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August 25th 2012: Awakening the Heart of Compassion in Teenagers—An interview with **Margaret Howe and Jill Felice**

Teachers and counselors at the Jr. High and high school level often encourage teens to volunteer in their local communities. It fosters an expanded social awareness in teens; helps with college applications; and gives them work experience. Today we'll talk about 2 unique volunteer opportunities for teenagers that can help open their eves and hearts to someone in need who may live next door or across town; show them how truly important they are to the community in which they live; and give them confidence to achieve things they never thought possible. Meet Margaret Howe of Ceres Commun

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Jill founded Assistance Dogs of the West in 1995 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. ADW provides well-trained dogs to assist people in activities of daily living. Some of the people they serve are living with multiple sclerosis, spina bifida or degenerative nerve diseases, as well as victims of accident, stroke, and war injuries. The Dogs are trained by students at Desert Academy School in Santa Fe. Jill's program is unique in that it focuses on the benefits for these teenagers, as well as for the recipient of an assistance dog.

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Margaret Howe

Margaret is a community and peace activist. The Ceres Community Project brings together her passion for creating a more humane and just world through compassion, people power and action. She has worked on peace, human rights, demilitarization, community organizing, and local food issues for many years. She loves bringing people together in creative projects like Ceres, and especially likes seeing a spark in kids when they are contributing to their world.

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