



## **Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey and Comfort Keepers Announce Strategic Partnership to Improve the Lives of Seniors**

Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey is pleased to announce an exciting and innovative strategic partnership between their in-home visiting therapy dog program Caregiver Canines® and Comfort Keepers In Home Senior Care located in Shrewsbury, NJ.

Caregiver Canines® is a free program which matches seniors, those with dementia and their caregivers for weekly visits with therapy dogs and volunteers in the comfort of their own homes. These visits have been found to reduce loneliness and senior isolation and provide great health benefits to those visited.

Comfort Keepers provides compassionate, professional care to seniors and other adults in areas of Red Bank, Monmouth, and Northern Ocean County. Their trained caregivers offer a wide variety of services designed to help individuals live as independently as they wish, right in the comfort of their own home.

“With a similar commitment to helping our older community members remain independent we thought it would be a wonderful idea to partner with Comfort Keepers to match our volunteers and therapy dogs to their dog loving clients”, says Lynette Whiteman, CVCJ Executive Director. As we age, sometimes there are physical or financial barriers to owning your own dog and that brings a lot of heartache. I have witnessed firsthand how much happiness these weekly visits bring and how great friendships develop with our volunteers. We appreciate this opportunity to reach even more individuals and caregivers.

“I am excited to be supporting Caregiver Canines®. My company services seniors on a daily basis and we know first- hand about the effects of isolation of not only the patient but also the caregivers themselves. Many of our clients are no longer able to own and care for their own pets and Caregiver Canines® is able to fill this void. We are so lucky to be able to work with this wonderful organization”, says Jim Winn, owner of Comfort Keepers of Shrewsbury.

For more information about Caregiver Canines®, please call 732.505.2273 or visit [www.caregivercanines.org](http://www.caregivercanines.org). You can also find them on Facebook – Caregiver Canines®. For more information about Comfort Keepers call 732.530.3636 or visit