



## WHAT IS CANINE THERAPY CORPS?

Started in 1991, **CANINE THERAPY CORPS** is a Chicago-based network of volunteers and their certified therapy dogs who work with medical professionals to help people recover from physical and emotional trauma. Each **CANINE THERAPY CORPS** program is specially designed to meet the therapeutic requirements of the special needs population served. Programs are goal-directed and interactive, so working with a **CANINE THERAPY CORPS** dog is an integral part of each client's recovery.

## WHO ARE OUR CLIENTS?

**CANINE THERAPY CORPS** partners with medical professionals at highly respected Chicago area hospitals and rehabilitation facilities. We work with children and adults, both inpatient and outpatient, recovering from a number of challenges such as catastrophic accidents, strokes, surgeries, substance abuse, or abuse at the hands of a family member or caregiver. We also serve children with chronic illnesses like cerebral palsy and those with chronic conditions like autism, Down syndrome and behavior disorders.

## WHERE ARE THE PROGRAMS?

Currently, we partner with the following facilities throughout Chicagoland:

- **ADVOCATE LUTHERAN GENERAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**, with children with cerebral palsy and other speech and motor challenges. We also have a pediatric oncology visitation program here.
- **EASTER SEALS THERAPEUTIC SCHOOL AND AUTISM RESEARCH CENTER**, with children and adolescents on the autism spectrum.
- **HAYMARKET CENTER**, with adults in a residential substance abuse recovery program.
- **HEARTLAND ALLIANCE SCIY**, with unaccompanied immigrant adolescents in a group home who have been diagnosed with post traumatic stress disorder and other emotional disorders.
- **HEARTLAND ALLIANCE IYC**, with unaccompanied immigrant adolescents in a group home awaiting repatriation.
- **ARIELLA JOY FRANKEL KESHET DAY SCHOOL**, with children with autism and other complex or chronic medical conditions.
- **REHABILITATION INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO**, with clients of all ages recovering from spinal cord injuries, head trauma, burns, and other physical trauma.
- **THE RICE CHILD AND FAMILY CENTER**, with children who are the victims of family abuse and who have been diagnosed with mental illness.
- **SWEDISH COVENANT HOSPITAL**, for adults with physical, occupational and speech therapy needs.

**CANINE THERAPY CORPS HAS NEVER CHARGED A CLIENT OR FACILITY FOR ITS PROGRAMS.**

## WHO ARE OUR VOLUNTEERS?

- Over 100 people volunteering in healthcare facilities, developing new and innovative applications for animal-assisted therapy, staffing our research efforts, providing outreach programs that educate the community about animal-assisted therapy and humane issues, publishing our newsletter and planning our fundraising events.
- Sixty dogs of all sizes, shapes and breeds, from a Miniature Poodle to an Irish Wolfhound, have passed our rigorous therapy dog certification process and work in our programs every week, helping restore healing and hope to thousands of clients annually.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE AT 773.404.6467  
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