

Event Announcement

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**A Decade of Support for Adults and Children with Disabilities
Southeast Region of Canine Companions for Independence Marks
10 Years of Caring, Sharing and Service with an Open House**

Orlando, Florida – Central Florida residents are invited to a special open house in honor of 10 years of caring, sharing and service at the Southeast Region of Canine Companions for Independence (CCI). “The Southeast Region of CCI is a tremendous asset for this community and throughout the Southeast,” said CCI’s Executive Director Margaret Ager. “This celebration is an opportunity to recognize those who have made it possible to provide a decade of support for adults and children with disabilities and to open our doors to others who may need our services.”

WHAT: Canine Companions for Independence Southeast Regional Center - 10th Anniversary Open House. Open house festivities include dog training demonstrations, campus tours, food and entertainment and a special ceremony to unveil the 10th anniversary tribute wall.

WHEN: Saturday, July 10th; 10 am to 2 pm

WHERE: Canine Companions Southeast Regional Center, 8150 Clarcona Ocoee Road, Orlando, FL 32818

COST: Free. Register on-line at www.cci.org/seranniversary

WHY: The Southeast Region of Canine Companions for Independence opened on July 4, 2000. It has provided more than 300 assistance dogs for adults and children with disabilities and has more than 300 volunteer puppy raisers. CCI assistance dogs are provided free of charge, though costs to CCI exceed \$45,000 to breed, raise train and provide ongoing support.

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About Canine Companions for Independence

Canine Companions for Independence is a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships. It is the largest non-profit organization in the world that provides assistance dogs for people with disabilities. The Southeast Region of Canine Companions for Independence serves Florida, Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Louisiana and Mississippi. For more information about CCI contact the Southeast Regional Center at 800-572-BARK, or visit their web site at www.cci.org.

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