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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

When I first joined the Board, I was already familiar with the Care Center and many of its residents, having led a monthly discussion group for three or more years. I knew what a special place this is.

Now, following many years of capable leadership by Randi Calderwood, I've been entrusted to serve as President of the Care Center Board. I've come to know staff, fellow Board members, and more and more of the people who are the heart of this community – its residents. It is an incredible gift to be able to do this. (And I have Randi's phone number for when I need his sound, calm advice...)

At a recent gathering to announce and begin our Capital Campaign (see accompanying article), I spoke briefly to close the time of presentation. I talked to gathered supporters about how the Care Center is really a village. It's a community of people living together - always learning how to do so better, and always wrestling with the issues any community faces. These issues include the comings and goings of new faces and dear friends; what kind of life people want to enjoy together and shape for and with others; how to afford what we need; and how to get along with the people we live with. These are all the things that everyone who lives in community confronts in shared life. It's a beautiful thing of which to be a part.

Some call it "service" to volunteer to serve on a Board like this. I suppose it is; to lead a discussion group; to hang artwork on the walls of the common space; or maybe to come and sing with the folks who live here.

But what I find, repeatedly, is that I always leave my time at the Care Center feeling as if I've received far more than I've given. This is not as much "service" as it is "being served." Hmmm...

The people who live here, and the people who work here, are all important members of this village. I learn from them. I grow to love them. They are a vital part of my life. They share as they receive, no matter who they are.

I guess that's the definition of a good community, or a sustainable village, if you will. And, wow! I'm part of it myself. How great is that? Pretty great.

Blessings and thanks to all.

— Alan Parker, President

Craftsbury Community Care Center, Inc. is a 501(c)3 organization and Equal Housing Opportunity Facility.

Our mission is to provide a caring, homelike affordable residence for seniors, in a setting that encourages independence, activities and involvement with families, friends and the larger community.

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FRIENDLY INEZ

Inez Bird is a lovely lady who is 94 years old! She has been a resident of Craftsbury Community Care Center for almost two years. "I wasn't feeling well, and I didn't feel safe at home any more." So, she checked out a couple of senior residences. But she and her family decided that CCCC was the best place to be! "The people are so friendly. I feel spoiled," with the attention she receives when she needs it. "There are lots of activities if I want to do them," she says. But when she wants to be alone, she has her sunny, spacious apartment to enjoy.

Inez grew up in Woodbury, Vermont with her two sisters. When she was 15, she moved to Barre to help care for her Aunt's children. She met her first husband who was the brother of a friend of hers. After their marriage, they moved to Connecticut during World War II where her husband worked on the war effort. While their marriage ended in divorce, she lovingly raised her first daughter, Kathy.

Then, Inez met another gentlemen – the brother of another friend. William was in the military service during World War II, but was sent home early with a serious case of malaria. After a long recovery, he eventually opened Bill's Body Shop in Wolcott. She and William lived in Hardwick and were married for over 20 years. They had three children: William, Connie, and Lenore. Connie started Connie's Kitchen before she passed away. The store is now located in the Hardwick Inn. Inez and William had a deer camp in Craftsbury that they loved to visit in summer. She has a fond memory of using snow machines to visit the camp in the winter, too. One week after their son, William, graduated from college, her husband died of a heart attack at the age of 50. While Kathy, William, and Connie were young adults, Inez carried on raising Lenore who was 8 years old at the time.

During her adult life she worked at knit ware companies in Hardwick and Morrisville. There, she became a whiz at using the knitting machines, being paid according to the number of items she produced. One time, there was another worker next to her who kept looking at her, amazed at the speed at which Inez used the machine. They got talking and found out that they were actually distant cousins!

Inez also liked to cook – "Nothing fancy" she says. But she worked in several restaurants over the years in Hardwick and Stowe. And, she was a cook at Hazen Union High School. She is glad, though, to be "retired" from cooking her own meals, now that she lives at CCCC.

No moss grows under Inez's feet. In her late eighties, she worked for a home health agency, visiting the elderly and keeping them company. Now, she loves to walk at the 4Cs using her handy walker.

Inez remembers when she was a child, sitting at her grandmother's knee while her grandmother taught her how to knit. All through her adult life she knitted all sorts of things for her family – hats, scarves, mittens, sweaters with intricate patterns. Even though her eyesight is not as good as it once was, she continues to knit dish cloths in bright, lively colors and enjoys the CCCC Knit Wits.

Now that she is at CCCC, Inez enjoys the company of friends who also are CCCC residents and visits from her family, including her surviving children Lenore and William. Her corner apartment is filled with pictures of her family, including many grandchildren and great-grand children.

Inez has had a full life, made richer by her loving family and her great friends throughout the years.



