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NEWS RELEASE

<u>Non-Profit selected by "Dixie the Praying Dog" & Brian Calvert - competitors in</u> <u>The Pack, an upcoming reality show on Amazon Prime</u>

Central Indiana – Central Indiana K9 Association has been selected by "Dixie The Praying Dog" and her handler Brian Calvert to benefit from their competition in *The Pack*, a new reality show to be aired on Amazon Prime Video starting on November 20, 2020.

Chair and co-founder Theresa M. Brandon shared: "We are humbled that "Dixie The Praying Dog" and her handler Brian Calvert have selected our organization. And are grateful for the opportunity Amazon Smile is providing to spread the word about our Capital K9 Campaign." On Monday, November 9th at 11 a.m. EST, the Amazon Original Series *The Pack* will be presenting a live stream titled "24-Hours of Pawsitivity" featuring animals associated with one of the twelve charities being represented. From puppies to working dogs having fun while off-duty, this feature is sure to make you smile!

The Human-Animal bond is something that every pet owner understands. When that relationship is forged in life-and-death situations, the bond between working dogs and their handlers is an even stronger symbiotic relationship. "To be included as a result of Brian Calvert's selection, is such an honor," Ms. Brandon stated.

Central Indiana K9 Association Inc. (CIK9) was founded to enhance the training and care of Indiana's active and retired K9 officers/Working Dogs and their handlers with a multi-jurisdictional plan. We elevate the public awareness of the service these brave dogs provide. Our goals are to:

- Operate the Shadow Fund, a medical grant program to provide financial grants for the benefit of retired K9s who have served the citizens of Indiana.
- Collaborate with multi-jurisdictional organizations to elevate training opportunities for Central Indiana active K9s in service to our citizens by building a permanent training site.
- > Build a Working Dog Monument to honor all working dogs in Indiana.