



## *The Glen-Zadeck Canine Comrades Program An Outreach of The Glen Retirement System*

Since 2000, The Glen has realized the positive effects of animals on our residents. The program began with seed money from the Zadeck Family Foundation. The purpose of The Glen-Zadeck Canine Comrade Program is to provide appropriate animal companionship to older people. Visits from dogs can provide a welcome change from everyday routine. People become more active and responsive both during and after visiting with animals. An animal visit can offer entertainment or a welcome distraction from pain and infirmity.

Our therapy dog program is led by our two Labradors, Connor and Zipper along with our newest addition Bentley, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. All are registered as Pet Partners with The Delta Society. Maureen Kidd, Therapy dog Program Coordinator, has worked with this program since its inception.

The Glen-Zadeck Canine Program provides Animal Assisted Interactions to those who live in our community and over the years has expanded beyond our campuses. This program serves Shriners Hospital, The Grace Home, the pediatric floor of LSU Health Sciences Center, Sutton Children's Medical Center, Fiest-Weiller Cancer Center, Holy Angels Residential Facility, Arthur Circle Elementary School's R.E.A.D. Program, Eighty-First Street Early Childhood Education Center, The Gingerbread House, and Northwest Louisiana War Veterans Home.

In The Glen's skilled-care community, Village Health Care, these specially trained dogs are active in the short-term rehabilitation department in the "Pawing to Heal" program, providing Animal Assisted Therapy under the direction of physical and occupational therapists. This program receives rave reviews and national exposure through the various invitations to conferences throughout the South.

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