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By: Diana Palotas

More children and adults with disabilities in the Rochester area will be able to benefit from pet-assisted therapy.



A \$60,000 grant from The Golisano Foundation has allowed Lollypop Farm to expand its program to agencies like CP Rochester. Lollypop can now hire a volunteer coordinator to help train handlers and pets.

"Well, I think it says it all by seeing the faces of the children, but also the volunteers and the pets themselves," said Ann Costello of The Golisano Foundation. "This is a wonderful hour of activity, recreation and therapy."

The expanded program means one-on-one therapy for children and adults. Something as simple as attaching a dog's collar can be used to teach coordination and flexibility.

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