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FAITH IN ACTION SPONSORS PROGRAM
ON CANINE ASSISTANCE FOR THE HANDICAPPED

News Release

DAYTON, Ohio, March 31, 1988--Representatives from Happy Canine Helpers, Inc., a non-profit organization that trains dogs to aid the physically disabled, will speak about the program and offer a demonstration from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 10 at South Park United Methodist Church, 140 Stone Mill Rd.

The program, "Special Dogs for Special People," is sponsored by Faith in Action, an interfaith fellowship of physically handicapped adults that's a part of the University of Dayton's Office for Ministry and Religious Education Services. There is a \$1 fee for participants.

Linda Sue Allaby, executive director and one of the founders of Happy Canine Helpers, Inc., will explain how trained dogs can help pull wheelchairs up ramps, open and close doors, pick up telephone receivers and assist some persons in walking. One of the organization's clients and a trained dog will then give a demonstration of how the service can be used.

Happy Canine Helpers, Inc., formed four years ago in Johnstown, Ohio, operates through donations from foundations, service clubs, churches and individuals. The trained dogs are provided at no cost to clients.

For more information about the program, call Ross Maguire at 224-9978 or Marilyn Bishop at 229-4325.

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