

Healing Heroes is a partnership with Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, Inc. to provide qualifying disabled Veterans in our communities with highly trained service dogs. Armstrong is committed to helping our local Veterans. Service dogs help to mitigate the challenges of several conditions, including Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD); Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI); seizures; glucose imbalance, mobility issues and more.

We are actively seeking Veterans who would benefit from the assistance of a Guardian Angels Medical Service Dog.

Application forms are available at <http://www.medicalservicedogs.org/service-dog-application/>
Once the online form is completed, a full application packet will be sent to the applicants to fulfill the process for consideration.

Thanks to your generous donations, we have raised enough money to train 10 dogs!

WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING DONATIONS!

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Payable to Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, Inc.
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Armstrong's services to southern Lawrence County go beyond supplying cable, high-speed internet and home telephone to residents.

The company's motto is "Life made easy." But it is Armstrong's volunteers, an almost invisible presence in the community, who are trying to make life easier for people. Seth Prentice, Armstrong community marketing manager at the Zelienople office, said the company's programs, Healing Heroes and Avenging Hunger, are equally important as their normal services and make an impact on many lives.

Breaking Bread is Armstrong's community initiative designed to feed the hungry in the community where they live, work and provide service. They are fighting hunger through a four-pronged approach, collecting donations of food, volunteering time, donating money and raising awareness. The volunteers create and support events to fight hunger and they are often seen with T-shirts that say Breaking Bread. This has no connection to the Breaking Bread restaurant on Lawrence Avenue in Ellwood City.

In 2018, company-wide Armstrong donated 50,000 pounds of food and \$10,000 from the Armstrong Zelienople system was put back into local area food banks. In 2019, company-wide 53,000 pounds was collected and locally they collected \$8,200 and another 1,100 pounds of food. The local food banks that receive donations are Holy Redeemer Social Services, Lillyville Church of God, Southwest Butler Food Cupboard, The Lighthouse Foundation and Gleaners Food Bank in Cranberry Township. The most recent donation to the Holy Redeemer Social Services was at the end of September.

"The Healing Heroes program is very important. Statistics tell us that 22 veterans suffering from PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injury die every day from suicide," Prentice said. Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) effects many servicemen and women who have been exposed to life-threatening situations.

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Healing Heroes provides service dogs that are often vital to those suffering from PTSD and TBI, and to date Healing Heroes has donated \$250,000 for 11 service dogs. Once the veteran receives a dog they will always have one. If their dog retires or something else happens, they will receive another dog. In partnership with Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, Healing Heroes provide qualifying disabled veterans in the communities that Armstrong serves with highly trained service dogs. These dogs make a difference in the lives of those struggling with a variety of disorders including PTSD, TBI, seizure disorders, mobility issues and more. They help to give people back their self-confidence and independence.

In 2017, Armstrong Healing Heroes had two goals: Raise enough funds to donate five service dogs to qualifying disabled veterans within the communities serviced by Armstrong. Each service dog costs approximately \$22,000, therefore a total of \$110,000 was needed. During Veterans Day week at the launch of this project, Armstrong made a commitment to raise \$55,000 and equally match each donation received in support of this cause.

More information can be found at the Armstrong website and online donations can be made at medicalservedogs.org. Select the donate tab and choose Armstrong as the designation. Prentice also hosts the podcast Armstrong in the Loop where he interviews people and shares their message to the communities that Armstrong serves. His Nov. 12 and 13 podcast is information on human trafficking. – *Ellwood City Ledger*

Tensions were high in Hampton Township (Allegheny Co.) as a council approved a controversial utility pole with wireless technology, amid concerns from residents. The residents were angry and emotional on Wednesday, pleading for the council to reject the application for the pole, which will go near Poff Elementary School and provide improved cell service.

But the council voted unanimously to approve it, saying their hands were tied by the law. "They complied with all of our township zoning ordinances," said council president Michael Peters. Hampton Township residents took their turns speaking at the council meeting about what they say are health concerns regarding the utility pole with 5G capability. "There are no tests yet that say it's safe and they're putting it right next to an elementary school," said Hampton Township resident Lainy Carslaw.

Crown Castle, the company installing the pole, is confident the technology does not pose any health risks. Crown Castle also said the pole will be 33 feet tall with cell nodes attached to it. Council said they looked into several options in regards to rejecting the application or delaying the vote but concluded anything other than a vote in favor of the application would result in legal trouble. "We certainly wish that we had more control over our own destiny," said Peters. "Unfortunately, the state and federal government have deemed otherwise."

Crown Castle issued a statement, saying: "The scientific and health communities have all come to the same general conclusion, there are no established health hazards from exposure to RF emissions with the established FCC guidelines." – *KDKA-TV, Pittsburgh*

Alphabet Inc.'s Google is in discussions about changing its political ad policy, according to people familiar with the matter, about a week after Facebook Inc. and Twitter Inc. publicly [diverged on how to handle those ads](#) amid the spread of misinformation.

Google has been holding internal meetings about changing its political ad policy and is expected to share more information with employees this week, the people said, though it is unclear what the changes will be. Some Google employees are speculating the changes could be related to what type of audience targeting the company allows ad buyers to place.

