

## Staff Appreciation

People may think that therapy dogs visit hospitals just to comfort and bring cheer to their patients. The truth is that, at Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital, these wonderful dogs bring every bit as much joy to our staff. Nurses, techs, volunteers, and all the office staff's faces light up when Toby or Lilly come prancing down the hall ready to greet them and be greeted by them with a pat on the head and a scratch on the back. This love is not restricted to the hospital. These dogs call on the Administration staff, the Infusion Clinic, and Medical Records. All of these areas look forward to Toby and Lilly's visits

One of our volunteers, Joni: "I love seeing Katharine and Toby. They are an extra ray of sunshine, and I'm always so happy to see them."

Cindy from Medical Records: "Seeing the dogs lets me escape from work for a little while. They are happy to see us and make us smile."

Dyan from Administration: "I cannot say enough good things about Toby and Lilly who visit us in the hospital and offices. They really have such a wonderful way of making the day suddenly go a little easier and leave me feeling inspired to do something kind as well."

Working in a hospital or any caregiving facility can be stressful and at times overwhelming. Sometimes there are no words, and a soft friendly pal can provide comfort beyond words.

We appreciate our furry friends more than we can say and always look forward to their welcome visits.

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