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## Paws-ative Therapy For Kids

Her love of animals everywhere led Vicki Williams to launch her own business in Michigan's *Great Southwest* five years ago called Mutterly Love. While she's achieved the five year anniversary milestone in 2014, her true legacy may come in the form of a partnership she has established with the Best Friends 4-H Club of Berrien County, as a volunteer coordinator.

Vicki's dedication to teaching a healthy lifestyle and providing affordable quality care for the pets of the region reaches far beyond the boundaries of her growing business at 200 Kerth Street at the center of an otherwise largely manufacturing district in the Hawthorne Avenue Industrial Park of south St. Joseph.

While her business offers boarding, daycare, grooming and training services for family pets in the region, she is also deeply dedicated to community outreach programs for youth as is clearly exhibited in a new YouTube



video crafted by Chopin Productions of Benton Harbor regarding the Best Friends 4-H Club and the impact it continues to have years after being established some 26 years ago. The program is a form of canine competition for children with disabilities originally envisioned by Patti Dynes in 1988 who struggled to find a training club for her son David.

The powerful video assembled by producer/photographer Joseph Chopin can be viewed by clicking the link below. The video is currently being prepared for entry in documentary competitions in Grand Rapids, Chicago, and the ultimate destination of the Sundance Film Festival for 2015.

Mutterly Love's founder, Vicki, is a partner in the club with coordinator Linda Shannon-Chaillet. They are immersed in the drive to have the club become a part of the education of all special needs children in the state and even the nation.

As is told in the video story, the Best Friends 4-H Club matches a special needs child with both an adult and an even-tempered, trained, dog to pair up canine therapy and real life competition culminating with performances annually at the Berrien County Youth Fair in Berrien Springs.

Here's the link to the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pt4rUWAZGYA&feature=youtu.be>

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