

The Caregiver Connection

Fall 2015

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Dear Supporter:

These last several months were full of celebration, worry, sorrow, and new found and inc Support. First off, thank you to all who supported us through the possible Town of Derry crisis by writing your local town councilor, appearing at a town meeting and expressing y thanks for our irreplaceable services. I truly feel the Town of Derry was strengthened by experience, and we were in the end spared from being cut and were fully funded. We we however, not so fortunate with the Granite United Way for their next cycle which started For the first time in 27 years, we are not receiving allocated dollars from their community ment team in the southern region. This loss is both financial and emotional for us. They h become part of our DNA and identity all these many years through each merger, and we k from their current and short term goals and objectives that we will probably not fit into strategy for a good few years. Please know we will still be receiving designated funds th employee giving campaign participants as we are still a qualified partner.

Miraculously, two funders/fundraisers are helping us through this unex Alexander. The Eastman Foundation awarded us \$25,000, an increase of \$7,500 from last year and our 10 poker tournament we participate in the Granite State Poker Alliance gave us \$13,500, more than twice as much as we have ever made in the 9 years we have participated.

May 13th was a day of great celebration for us as we joined for the Grand Opening/Ribbon D W R X U Q H Z / R Q G R Q G H U U \ O R F F e s e r i u s K i d n e y D i a l y s i s C a r e . R O was on site, and food and luau décor were provided by Orchard Christian Fellowship. Many members of the Greater Derry/Londonderry Chamber of Commerce were in attendance f and congratulations. Blessed luau attire couple and honorees, Barbara and Richard Beliveau, won a \$25 restaurant gift certificate Tuckaway Tavern in Raymond Thanks also to the Derry Recreation Dept for loaning us the tiki bar, grass skirts and acco R X U O X D X W K H P H D Q G o p - t a b l e s P H · V ' H O L I R U W K H K L

Donors continue to give us the funds to purchase, or outright give us the equipment / fu we need. Biggest on the list of Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital Network purchased our beautifully designed building sign by ANCO Sign Derry Village Rotary Club who will be purchasing, coordinating and installing our much needed storage shed ou entrance of our condo unit.

I can say, as I also wear the Program Management hat at Caregivers, that it is good to b maternity leave, having the move and grand opening behind us and getting back to what ^ 3 H R S O H + H O S L Q J 3 H R S O H μ : H D U H K D U G D W Z R U N them. As of June 30th, in the past 12 months, our volunteers serviced clients 13,000 se and drove 112,000 miles to complete those services.

Have a lovely rest of the summer and fall. Hope to see you at one of the Old Home Day e I D O O I D L U V O D F N · V % D N H 6 D O H + R O L G D \ & U D I W) D And remember, we still have free bread and pastries here the first Friday of every month 10AM-2PM courtesy Pañera Bread Derry.

Yours truly,

Cindee Alice Tanuma, Executive Director

Our Mission:

To provide, through a volunteer network, support and assistance to help the elderly and disabled remain independent in their home environment and the community. All services are free of charge and available to eligible residents in the towns of Chester, Derry, Danville, Hampstead, Londonderry, Sandown & Windham.

Donor Thank You's

Thank you to all our donors from March 1st to September 10th. We could not have come this far without all of you. Now, more than ever, after losing a long time funding partner and relocating our office, we rely on YOU to help Caregivers continue to assist the elderly and disabled in your community and provide medical equipment FREE of charge!

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The following corporations and foundations funded Community Caregivers of Greater Derry in the past several months. Please help us thank them for their generous support!

Rogers Family Foundation
Mary Gale Foundation
People's United Community Foundation
American Express Employee Giving Program
Liberty Mutual Employee "Give With Liberty" Prog.
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United Way of Mass Bay/Merrimack Valley
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Alexander Eastman Foundation
Wal Mart Distribution Center in Raymond
***Samuel P. Hunt Foundation**
***NH Charitable Foundation**

** The asterisked foundations will be underwriting the cost of our agency hiring a strategic planning consultant firm, Jeanine & Co., to lead us through our first ever 3-year plan starting in October.*



A big thanks to those folks who came out to support Caregivers at Margarita's in Salem for an evening of dinner and drinks on June 3rd! Congratulations to Myrick Bunker for winning the door prize! The restaurant donated \$250 to our agency. We look forward to holding a fundraiser there each June.

