



Canine Support Program - Bios

Jill Hilliard

My background is in Psychology and Human Development, with an emphasis in Early Childhood Education and Adolescent Development. I was an elementary school teacher for 8 years, a youth leader for the middle and high school students at Cornerstone Church in New Richmond, WI and developed a canine-assisted reading program for Friday Memorial Library.

I have been working with dogs for more than 30 years, focusing on obedience, rally and agility training. My Therapy Dogs and I have been providing animal-assisted therapy activities since 2013, supporting the following organizations:

- BRIDGE for Community Life
- Positive Alternatives
- Crowning Achievements
- New Richmond Public Library
- Children's Hospital
- Westfields Hospital
- Salvation Army Grace Place

The Canine Team

Freddy



Freddy is a 10-year-old mixed breed rescue who became a certified Therapy Dog in 2013. Freddy has provided animal-assisted therapy at Westfields Hospital, Children's Hospital, BRIDGE for Community Life, Positive Alternatives, New Richmond Public Library, Crowning

Achievements and Grace Place. Freddy absolutely loves people! While Freddy has won numerous rally and obedience awards, his greatest joy is being a Therapy Dog.

Herbie



Herbie is an 8-year-old Bichon mix who is also a rescue. Herbie has been a Therapy Dog since 2018 and loves working with youth and adults with disabilities. Herbie provides animal-assisted support to Positive Alternatives, BRIDGE for Community Life and Crowning Achievements. Herbie is also a master level agility dog, with numerous awards and titles. In fact, many of his friends from BRIDGE, Crowning Achievements and Positive Alternatives have had the opportunity to train with Herbie and even participate at agility competitions.

Gibbs



Gibbs is a 4-year-old Great Dane who completely epitomizes the term “gentle giant”. He has been doing therapy work since 2018 at Positive Alternatives, BRIDGE for Community Life, Crowning Achievements events and Heritage Court Assisted Living in Hammond. Gibbs is also skilled in obedience and rally.

Mason



Mason is a 13-year-old Bichon Frise whose greatest joy is meeting new people and making new friends! Mason has been doing Therapy work for over 10 years, participating in parades, supporting Crowning Achievements events and visiting Our House Senior Living in New Richmond.