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Walk 'n Roll - 'n Therapy

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Author Barbara Techel, Elkhart Lake, and her Walk 'n Roll dachshund pet Frankie, who has a disability and uses a custom-fitted doggie wheelchair, are making headlines again – this time as a registered therapy-dog team.

Techel and Frankie passed a series of tests in 2008 to earn this special designation. They have been trained to provide affection and comfort to people in hospitals, retirement homes, nursing homes, hospices, mental institutions, and schools.

They began regular monthly visits to Libby's House Communities in Plymouth in fall 2008. Despite the spinal-cord injury Frankie, now 10, contracted in 2006, her exuberant spirit and spunky, yet people-friendly personality endeared her to the residents there.

Techel was moved to tears upon observing the camaraderie between Frankie and the residents, many of whom have Alzheimer's disease or dementia. So, last year she decided to write the second children's book in her Frankie series, titled "Frankie the Walk 'n Roll Dog Visits Libby's House."

The author is now reaching out to the Alzheimer's Association through an upcoming event. She and Frankie will appear at Libby's House East, 2653 Valley Road, Plymouth, from 1-3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 28. Techel will autograph copies of her book, and she will donate 30 percent of the proceeds from book sales that day to the Alzheimer's Association.

Christine Thill R.N., owner and administrator of Libby's House, is grateful for Techel's generosity and compassion.

"All one needs to do is to see the expression in the eyes of those Frankie touches to know she is tangible love," Thill said. "When the body fails, the spirit soars. Frankie's visits, along with Barb's gentle nature, are true blessings to Libby's House."

Tracy Cinealis, senior living specialist at Libby's House, noted, "Frankie's visits are part of the therapeutic programming that all residents at Libby's House benefit from. Frankie brightens the residents' days."

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COVER (above) OF THE CHILDREN'S BOOK, "Frankie the Walk 'n Roll Therapy Dog Visits Libby's House." Author Barbara Techel of Elkhart Lake wrote this non-fiction book last year. Judie Flom (left), resident of Libby's House, pets Frankie, the Walk 'n Roll dog. – Submitted photos

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