Thank you to Tina Fortin & her staff at Hannaford Supermarket in Londonderry. They donated the proceeds from their community fundraiser kiosk collection for the first two weeks of August. They donated \$200 to us and do so much for the community through their produce giveaway program.



Thank you to Lynda & the staff at

Hoodkroft donating a round of golf, equipment and carts to our 4 participants (two youth and two Caregiver members) in the Pinkerton Youth Day of Giving Back on May 19th. Intergenerational male bonding at its best.

The 2015 Spring Fling Raffle was a great success with over 140 raffle ticket holders helping us raise \$2500! On June 26th, Pam Rugg, from Mulrennin & Rugg, and her children helped pull the winning tickets. Bill Wheeler, a long-time volunteer won the grand prize of \$500!



The four other winners of \$100 each were: Dr. Timothy Butterfield, Loaner's Closet patron, Marie Abbene, and volunteers Sally Bertrand and Joanne Currie.

June is a very lean month for us and many non-profits so your participation in this annual fundraiser is crucial. Thank you!



Since the last newsletter, we received first time grants from the **Santander Bank Foundation** (\$2,500) and **Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield** (\$2,500).

The **Santander Bank Foundation** works to enhance the quality of life for low- and moderate-income individuals and families by supporting local non-profit organizations in the communities they serve. Through their grants the Foundation aims to impact key areas of community life, including affordable housing, workforce development, financial stability, education and health and well-being.

Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield is a health insurance company operating in 24 states across the United States, including New Hampshire. Anthem's local headquarters, now located on Elm Street, will be holding an equipment drive for the closet and possibly coordinating a local service project with associates.

And as always, we want to thank all who donated to the Loaner's Closet whether monetarily or with used medical equipment. We are always looking for wheelchairs, transport wheelchairs, shower benches and chairs, rollators and bed assist rails. We will take adult diapers and Chux pads even if the packaging is opened. We have several folks on the ongoing waitlist who pick up these items on a regular basis. We do **NOT** take hospital beds, ramps, electric wheelchairs or scooters BUT can find a home for them.

If you would like to be on the Vertical Response Loaner's Closet email list that alerts subscribers of prime equipment/oversized items available, please call Julie at 603-432-0877 or email julie@comcaregivers.org (SUBJECT HEADING: L.C. LIST).

Here is a note of thanks from a recent borrower....

"I am a single mom of three, two of my children being special needs. I work full time, commute three hours a day in the car, and am in on-line college classes at night. I do have insurance, but my deductibles are incredibly high. When my over six foot tall son rolled his ankle, if your facility hadn't been available, I would have been out a few hundred dollars more than I was already I'm sure. I am so appreciative that your service exists. You were helpful, kind, and so fast - in and out. Thank you, from a struggling mom."



Back by popular demand we will be running the **SCRIPT Gift Card Program** again.

This is an easy way to support Caregivers while doing your usual holiday/everyday shopping. If you purchase gift cards through our office, a portion of your purchase will be donated to Caregivers to help us continue to provide necessary services within the Greater Derry area.

For example: If you would normally spend \$100 at Shaw's over the course of a month, simply purchase a \$100 Shaw's gift card, make the check payable to Community Caregivers of Greater Derry, and in a few weeks your card will arrive. Your cost is \$100, the value of the gift card is \$100, but Caregivers will receive 4% (\$4) from the purchase.

Hundreds of retailers are available, with cards for purchase in various denominations, and varying rebate levels for Caregivers. Simply find the retailers you use most, pre-pay for your purchases, and support our organization.

Below is just a sample of the many vendors available:

Target, Wal Mart, Dunkin Donuts, Shaw's, Walgreen's, Barnes & Noble, CVS, Cracker Barrel, Sears, Mobil, Papa Gino's, Staples, Payless, 99 Restaurants, Cabela's, Chili's, Gap, Land's End, Rite Aid

Visit www.glscrip.com and click on "Retailer List Alphabetically or By Category" to browse the many options.

Questions about the retailer list or requests for help with the site can be sent to julie@comcaregivers.org or call 432-0877

DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 20TH TO ENSURE YOU HAVE YOUR HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS TO GIFT TO YOUR LOVE ONES. SAVE YOURSELF A TRIP TO ALL THE DIFFERENT STORES TO BUY GIFT CARDS AND SUPPORT CAREGIVERS AT THE SAME TIME.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

NEEDED:
Your baking skills!

