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This letter is being written to give Thanks to Walter Hart Jr. and Canine Companions LTD for their work with our Therapy Dog, Faith. Walter has given his time and service free of charge to help train Faith in Basic and Advanced obedience techniques and commands over the past 6 weeks. His service to our program and the veterans here at the Dream Center has helped many and has personally provided me with a new skill set useful in training future Therapy animals for individuals in need. It has also given me a greater appreciation for the role that animals can have in the healing and restoration process.

The population we work with deals with many symptoms of trauma, depression, addiction, and social anxiety. The use of Therapy animals, not only for the purpose of comfort, but also for learning a new trade like dog training can have a significant impact on the mental health and well being of our residents.

I have been personally impacted by my relationship with Faith in the raising and training process that Walter has walked me through with her as a dog handler and trainer. As a US Navy Veteran that has dealt with anxiety and addiction issues most of my adult life, I have found much comfort, confidence, and healing through my training and relationship which has developed with Faith as a companion and as a Therapy animal.

I am extremely grateful to Walter and Canine Companions LTD for helping me personally as well as making opportunities possible for our resident veteran service members to participate in these training sessions.

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