

# PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

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## Team Velvet welcomes new board members

Team Velvet Inc. has welcomed two new board members, Kathy

Piparo, Ph.D., and Cheryl Swanson, registered nurse.

Dr. Piparo is a longterm resident of the Greater Delaware Valley recognized for her 4-H equine

leadership, biochemistry research and her adjunct associate professor of biology position at Raritan Community College. Swanson is a licensed nurse with a 20-year background in both clinical and administrative nursing serving patients from all ages across the lifespan continuum in central and western New Jersey.

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tion. Additional funding is provided by local businesses, service organizations and individual contributors in the greater Delaware Valley area.

Pediatric horse therapy scholarships are currently available. Contact Dr. Susan Edwards at 609-924 4330 or visit [teamvelvet.com](http://teamvelvet.com).



*From left are: lead therapy horse Velvet, Susan Edwards, psychologist/director; therapy horse Precious, new members Kathy Piparo, Ph.D. and Cheryl Swanson, registered nurse; and therapy miniature horse Little Annie. The horses are wearing floral wreaths presented in honor of "Making a Difference Day," which honors programs that help others.*