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Evergreen sponsors Canine Angel Facility Dog for Parkside Elementary

Spokesperson: Jeff Hyde, President/CEO Evergreen Federal Bank

Evergreen Federal Bank is proud to announce that they will be sponsoring a facility dog for Parkside Elementary School. Evergreen heard of the need through Canine Angel partner Kerrie Walters, who is also the adopter of "Snoopy," Canine Angel's Ambassador/Goldendoodle. Snoopy has a special connection to Evergreen and Parkside Elementary. In 2012, he was featured in Evergreen's campaign for Parkside's Blue Slide Project. He accompanied Evergreen's past president Brady Adams on his walk to Ashland and appeared in ads with current bank president Jeff Hyde.

In 2013, The Blue Slide Project celebrated the completion of the new wheelchair accessible playground at Parkside Elementary. Snoopy continues his visits to Parkside attending special education classes where he aids children with learning and developmental disabilities. "He is having an amazing impact on these kids," said Walters. "One girl who spent time with him had her best week in school ever, according to her teacher."

Parkside Title I Coordinator Marci Sarver applied for a facility dog at the end of the 2016 school year. "I became interested in a facility dog after reading about one being used in a California family court to help children feel safe and more at ease," says Sarver. "Canine Angels offered to provide the dog but asked if a sponsor could provide the funds to train and prepare it."

Upon hearing of the need, Evergreen Federal Bank President Jeff Hyde called District 7 Schools Superintendent Kirk Kolb. "Jeff let me know that Evergreen would like to fund the training," notes Kolb. "This is just a small example of how Evergreen Federal Bank has supported our students and families over many years and continue to demonstrate a commitment to everyone in our community."

Evergreen looks forward to meeting the new Parkside pup. "The selection process will happen through Canine Angels and the School District, but we look forward to an introduction," says bank president Jeff Hyde. "We are glad to help with this need at Parkside Elementary."

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