



Volunteer Spotlight

Meet **Sue Carter and Sampson** Volunteer Team, LBFE Animal-Assisted Companion Program



Sue Carter came to Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly in July of 2010 with her dog, **Sampson**, a black Labrador Retriever, to join LBFE's new Animal-Assisted Companion program.

Sampson, a therapy dog registered with the [Delta Society](#), immediately connected with LBFE participant Carl Salo, an 84-year-old resident of the [Minnesota Veterans Home](#). Carl, who keeps photographs of his former pet dogs at his bedside, grew up with family dogs in Sebeka, Minnesota. Carl is known for his love of dogs at the Veterans Home and staff members fondly refer to Sampson as Carl's dog.

Carl has traveled the world, courtesy of the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force. He served as an airplane mechanic and instructor with a military career that spanned World War II, the Korean conflict and the early years of the Vietnam War.

Service in helping others plays a central role in Sue's life. Sue is a Hospice Social Worker with Fairview Hospice and is licensed as a social worker. She, her husband, Rod Carter, and their son, Scott, also donate time with LBFE during holiday celebrations.

We are very grateful to have Sue and Sampson as part of the volunteer family and members of our Animal-Assisted Companion program!