—Submitted by Janney Johnston

PHOTO GALLERY



Silk Screen Printmaking with Sarah Mutrux



Mother's Day Tea Party



Cate Hill Farm Singers

FRIENDS REMEMBER MARVENE

We remember Marvene Haynes, who passed away on April 29. She had been a bright and welcoming presence in the Care Center community since 2007. She had a strong green thumb, planting zinnias by her porch, and taking meticulous care of her orchids which bloomed twice a year. She also took care of Lemon and Lime, two canaries who lived at the Care Center with her. She said goodbye to them whenever she left her room so that they would not fret, and brought them a saltine after lunch every day. She was a faithful participant in Pastor Jim's weekly Bible Study, always willing to share her insights and encourage the faith of others. She also took care of the people at the Care Center, welcoming new staff members with her bright smile, and she showed great kindness to all incoming residents, helping many feel more at home.



Marvene was an artist, and had many of her wonderful paintings hanging in her room. She was an avid reader, and a writer as well, and she wrote a book of her own memoirs. She also was a lover of nature, and was a master of natural history and farming questions in our weekly Trivia games. She loved camping and wildlife, and shared a story with a volunteer at the Care Center about finding the Blue Heron nesting trees at the back of the pond where she lived, and how she paddled out there and camped for a few nights.

We appreciate the time Marvene spent at the Care Center, and all that she contributed to this community while she was here. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her family and friends. She will be greatly missed. —Submitted by Kristin Urie

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN OFF TO A FINE START

A May 4th party marked the official start of a \$300,000 Capital Campaign to upgrade the physical facilities of CCCC with the goal of continuing to provide the best possible home for our residents. At this kickoff event several family members of residents and former residents spoke of the considerable difference CCCC made in the lives of their loved ones, mentioning, in particular, the importance of the lovely residence.

The Board of Directors is so committed to the tradition of this beautiful place for our residents that every one of our 13 board members has made a significant gift or pledge to the Capital Campaign, with gifts totaling \$48,500. We invite you to join us by pledging a generous gift so that in two years you'll see a freshly painted building, both inside and out, with a new roof and paved driveway, improved handicap access, new carpeting, curtains and some replacement furniture, and a winterized solarium created from the sun porch, for enjoying activities year round. A generous gift to the Capital Campaign in honor or memory of a loved one is a special way to show that you care. If you have not received a letter and brochure about the campaign or you have questions, please contact Executive Director Kim Roberge who will arrange for a board member to be in touch with you.

—Submitted by Jenny Stoner

WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Craftsbury Community Care Center is pleased to welcome the following new Board of Directors. They bring to us a vast array of skills and talents.

Bruce Sweeny was born and grew up in Vermont. He attended the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and served in the military for 27 years in various signal units and system development organizations. Then, he became a senior manager in an information technology consulting company in Virginia. In 2002, he and his wife, Susan, moved to West Glover. Until 2012, Bruce served in various information technology roles at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont.

Larry Gluckman is a recently retired rowing coach who has coached at various Ivy League colleges and universities. He also had the opportunity to row and coach for the United States in three Olympics and several world championships. For 12 years, he was a manufacturing representative and human resources director for Concept 2. More recently, Larry was at the Craftsbury Outdoor Center with the Small Boat Training Center pre-elite squad. Larry's father was a CCCC resident in the late 1990's. He and his wife, Sara, now live full time on Shadow Lake in Glover, in a home they vacationed at for 34 years.

Michelle Warren has worked since 1985 at the Stowe Motel as a desk clerk. She and her husband, Patrick, moved to Craftsbury in 1989. For the past 5 years Michelle has been the Craftsbury Select Board Clerk and has served on various Craftsbury committees including Website and Recreation. Over the past 5 years, Michelle has also been instrumental in setting up and updating the CCCC website. During the past year, she has also helped format and print the CCCC Newsletter.

Cilla Bonney-Smith began her education career teaching public high school History and Social Anthropology. She joined the faculty of Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts where she served as a House Counselor, Associate Dean of Students, and a Psychological Counselor. After 35 years at Phillips, she left the work she loved. She and her husband, Nat, moved full time to Greensboro where her creativity blossomed –literally. She arranges flowers for weddings and her church's worship services. Other passions involve gardening, biking, needlework, snowshoeing, Zumba, and enjoying her backyard birds (including her nesting bluebirds).

Todd Hardie is the father of Meriwether and Charlotte and lives on a farm in Greensboro. His almost 50 years with honey bees has woven a thread through working in businesses that support employment, families, and agriculture. A graduate of the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University, he is the founder of Honey Gardens Apiaries and currently Caledonia Spirits in Hardwick, Vermont.

Mary Hall lives in Hardwick with her husband and 4 cats. She is a dispatcher for Lamoille Ambulance Service. She makes beautiful jewelry from sterling silver wire and beads. Mary has a strong passion for the Hardwick Rescue Squad, where she is an EMT and its Treasurer. While she responded to Rescue Squad calls at CCCC, she observed the warmth and compassion that residents were given there. Her mother is currently a CCCC resident. She feels that the Northeast Kingdom is very fortunate to have such an outstanding facility for our loved ones to call home.

We look forward to our new Board members providing fresh perspectives and a multitude of expertise as the Board continues its effort to provide a welcoming facility and compassionate care.

— Submitted by Janny Johnston



THE ELECTRIC CAR- TEN YEARS AND GOING STRONG!

