

# Supervisor Romaine and Councilwoman Kepert attend Canine Companions Annual Graduation Ceremony in Medford

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**Farmingville, NY** - Recently, Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilwoman Connie Kepert (left) attended the Canine Companions for Independence Class of 2014 graduation ceremony in Medford. Canine Companions for Independence is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships at no cost to the recipients. All expenses of the dogs including breeding, raising, and training are paid for by private donations.

"We are very fortunate to have an organization like Canine Companions," said Supervisor Romaine. "An assistance dog can open up a world of possibilities and help people lead a fuller life. I commend their dedication and thank them for the important work that they do on behalf of people with disabilities."

"The graduation ceremony was a touching tribute to the work and sacrifice of the puppy raisers, the trainers, staff, and of course the recipients of the canine companions," said Connie Kepert. "Congratulations and thank you to all who participate in this wonderful effort." For more information about Canine Companions for Independence, call 631-561-0200.

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