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Celebrating the Power of Friendship

*Compeer of Suburban Philadelphia Honors Local
Residents*

(**Springfield, PA**) Compeer of Suburban Philadelphia honored volunteers and their friends on May 19 at the organization's 21st annual Friendship Luncheon. The Friendship Luncheon is a celebration of the relationships between the volunteers and their friends who are recovering from a mental illness. This year's luncheon was held at the Springfield Inn in Springfield, Pa.

"The work we do at Compeer is unique," said Program Director Joseph Cruice. "The friendships and connections we provide create a vital foundation for healthy, long-lasting relationships."

Sandra Johnson from Broomall and Jeanne Alexander from Upper Darby were awarded the spirit of Friendship Award for going above and beyond the call of Compeer friendships over the past 2 years. Just as any friends would, Sandra and Jeanne accompany each other by going swimming together and attending plays and seeing movies regularly.

"Jeanne stated" she is very thankful she could attend the Compeer Luncheon with her son and her volunteer friend Sandra." They are both very thankful they received the Spirit of Friendship award.

The Compeer program is an adjunct to therapy for people working towards mental wellness. Compeer matches supportive, caring volunteers in one-to-one, co-equal friendships. We are also looking for volunteers interested in serving on the Compeer future planning committee, a wonderful opportunity to share your visionary talents. For more information on Compeer of Suburban Philadelphia, please call Program Assistant Olga Antonyuk at 610-541-0790 or visit www.compeerfriend.org

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Photo Caption: Compeer Program presents the Compeer Spirit of Friendship award to Compeer volunteer Sandy (Right) and Jeanne (Left) at the annual Compeer Friendship Luncheon.