Ten years ago I got a call from one of the faculty members at Sterling College informing me that Chrysler Motor Company had made a fleet of electric cars and was looking for non-profits to donate them to. "Really?!" Yes, and the deadline to apply for one was a few days away. So I got off the phone, filled out the application and not long after that we got a call letting us know that the Care Center was soon to be proud owner of their very own GEM (Global Electric Motorcar).

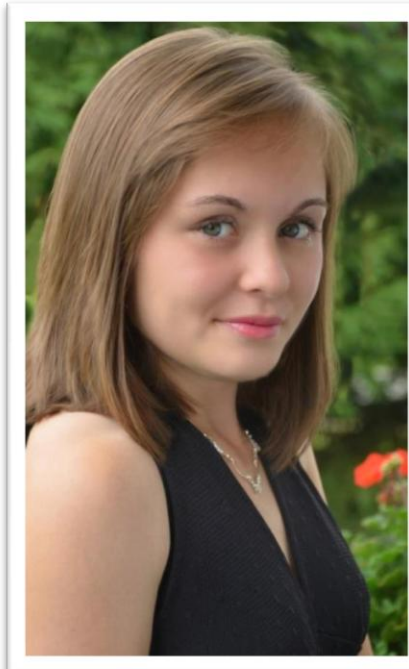
The car was perfect for the Care Center- without any doors, it was easy to get into, and the maximum speed of 20 mph suited our country roads. We started taking it out to explore the neighborhood. We visited the Dunbar's jersey cows grazing on Echo Hill, took it down peaceful Whetstone Brook Road, and enjoyed the views of the Lowell Mountains and Mount Mansfield to be seen from the South Albany Road on our way to visit the chickens and sheep at Bonnieview Farm. The electric car has been enhancing the summers at the Care Center ever since, and more than once residents have dressed her up and ridden in our local Old Home Day parade on Craftsbury Common.



So if you visit the Care Center on one of these warm days, don't be surprised to see a cute little electric car pulling out of the driveway full of passengers, heading out on another adventure. Just this past week we went down Whetstone Brook Road and found some beautiful purple columbine blooming on the roadside, and another group got to watch a farmer tedding his first cut of hay on the South Albany Road. Ahh, summer!
—Submitted by Kristin Erickson

MEET JENYA MORRISON

For the past 4 years, Jenya Morrison, an energetic and bubbly Craftsbury high school student, called Bingo on Saturday mornings. She arrived and spent the first ten minutes catching up with her good friends at CCCC – asking how their week went, how their families were. The 8 to 10 people who regularly play Bingo have become part of her extended family. She does have one grandmother who lives in Craftsbury but her mother's relatives live in Kazakhstan.



With enthusiasm, she explains that she has always liked the older generation and particularly, learning history through their experiences. Jenya says "it feels good to volunteer" and she definitely enjoyed the time spent with the residents. Candy was the grand prize for a winning a Bingo game. Jenya named the final game of the morning "cover-all". That meant someone had to fill in the entire board in order to win and the resident who did, received a prize of two candies. Jenya always made certain that even the non-winners of the day were given at least one treat.

Her volunteer experience is not limited to CCCC but includes helping with church suppers and recently, organizing a successful blood drive. As a participant in the Upward Bound program, which prepares students for the future through classes on study skills and internship programs, Jenya has had summer jobs at the Lyndon Day Care, as a secretary and gal Friday at Wildflower Inn and more recently, handling receipts and concessions at Gateway Park.

Unfortunately, for the Bingo enthusiasts, Jenya has called her last game. She graduates this June and heads to Lyndon State College in the fall. She plans to major in communications as preparation for a career in broadcasting. Everyone at CCCC wishes her the very best. Thank you , Jenya - you will be missed!

— Submitted by Anne Cassidy

ANNUAL COOKOUT AND AUCTION

Save the date – Saturday, July 28th! The CCCC Board is gearing up for a major fundraiser and inviting you and your friends to come and enjoy the fun while supporting this unique and very special residence.

The traditional meal of spit-roasted beef and deep-fried turkey with all the fixins will be served at noon. There will be a wide range of exciting silent auction items to bid on and a lively live auction, with Ron Sanville as auctioneer, beginning about 1:00 p.m. The flying enthusiast can hope to win a one-hour plane ride and the sports fan can bid on tickets to a Red Sox's game. For the music lover there are tickets to the Greensboro Summer Music concerts and for the gardener, a chance to bid on several hours of weeding or pruning. Jasper Hill and Bonnevieu Farm have donated their special cheeses, Dave Brown has contributed a handcrafted wooden bowl and a Greensboro resident has offered to bake a pie or quiche for each quarter of next year. There will be gift certificates from Thompson's Flour Shop, the Albany General Store, Parker Pie, several garages and much more.

Back by popular demand is the 50-50 raffle. Tickets are \$2.00 each or six for \$10.00. The winner receives half the total funds from the raffle while the other half supports Craftsbury Community Care Center. Cookout tickets are now on sale at CCCC - \$10.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children and free for children under five.

Come one and all!

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