

# NEWS:



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Orange County Executive

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## **ORANGE WELCOMES GUIDING EYES FOR THE BLIND TO OCCC**

Goshen- Orange County Executive Edward A. Diana was joined by Orange County Sheriff Carl Dubois, Legislator Greg Townsend, Catherine Chew Vice President for Academic Affairs, Carmel Wilson representing Congressman Maurice Hinchey, Rick McCormack representing Assemblywoman Annie Rabbitt and Lisa Deutsch of the Guiding Eyes for Blind.

“We are pleased that the Guiding Eyes for the Blind is expanding into Orange County with their guide pup training program,” Diana said. “This is a wonderful opportunity for the people of Orange County and I would like to thank Dr. Richards for hosting this program at SUNY Orange.”

Added Lisa Deutsch of the Guiding Eyes for the Blind, “We are very grateful to Orange County for their support and look forward to becoming part of the Orange County family.”

The Guiding Eyes for the Blind has been training guide dogs, with the assistance of volunteer puppy raisers, since 1954. Their expansion into Orange County will give them 38 puppy raising regions. Puppy Raisers teach house manners, basic obedience and socialize their charges who will then receive advanced training at the school in Yorktown Heights. Persons interested in volunteering or seeking additional information may visit their website at [www.cdc.guidingeyes.org](http://www.cdc.guidingeyes.org) or call 1-866-432-5227.

For further information on this release please contact Richard Mayfield in the County Executive’s Office at 845-291-2721.

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