It's unclear when Google would implement any new policy. All of Google's advertising policies are uniform across search and YouTube, and any ad policy change would be reflected across all of its platforms, a Google spokesperson said. Last week Twitter Chief Executive Jack Dorsey announced the company would stop accepting political and issue ads world-wide starting Nov. 22, with exceptions such as those encouraging voter registration. Facebook, meanwhile, continues to accept political ads to run and has said it won't fact-check statements from politicians, a stance that has largely drawn criticism from those on the left and praise from the right.

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg has publicly defended the company's position and ad-transparency initiatives in recent weeks. Google has historically accepted political ads, and last month ran a controversial ad by the Trump campaign that included an unsubstantiated claim about former Vice President Joe Biden's role in the ouster of a Ukrainian prosecutor.

The Biden campaign and fellow Democratic presidential candidate Elizabeth Warren complained to Facebook, which also ran the ad and declined to take it down. Google's decisions on this topic have thus far received less attention than those of Facebook and Twitter. The scrutiny around digital political speech comes as lawmakers have increasingly criticized technology companies for not being responsive enough in stopping the spread of misleading information in past U.S. elections. Some social platforms have banned ads related to candidates, political parties and legislation. – ***Wall Street Journal***

California is investigating Facebook Inc.'s privacy practices, the state's attorney general revealed Wednesday in a lawsuit that accuses the Silicon Valley tech giant of failing to adequately comply with information requests.

Attorney General Xavier Becerra said he has asked the San Francisco Superior Court to force Facebook to comply with investigators' subpoenas, the latest of which were issued in June. "The responses we have received to date are patently inadequate," he said at a press conference. California prosecutors began probing Facebook in 2018, shortly after the company said data from as many as 87 million of its users may have been improperly shared with Cambridge Analytica, a British political consulting firm that worked on President Trump's 2016 campaign and has since shut down. Facebook says it has complied with requests from California authorities.

As it sought to settle a privacy investigation by the Federal Trade Commission, Facebook **uncovered emails** that appeared to connect Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg to potentially problematic privacy practices at the company, The Wall Street Journal previously reported. Facebook's unearthing of the emails while it responded to the federal probe raised concerns internally that they would harm the company, at least from a public-relations standpoint.

The emails suggest Mr. Zuckerberg and other senior executives didn't make compliance with an existing FTC consent decree a priority, the Journal reported. The potential impact of the internal emails was a factor in the tech giant's desire to reach a speedy settlement with the FTC. In July, the FTC **approved a roughly \$5 billion settlement** with Facebook related to privacy missteps by the company.

California said in its legal filing that it doesn't believe Facebook has searched the emails of either Mr. Zuckerberg or Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg in response to the subpoena. "We have cooperated extensively with the state of California's investigation," Facebook Vice President of State and Local Policy Will Castleberry said Wednesday. "To date, we have provided thousands of pages of written responses and hundreds of thousands of documents." Mr. Becerra's office said it issued a first round of subpoenas to Facebook on June 4, 2018, including about the company's ties to Cambridge Analytica. It waited more than a year for responses from the social-media giant, the attorney general's office said.

A second round of information requests was issued this past June. In that case, the company didn't answer 19 of 27 sets of written questions, gave only partial responses on six others and didn't provide any documents to six document requests, the attorney general's office said. California's investigation focuses on Facebook's compliance with state privacy and consumer protection laws, the lawsuit says, including whether Facebook allowed its business partners to access user data even when those users had opted out of such sharing, as well as the company's technical explanations about how its software allowed outside entities to access user data.

Facebook and other tech giants face increasing pressure from regulators for some of their actions. A bipartisan group of more than 40 state attorneys general in September **formally launched an investigation** into Facebook and Alphabet Inc.'s Google to determine whether the companies sought to stifle competition, potentially harming consumers.

Federal officials are also examining whether other big tech companies, including Apple Inc. and Amazon.com Inc., exert too much power over competitors. Google has said it is complying with the probe. Apple and Amazon have generally said they don't engage in anticompetitive behavior.

While California, where Facebook is based, hasn't been involved in the effort by state attorneys general, Mr. Becerra hasn't officially ruled out the state's involvement. California is **set to debut** a sweeping privacy law in January. The law intends to give residents unprecedented rights to know what data businesses collect about them. Mr. Becerra in October released a draft of regulations to enforce the new law.

As Facebook aims to comply with the FTC consent decree, it has been trying to stamp out areas where user data is improperly shared. In a blog post Tuesday, Facebook said it found instances where app developers had more access to user data than intended. It has asked the developers to delete the information they shouldn't have been able to access, the company said. "The new framework under our agreement with the FTC means more accountability and transparency into how we build and maintain products," Konstantinos Papamiltiadis, Facebook's director for platform partnerships, said in the blog post. "As we continue to work through this process we expect to find more examples of where we can improve, either through our products or changing how data is accessed." News Corp, owner of The Wall Street Journal, has a commercial agreement to supply news through Facebook. – *Wall Street Journal*

