Our Mission
Senior Services Associates, Inc. is a not-for-profit agency dedicated to sustaining and improving the quality of life for individuals age 60 and older, the disabled, and their caregivers by providing access to social services they need. We are dedicated to preserving their independence, promoting mental health and physical well-being, and protecting their rights and dignity.

Canine Companion Program

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In 2014, Senior Services’ implemented the Canine Companion Program in McHenry County to provide comfort and companionship by means of regular canine visits to seniors and persons with disabilities. These visits with dog and handler can increase emotional well-being, promote healing, and improve quality of life.

Our visiting canines are either registered therapy dogs OR have received their Canine Good Citizen certificate. All dogs are expected to be clean, well-behaved and people-friendly.

Studies have shown that through petting, touching, and talking with animals, an individual’s blood pressure is lowered, stress is relieved, and depression is eased.

If you are interested in participating in this program, or want to refer someone who would benefit, please contact Senior Services at 815-344-3555 or fill out and mail the attached coupon.

YES! I am interested in having a furry friend visit me each week!

☐ Please contact me right away.

☐ Please send me more information.

YES! I want to volunteer as a Canine Companion handler!

☐ Please send me more information.

☐ Please call me to discuss this program.

Would you like to volunteer?

Do you have a dog that you think would be great in this capacity? Volunteers must be:

- Age 18 or older
- Able to pass a background check
- A certified Canine Good Citizen OR registered therapy dog
- Willing and able to make weekly or bi-weekly visits
- Friendly, dependable and compassionate.
- Committed to making a positive difference in someone’s life.

Benefits to the Volunteer

Senior Services offers some benefits to eligible volunteers through the RSVP Program. You may qualify for mileage reimbursement, excess liability insurance coverage, and more. Let’s discuss the possibilities!

More information can be found at:
www.seniorservicesassoc.org
www.tdi-dog.org
www.akc.org
www.therapydogs.com