

## Mission Statement

It is the purpose of St. Andrew's Anglican Church Therapy Dog teams to provide **Pastoral Care** and comfort to the sick and shut-ins in our area with accredited Therapy Dogs and our members who volunteer with their dogs in animal assisted activities. These activities include, but are not limited to, visits to hospitals, special needs centers, schools, and nursing homes. Our objective is to form a network of caring individuals who are willing to share their special dogs in order to bring happiness



***St. Andrew's Anglican Church is a Mexican accredited non-profit entity. We support many charities in the Lakeside area, from the Red Cross to many School Children related activities.***

***All donations we receive are channeled through our Outreach Committee to these many organizations in need of funding.***

- If you would like to volunteer yourself and your dog as a Therapy Dog team, please contact the SAACD Coordinator and ask for an application form.
- If you would like to receive a visit from a St. Andrew's Anglican Church Therapy Dog, please let your facility know and ask them to contact the Coordinator.
- If you own or manage an Extended Care Facility that would like to have Therapy Dogs visit your facility, please contact the SAACD Coordinator.
- If you would like to make a donation to St. Andrew's Anglican Church Therapy Dogs please contact the Church Office or the SAACD Coordinator.



**St. Andrew's Anglican Church Therapy Dogs (SAACD)**

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# St. Andrew's Anglican Church Therapy Dogs



**THERAPY DOG**



**The healing effects of animals**

*DID YOU KNOW?*

**Therapy Dogs can help lower blood pressure, alleviate anxiety, improve mood, and even teach children to read!!**

## Therapy Dog Program

Improving lives on a daily basis, St. Andrew's Anglican Church Therapy Dog Program brings joy and comfort to the sick, lonely and those in need of a friendly visit.



Our program is new for 2016. Its coordinator has over a decade of experience with the foremost accredited Therapy Dog program in Canada.

**Boosting Spirits for so many** Therapy Dog services are provided in a wide range of community settings such as:

- Hospitals
- Seniors residences and care facilities
- Schools
- Community centers and libraries

### The Therapy Dog Program provides an opportunity for individuals to:

- Talk with the volunteer and the dog
- Feel, touch, pet and cuddle the dog
- Receive unconditional love from the dog
- Carry-out or practice an activity in the presence of the dog



### The Program offers many benefits, improving quality of lives. Some of the reported benefits include:

- Greater social engagement with individuals/residents talking more, participating more in activities, and smiling more
- Stress relief and distraction from pain
- Comfort and calming
- Improved self confidence and esteem

## SAAC THERAPY DOG FACTS

- All Therapy Dogs must pass an accreditation suitability test
- All Therapy Dogs wear an identifying Therapy Dog scarf/neckerchief
- All Therapy Dogs must have current Veterinarian Certificates of good health on file with vaccinations up to date
- The Therapy Dog and its handler are accredited as a team
- Therapy Dogs are restrained on leashes at all times
- Therapy Dogs will ignore other dogs if encountered
- Therapy Dogs like to revisit people over and over again

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