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TOP: A South Valley Elementary School kindergarten class cheers on Gabrielle Korkor as she introduces her service dog, Papageno. Gabrielle and her mother Janet Korkor read their recently published book, 'Puppies on Wheels,' to the students. Gabrielle is a South Valley alumnus. ABOVE: Janet and Gabrielle encourage Papageno to do one of his best tricks - singing.

Therapy dog, new authors visit students

Gabrielle Korkor, and her therapy dog, Papageno, visited South Valley Elementary Schools' kindergarten classes on Jan. 14.

Gabrielle, who is a South Valley alumnus, and her mother Janet, shared her story of volunteer work at local Alzheimer nursing homes.

Diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy at the age of 1, Gabrielle's positive experience with a therapy dog inspired her to bring love and comfort to the Alzheimer's patients. Gabrielle and Janet authored "Puppies on Wheels," which shares their story of giving, and their mission to teach children to focus on abilities rather than disabilities.

More details on Gabrielle's story can be found at www.puppiesonwheels.com.



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