FOR THE COMMUNITY CAREGIVERS **BAKE SALE**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 @ Mack's Apples

Pies are best sellers and are preferable, but donations of cookies, brownies, breads, rice krispy treats, fudge, lollipops, muffins, coffee cakes, cakes, and cupcakes are welcome! Cookies and brownies wrapped in twos or a plate of a dozen would be great. Diabetic, gluten-free, or other special diet options should be marked accordingly.

Please call Julie and let her know what you will be bringing.

Items may be dropped off between 1-4PM on Saturday, October 17th at the Episcopal Church of St. Peter, 3 Peabody Row in Londonderry or brought to the orchard at 230 Mammoth Road on the day of the sale.

Pickups can be arranged per request.

Don't bake? Donations of packaging materials are appreciated.

Volunteers are needed to man the booth the day of and to decorate and label the goods the day before. Call Cindee if you can help.

Did you know we now have an entire inventory of hand-crafted items for sale in the Loaner's Closet and at all of our outreach events/fairs/old home days thanks to our amazing sewing volunteers led by Eileen Riley Thatcher. All items are perfect gifts for the mature adult in your life and a steal for only \$7 apiece.

Clothing Protector



Bedside Caddy



Walker Saddle Bag



Sofa Organizer



Update: 11th Annual *Potter's Bowls* Jan. 30, 2016

Promises to Keep has been sold to a new owner, and renovations will not be complete by next year's event. We are moving to the Pinkerton Academy -

Freshman Academy building, and the event will be on a Saturday evening, the weekend before the Super Bowl! Lots more space for pottery bowls, the silent auction and seating in this beautiful building and we look forward to working with Pinkerton going into our 11th year! Save the date and come for soup, bread, and desserts at this great community event. Support a great cause!



NOTICE TO CURRENT TRANSPORTATION CLIENTS

Greetings from Nancy Pierce, your transportation person!

I hope you've been enjoying the last days of summer. We have, but we are looking forward to some cooler weather soon!

Just a few gentle reminders to help make your drives smoother and more pleasant:

After you have called and asked us to do a drive, please don't then get a relative or friend to do it instead; we will have spent time and effort finding you a driver, only to find out you don't need one. This wastes Caregivers' time and money. We appreciate your help!

Very often we need to leave you a message on your phone. Every day, we talk with folks who either haven't set up their phone mailboxes, just forget to check their messages, or don't know how to check for messages. If any of these apply to you, or you just don't want us to leave a message, please let us know and we'll wait until we talk with you. If you do want us to leave a message, please be sure to check for a message and listen to it! Thanks for helping out!

If you must cancel a drive, please let us know so we can cancel your driver. Otherwise, the driver wastes time and money coming to pick you up unnecessarily. Our drivers are volunteers, many retired on fixed incomes, who are not reimbursed for their gas or time. Please be sure to cancel with us as soon as you cancel an appointment. Thanks again!

We hope you have a happy and healthy fall season! I look forward to arranging your drives.



Caregivers Remembers...

We extend our thoughts and sympathies to the families and friends of the following:

Marie Belanger	Barbara Johns	E. Gladys Emery	Lelia Donohue	Neal "Sully" Sullivan
Marjorie Tucker	Patricia Roberts	Elaine Gordon	Ellen Gintz	Jeanne Mitchell
Col. Mason James Young, Jr.	Herbert Billingsley	William Reid	Alfred Sciuto, Jr.	
Deborah Gauthier	Sheila Allicon	Louise Bolomy	Walter Ladd	Donald Ross, Jr.

Welcome New Board Members

Community Caregivers of Greater Derry welcomed two new members to their Board of Directors in May with the departure of one retiring Board member, Roger Konstant.

Priscilla Lane is a Special Education teacher who is about to begin her 29th year at Danville Elementary School. A resident of Danville for the past 15 years, she volunteered for Caregivers during the summers in the past and was recently reconnected with the organization through a co-worker. She is excited to join this group and to support the community she loves.

Lee Carvill has lived in New Hampshire for over 25 years. With more than 30 years of experience in the financial services field, he currently works as the business manager for Orchard Christian Fellowship in Londonderry. He also serves on the Board of Directors for Nutfield Heights, a senior residential facility in Derry, and as treasurer for the Londonderry Clergy Association. Lee and his wife Dee have three grown children and five granddaughters.

