

Become a volunteer education ambassador for Canine Partners ...and transform lives!

Assistance dog charity Canine Partners is kick-starting its 25th anniversary celebrations with the launch of an education ambassador scheme.

The Charity requires volunteer education ambassadors to visit local schools, colleges and youth groups such as Brownies, Rainbows, Beavers and Scouts to talk about the work the Charity does in transforming the lives of people with disabilities.

Canine Partners, which receives no government funding and relies solely on donations, trains dogs to do everyday tasks such as opening doors, undressing, pressing buttons and emergency response for those who would otherwise find it difficult or impossible.

Libby Rome, education officer, said: "With 2015 being our 25th anniversary year it is an exciting time for us in developing the Charity.

"We are looking for volunteer education ambassadors to represent Canine Partners and engage local schools and youth groups by providing talks and workshops for children of all ages. We need people who are



good communicators, adaptable and self-motivated for this home-based role.

"This is a great way for us to spread the word about the work we do in training amazing assistance dogs to transform the lives of people with disabilities." Canine Partners will provide training and support for all education ambassadors, who will aim to carry out two to four talks a month which will be mainly during the day and term-time.

The volunteers, aged over 18 years old, will also be the co-ordinators for other education speakers in the area. They will need their own transport, regular email access and be required to have a DBS check.

Canine Partners currently has more than 300 working canine partnerships across the UK, helping people with disabilities such as MS, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, ME, spina bifida and Ehlers Danlos Syndrome become more independent.

If you would like to find out more or apply please contact our education officer on 01730 716051 or education@caninepartners.org.uk.



New Forest artist auctions paintings in aid of charity

An established New Forest artist is auctioning her paintings for charity.

Jenny Sutton from Lymington is a member of Creative Coverage, which was approached by the Bobby Moore Fund, a sub-brand of Cancer Research UK, for help with an auction prize. Jenny has agreed to provide at least a £1,500 prize to paint a building as part of the prestigious Dining with the Stars event at Plaisterers' Hall, London where five Michelin starred chefs will cater for 250 guests on February 9.

Another of her paintings, Pansy and Tea, a 10 inch square, oil on board, will help raise funds for The Honey Pot Children's Charity.

"I feel quite strongly about the charity; it does good work," says Jenny, an elected member of the Royal Birmingham Society of Artists.

The charity works to enhance the lives of vulnerable children and young carers aged 5-12 years by providing respite breaks and on-going outreach support.

This fundraising event takes place at The Dorchester in Mayfair, London on 19th March.



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We will be providing free return transport for our Open Day from Portsmouth or Southampton to our site in Ventnor, Isle of Wight.

To attend the Open Day please contact Susan Graves on 01983 852722 or susan@stcatherines.org.uk.

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can be funded by local authorities or privately. To learn more about the school, parents and guardians are invited to attend its Open Day on Friday 6th March. There will be free transport across the Solent and to the school's site in Ventnor on the Isle of Wight.

To book a place for the Open Day please phone 01983 852722 or email susan@stcatherines.org.uk.