanagin at 847-272-7250 or [bflanagin@nsymca.org](mailto:bflanagin@nsymca.org), or visit [www.nsymca.org](http://www.nsymca.org).