Community Caregivers is proud to welcome these new members to the Board of Directors. They will each serve three-year terms. We also inducted **Martin Couture as Vice-chairman and Lee Carvill as Treasurer.** They will serve a one-year term along side **Jill Jamro as Secretary and Eddy Frost as Chairman.**



CAREGIVING OPPORTUNITIES AND NEEDS AS OF 8/10/2015

Call Caregivers for more info on assignments listed below, 432-0877

All towns

Service groups, large and small needed for fall yard work projects. This fall and next spring we also need folks who either have portable lawn mowers and weedwhackers or want to show up and use the property owner's equipment.

WE NEED TRANSPORT VOLUNTEERS IN ALL SEVEN TOWNS. EVEN JUST TWO DRIVES A MONTH.

Londonderry

Elderly couple in Bockman's Mobile Home Park looking for help to maintain their trailer, yard and to acquire groceries.

Daughters taking care of mom w/Alzheimer's in Century Village with need for respite between 12-4PM weekdays or 1st Wed of month from 5-7PM. Mom is very kind and loving just very fearful of being alone, even for a few minutes.

Teen match who helped elderly woman in Vista Ridge has graduated. Need help cleaning once a week for 30 minutes.

Long time client in the Ponderosa Trailer Park looking for help cutting her lawn every three weeks but does not own a lawn mower. Must bring own.

Danville

Middle-aged female, stroke survivor, looking for someone to cut small lawn once every 3 weeks in summer & shovel in winter. Also looking for someone to take home her laundry twice a month. Doesn't smoke or have pets.

Self-described hippie/artist & widower with no children looking for help getting to grocery store and to appointments. Owns chickens & a cat. Idealist and very easy to work with. Has brain injury from car accident.

Hampstead

Adult daughter looking for respite help for mother with dementia Tues or Wed night or any time on the weekends. Lives near Pentucket Bank. Conservative Republican. Likes Fox News, chatting, has cocker spaniel and prefers woman. Recently moved here from Mass. Of Norwegian descent.

Two friends in Granite Village both looking to go to Wal Mart in Plaistow twice a month. Both in their 90's. Also would like to walk at the Vet Hall in the mornings if someone else already goes there.

Amateur radio operator and remote control car lover living near Colby Corner is looking for someone to do his shopping and pick up prescriptions in Plaistow every two weeks. Doesn't smoke, has no pets and is wheelchair bound. Used to be in HVAC trade.

Elderly woman in Village Green Apartments looking for loud speaking female volunteer to help once a week with changing sheets, cleaning bathroom and floors, watering plants, taking out trash and getting mail.

Recent widow in her eighties in Granite Ridge looking for afternoon female visitor (loud speaker) and help with shopping and prescription pickups.

New York native, male, with muscular disease looking for help with light chores. Has small dog, doesn't smoke. Would prefer female. Any age.

Derry

Partially-paralyzed woman downtown needs help with shopping and light chores, dishes and organizing. Owns bunny.

Frail elderly woman in the Fairways looking for senior companion. Possibly to get nails done with or do a little shopping.

Soft spoken female sought to help with house work for female in the Fairways. Bone, joint and pain problems. Has one cat, doesn't smoke. Christian from upstate NY. Especially needs help with laundry in the basement and vacuuming. Still works two days a week.

Recently moved here from the Northwest, elderly male who has been a lifelong chef, is looking for someone to take him to store twice a month and to friendly visit. Male preferred. Afternoons best. Loves to talk.

Windham

Woman in Manor Motel looking for someone to take her to Market Basket in Salem once a week (day or night) and to a laundromat twice a month (could also bring her clothes home with you to launder and bring back).

Widow (married 63 years) who recently moved in with daughter in Windham looking for senior visitor. Loves bingo, cooking, crafts. Originally from Connecticut.

Sandown

Recent widower and current cancer patient needs help with light chores twice a month and accessing laundry in basement. Smokes inside and has little dog. Retired construction worker.

Community Caregivers

of Greater Derry
1B Commons Drive, Unit 10
Londonderry, NH 03053

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Derry, NH 03038



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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

-Margaret Mead

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Saturday, September 26—Hampstead Health & Safety Fair, Middle School Gym, 9AM-12PM

Sunday, October 18—Mack's Apples Bake Sale, Londonderry 8AM-4PM

