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## *Pawsitively Spring*

Creature Comfort April Newsletter



Spring is in full bloom and so are our therapy teams! In this newsletter, you will be able to meet our new teams and see where they have begun to visit. You will also get to see some memorable visits highlighted. We are also focusing on a new volunteer of the month! Be sure to check out ways to donate and where your donation dollars are spent, and as always click on the volunteer QR Code to get involved! Enjoy!

*Mary Beth Cooney*

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Executive Director

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## *New Therapy Teams In Action*

*Welcome to the family!*





*Vito (Lori Conforti) in action at Spring Hills in Livingston*



*Tito (Steve Markowitz) visiting Bayberry Elementary School in Watchung*



*Marina Kontos and Rey*



*Todd & Christine Drevitch and Lucy*

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## *Volunteer Highlights*





Tucker enjoying his time at Bragg School!



Motzi and Chance celebrated Doctor's Day at HMH JFK Medical Center in Edison!



## Facility of the Month



**MRS. WILSON'S**  
Treatment Center

Mrs. Wilson's Treatment Center serves women 18 years and older, who have been diagnosed with substance abuse and a secondary diagnosis of a mental health condition, such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Anxiety, Depression, or an Eating Disorder.

Their mission at Mrs. Wilson's is to provide compassionate, comprehensive treatment and housing for women who are seeking services for alcoholism, drug addiction, and co-occurring disorders.

CCPT has been making visits in their large living room for over 8 years.



Abigail and I love visiting this facility because it's a laid back opportunity for the residents to participate however they like. Some like to play and laugh with Abby, some like to pet her, and some like to just be in the room and observe.

Everyone gets to interact in a way that's comfortable for them and because of that, Abby always has a great time, and we usually get lots of laughs at her goofy personality.

**Amanda Cagna & Abigail**



## What our teams say about Mrs. Wilson's Treatment Center



## Why Donate To Creature Comfort?

Your donation allows us to continue our mission, to enhance people's lives through therapeutic visits with caring volunteers and their pets. Each donation helps to subsidize pet therapy visits!

- \$50 donation 2 Pet Therapy Visits
- \$100 donation 4 Pet Therapy Visits
- \$200 donation 8 Pet Therapy Visits



## Ways To Donate

### General Donation

Show your passion for pet therapy and help Creature Comfort fill the visit requests we receive!

### In Honor Of

A way to honor certain people, events, milestones, pets, or sentiments.

### In Memory Of

A meaningful way to express your sentiments about a family member, friend, co-worker or beloved pet.

### Matching Donation

Many companies set aside funds for philanthropic purposes and allocate these monies through employer gift matching programs.

## PLANNED GIVING

There are two simple ways you can give a gift to support our work that costs you nothing now, is flexible (you can alter your gift or change your mind at any time) and will create a legacy for you that ensures CCPT can continue its work well into the future.

First, you can simply include CCPT in your will or Living Trust to receive a specific amount or percentage of your assets after all other debts, taxes and expenses have been paid.

Second, you can add CCPT as a beneficiary or contingent beneficiary to your life insurance, retirement account or other financial assets, so CCPT is included along with your loved ones. This method may reduce taxes and eliminate or avoid the costs and delay of probate.

Creature Comfort Pet Therapy is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, and you should consult a tax advisor for any specific implications in your own situation.

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## Volunteers of the Month

Thank you to these wonderful teams who continue to spread the love of pet therapy in every visit they go on! We  
THANK YOU!

# Volunteers of the Month Dana Spero and Buddy



## Favorite places to visit:

We've been on so many visits and have loved every one of them, but the facilities we visit most and where Buddy gets the biggest welcome are Atlantic Adult Day Center, RVCC, and Stony Brook School in Branchburg. I'm also very excited to see my kids' school district on the calendar for May and I know Buddy will be very excited to finally visit his kids and their friends at school.

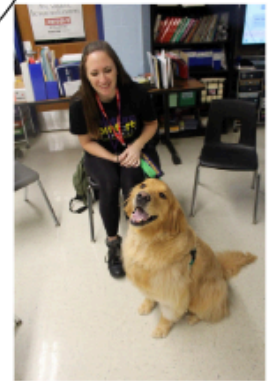
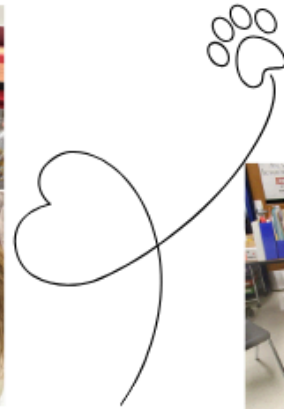


## Why I decided to get into pet therapy:

I decided to get into pet therapy because I've had dogs in my life since I was 9 years old and all of my dogs have provided therapy for me in one way or another through all points in my life, so I wanted to be able to do the same for others.

## Why I love pet therapy:

I always love doing pet therapy visits with Buddy because he puts smiles on so many faces and it's always a great feeling. We constantly hear so many comments about how this made someone's day, or they really needed this visit today. I've also seen some tears of joy and also recently was told he'll be in one high school's yearbook this year. I just love knowing that he has such a positive impact on others' days. It's also a benefit to him since he tends to be on his back with paws in the air getting the best belly rubs by the end of the visits.



## Scan here to learn more



Make a difference in someone's life!





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# Feel Good Corner

How adorable is this! Oreo and Patches are continuing to help a fifth grade student at Mountain Park Elementary!



Snickers had an article written about him in the school newspaper at Ramapo College. Spreading the love of pet therapy!

