

Because of Teri's passion to help children who have suffered, she will be meeting with the Clermont Chamber of Commerce Small Business Development Center to discuss creating a non-profit in order to grow her hope project! Her goal is to have each child with trauma history or a PTSD diagnosis receive one of Sammie's Bags of Hope.

Sammie, their Labradoodle, and Teri are now a Registered Therapy Animal Team. They visit various local schools, and support groups, where they conduct book readings (her daughter, Madison, helped her write a children's book about Sammie, "The Doodle with the Noodle"). They discuss the therapy dog training process, and how they went about writing and publishing a book, and then the children get the opportunity to meet Sammie. Madison and mom have created the Sammie's Bags of Hope project - they distribute bags filled with "trinkets of hope," donated by many generous individuals and companies, filled with items including such things as stress balls, painted worry-rocks, anxiety-reducing coloring books, etc. "We have included a copy of our book in each bag, as well." These bags are then distributed to each child/teen Sammie works with in a therapy dog role. Most recently 6 bags were shared with the YWCA House of Peace Shelter in Clermont County. More information can be found on Sammie's website at www.sammiethe-doodle.com or on her Facebook (www.facebook.com/SammieTheDoodle/) or Instagram (@sammiedoodledog) pages. Sammie The Doodle www.sammiethe-doodle.com The Doodle with the Noodle is Sammie the Labradoodle puppy's big debut. Teri and Madison were inspired to create a children's book after hours of endless giggles.

As if that was not enough, Teri has also started speaking publicly, most recently at the National Crime Victims' Rights Week luncheon at the downtown Cincinnati YWCA, and she has been invited to present for 45 minutes at an upcoming conference through the Tri-State Trauma Network. Her sister recorded her YWCA speech, which can be seen on YouTube at Story of Hope Speech.

She is now the producer and co-host for a podcast on iTunes with a therapist friend (they worked together at Child Focus), titled "The Healing Place Podcast." To put her story of hope together, Teri is currently writing a book, titled, "Unicorn Shadows" to inspire others to keep believing and to never give up.

Remember if you are getting together with your class for lunches or dinners, have a tradition that your Rocket friends have been doing for a while, or have a classmate that the rest of us should get to know, I would love to come out and put you in the next newsletter. Just give me a call at 513-231-3500 X 5850 or email me by [clicking here](#)