

December 2022

## Special Announcements

- Dear members, Therapy Dogs of Vermont Board is interested in hearing from its wonderful TDV members, about their interest in joining our Board of Directors.
- We want to extend the invitation first to our membership, as you all are the closest to our mission of unleashing smiles in the Vermont communities where you live, and beyond as our membership grows. We've been doing this for thirty years, and we can only do it with continued focus on our mission, on our loving pups, and with your help.
- Please consider joining the board, and contact Colleen Sauve, President, at the following email:
  - [presidenttdv@therapydogs.org](mailto:presidenttdv@therapydogs.org)
  - for a board member application.
- As happens in these moments, you yourself may not be ready to join, but may feel strongly about a friend/family/colleague/fellow TDV member who might be a great addition to the board. Please reach out to them, talk it over, and let Colleen know.
- Our best to you, your wonderful pups, family and friends as December is here, holidays abound, and we look forward to and plan for the New Year.

As the Holidays draw near, the temperature drops down, and our hearts warm by the fire, if you're able, get out and visit, and share your stories about how our best friends (and you along with them) bring smiles to faces and warmth to the hearts of those they visit this month, and all year long. (and for Thirty Years now! Yikes)

You can share the stories on the members section of our group on Facebook, and with [facilities@therapydogs.org](mailto:facilities@therapydogs.org) and we can add them to our January WOOF.

# The Woof!



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**Orwell Village School**, 494 Main St., Orwell, Vermont, 05760

Contact: Melissa Rosato, Classroom Teacher, 802.948.2871, [mrosato@svuvt.org](mailto:mrosato@svuvt.org)

Ongoing, Weekdays, Regular hours

"They (students) haven't experienced a "normal" school year. They would benefit from having a therapy dog come into the classroom."

**Northern Vermont University – Lyndon**, 1001 College Rd, Lyndonville, Vermont 05819

Contact: Jonathan Davis, Dean of Students, 802.274.4110, [jonathan.davis@northernvermont.edu](mailto:jonathan.davis@northernvermont.edu)

Ongoing, Weekdays, Regular hours

"with the hope that we could invite you for some ongoing visits to our campus"

**Memory Care at Allen Brook**, 99 Allen Brook Ln, Williston, Vermont, 05495

Contact: Tori Green, Program Coordinator, 203.240.5626, [green@cathedralsquare.org](mailto:green@cathedralsquare.org)

Ongoing, weekdays, Any Time

"Many of them have lived their whole lives owning dogs and miss them very much."

**Equinox Terrace**, 324 Equinox Terrace Rd, Manchester Ctr, Vermont 05255

Contact: Kathy Clary, Life Enrichment Director, 802.362.5141, [Kclary@terracecommunities.com](mailto:Kclary@terracecommunities.com)

Ongoing, Weekdays, Regular hours

"Equinox Terrace is an assisted living facility. Our residents would love regular visit by your therapy dog"

**Berlin Elementary School**, 372 Paine Turnpike Rd North, Berlin, Vermont 05602

Contact: Jessica Heinz, School Counselor, 802.223.2796, [jheinz@u32.org](mailto:jheinz@u32.org)

Ongoing, weekday, regular hours

"We have had a therapy dog active in our school many years ago. We are looking to set something up for this school year."

**Chestnut Place**, 430 Berlin Mall Rd, Berlin, Vermont 05602

Contact: Kay Nuissl, Life Enrichment Director, 720.273.6066, [knuissl@chestnutplacevt.com](mailto:knuissl@chestnutplacevt.com)

Ongoing, weekday, regular hours

"Everyone loves and benefits from animal visits but I am particularly interested in having regular visits to our memory care area. Most of our residents are from VT, and have frequent family visits. Our staff is very devoted to the care of residents. We look forward to hearing from you."

**Gifford Health Care, Inc.**, 44 South Main St., Randolph, Vermont 05060

Contact: Crystal Whitaker, Benefits Manager/Human Resources, 802.728.2297, [cwhitaker@giffordhealthcare.org](mailto:cwhitaker@giffordhealthcare.org)

Ongoing, weekdays, regular hours

**NFI Vermont – Shelburne House**, 4292 Brownell Rd, Williston, Vermont 05495

Contact: Brooke Bartels, Program Coordinator, 802.859.9112, [brookebartels@nafi.com](mailto:brookebartels@nafi.com)

Ongoing, weekdays or weekends, evening hours

"Our hope is to have a therapy dog come visit twice a week so each kiddo could have their own visit. We understand this is a big ask and are more than willing to figure something else out."

For more information contact Craig Deslaurier, Facilities Coordinator  
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