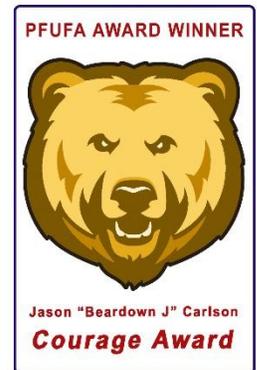


2025 Jason "Beardown J" Carlson Courage Award

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The PFUFA annual reunion in Canton is highlighted by the presentation of the following awards to members for distinguished service related to friendship, hospitality, charity, and courage, as well as for epitomizing the PFUFA mission statement - *to promote the fellowship of all fans, encourage sportsmanship and support charitable activities*:

- 4 Star True Blue Arrow Salute President's Choice Award
- Jason "Beardown J" Carlson Courage Award
- Tommy "Bellringer" Nola Friendship Award
- Golden Hog Charity Award



DESCRIPTION - the **Jason "Beardown J" Carlson Courage Award** is awarded to the PFUFA member that throughout the previous year has personified Honor & Courage and Inspired our membership through a displayed of our mission statement in their day-to-day lives.

2025 AWARD RECIPIENT Honorees – Dan Ortel "PantherFanz", Carolina Panthers

Dan has demonstrated unwavering support, resilience, and an unrelenting commitment to continuing to support his wife, Yvonne, in the face of her 5-year battle with breast cancer, as well as supporting his two children during the family struggle.

Dan was Yvonne's, and his two children's, rock during this process. Yvonne wanted to travel, so Dan took off work to travel. Dan wanted to get involved in the raising of funds for breast cancer, so they did, going to many functions in support of research towards a cure for breast cancer. Dan started working from home to support Yvonne if she needed it. Dan did everything he could think of to make Yvonne's life as pleasant and easy as possible during her last months of life. In addition to supporting Yvonne, Dan consistently demonstrates an enduring strength of character and commitment to continuing to fight for all women in Yvonne's name by supporting The Triple Negative X Breast Cancer Foundation.

Whether through going to the many fundraisers the foundation has, or by having a 50/50 raffle at each tailgate and sending the money to his company, Microsoft, to match it, Dan has shown great support for this cause. He has raised over \$5,000.00 dollars just by doing the 50/50 raffles at 8 games a year for the last 3 years. Dan exemplifies all aspects of the Jason "Beardown J" Carlson Courage Award, and the PFUFA is proud to announce him as the 2025 recipient. Visit www.pfufa.org (under Main Menu) for a summary of annual awards: <https://www.pfufa.org/index.php/main-menu/awards>



About PFUFA

Founded in 1999, the PFUFA is a very passionate group of football fans, representing all 32 NFL teams, who have a love for football, others and community that goes well beyond fandom, and who choose to make a difference in the lives of others - *the PFUFA is made up of big fans that have bigger hearts*. PFUFA members are leaders in their communities in support of charitable causes throughout the year, such as providing support for children, food drives, health research/cures, and veterans causes. The PFUFA come together in Canton during the Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement week for the Annual PFUFA Reunion, highlighted by an afternoon spent with the children and their families at the J. Babe Stern Community Center. None of us know how we are going to impact lives/families for the better, but we have seen many examples over the years of the positive changes that have taken place through our partnership with the J. Babe.