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Letter from the President

Dear Friends of the Care Center,

As I write this, the memory is fresh of a great gathering that happened recently at the Care Center. The occasion was a tribute reception for the many people who volunteer their time for the 4 C's.

These volunteers are amazing; there were some fifty of them present to share stories, meet each other, and renew acquaintances. These heroes drive residents to shopping and medical appointments; they come to sing and play music; they bring goats, sheep, and dogs to entertain residents; they read aloud; they coordinate activities with young people who visit and share hobbies and pastimes. They help with all kinds of events; they simply visit with the folks who live here; they exhibit art on the walls of the facility. The list of gifts of time goes on and on. And life at the Care Center would not be as warm and rewarding as it is without the efforts of those who see the Center as an integral part of their community; who see themselves as a part of this community.

It may be true that life itself depends on generosity. But it is surely so at the Care Center. People share of themselves in this community, with gifts of time, energy, and money; many give of all three gifts.

We are closing the books on our capital campaign, which, over the past three years, raised well over \$200,000, and that has funded significant renovations and enhancements to our facility. And in the midst of this effort, friends of the Care Center have also supported our annual giving campaign, which adds much-needed funds to our operations budget and helps to keep residence at the Care Center affordable for all those who live here. We hope you will continue to assist with this annual support as we approach the end of another great year at the Care Center.

As President of the Board of the Care Center, I sometimes feel as if I should put on a big button every time I come anywhere near the facility; a button that says, "We couldn't do this without you." This button would be only the beginning of a conversation about the gratitude we all share, whether we are residents, staff, Board members, or friends; gratitude shared for support shared. Maybe we should all wear one of these buttons, since it seems abundantly clear how much we all rely on each other to make this community the warm and inviting place it is..

Thank you again, whoever you are and however you support this community. We invite your continued support, however you are able to manifest it. And we are eternally grateful for it.

With much appreciation-
Alan Parker, for the Board

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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Dottie Rogers

Dottie grew up in New Jersey and attended Oberlin Conservatory. After graduation she began looking for teaching jobs in Vermont. She interviewed in Proctor and Stowe. She chose Stowe because she had the opportunity to start the first vocal and instrumental program there and she wanted to learn to ski. She was also responsible for starting Stowe's first band.

She met her husband at the Stowe Rotary teacher reception. She married Sam Rogers who was a long time doctor in Stowe. They enjoyed 20 wonderful years of marriage before his death.

She left teaching to raise three sons and enjoyed being a stay-at-home mom. She has one son living in Stowe who is a professional photographer; another son lives in Seattle and is in the computer industry, her third son died of cancer 10 years ago. She has one grandchild living in Colorado.

Besides raising her 3 sons she spent much time volunteering in various organizations. She played viola in the Vermont Philharmonic for 30 years and served on the board of directors for 10 years. She also was a volunteer for the Mozart concerts as they traveled around Vermont. In Stowe she was involved in the Helen Day Art Center.

After her sons had completed college she had a chance to travel to various places. She enjoyed Windjammer cruises from Belize, a Kenya – Tanzania Safari, Elderhostel trips including 3 weeks in China, and other trips through Milne travel.

She also enjoys reading, playing scrabble, and is currently learning to play bridge.

She lived in Stowe for 50 years before moving to CCCC after suffering a TIA. She chose CCCC because of its openness and the open fields and woods, her beautiful porch, and the friendliness of the people.

CCCC is lucky to have her as our resident.



— Submitted by Doreen Noyes

Amazon Smile

Do you ever order anything from Amazon? If so, there is a very simple way to assist Craftsbury Community Care Center. All you do is to go to the site: AmazonSmile, where you can access everything on the Amazon site. On the opening page, at the very top lefthand side, above the Amazon Smile logo, the word “supporting” names a charity. Click on the word “supporting” and type in Craftsbury Community Care Center, click on this choice, and 0.5 % of your purchase price will go to CCCC. You only have to set it up once, and use this as your way to access Amazon, and you continue your support at no cost to you.

— Submitted by Jenny Stoner

Volunteer Appreciation Reception

On Thursday, October 28, 2014 the staff, residents and Board of Directors hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Reception for many of our volunteers and their spouses. Alan Parker, President of the Board, welcomed the group of nearly 50 to the "Community Room" of the Craftsbury Community Care Center.

The Board of Director provided each volunteer a packet of original note cards and envelopes created by the residents and the local preschoolers. Also there was a drawing for turkeys, a porcelain bowl and a pair of decorative candles. The Board and the Center provided refreshments for the event.



Our volunteers are an important element for the diverse daily activities the residents are offered. The Center's volunteers provide rides to doctors and shopping trips, they come to sing and play musical instruments, read and lead discussions, participate in fitness activities, parties and games, they help with art work, bring their pets in, hold bible studies, play Santa Claus, help with outdoor work from gardening to raising our cookout tents, some help with Meals on Wheels and much more. More than once during the afternoon I heard a volunteer say how much they enjoyed coming to the Center and being part of the activities. We hope the volunteers understand how much we appreciate their efforts in behalf of the residents of the Craftsbury Community Care Center. Please consider joining our volunteer team by contacting Kim Roberge, our Executive Director.

— Submitted by Larry Gluckman

Updated CCCC Website

This past summer we launched our new website for CCCC. It offers the same great information we had before, but also has fabulous new dynamic photo galleries, calendars, etc. and is even mobile friendly. Visitors can even donate to CCCC online. Check out what's happening at CCCC online at www.craftsburycommunitycarecenter.org!

— Submitted by Michelle Warren

Thank You for Your Help

As the Capital Campaign draws to a close, we would like to express deep thanks to all who contributed and enabled the many significant enhancements to the CCCC facility made in the last 2 years. The most visible is the beautiful community room with its very attractive and functional furnishings, allowing many expanded activities and services. Other equally important, but less glamorous improvements, are the new roof, replacing the 20 year roof that was at the end of its life with 40 year grade shingles, various replacements and upgrades to sewage and water systems, new carpeting, improvements to the technology systems and more. The most recent improvement, which is at an interim stage, is improving the sidewalks and curbing to make it easier for residents using a walker or wheelchair to come in and out. There is now a continuous ramp from the front door to the driveway level. Additional work to install permanent sidewalks and curbs will be undertaken in the spring.

All these improvements are part of our efforts to maintain our lovely facility, responding to the needs of residents for a safe, attractive home. Thank you for your help in making these significant improvements possible.

— Submitted by Jenny Stoner

Making Donations Easy

The CCCC Annual Appeal was mailed out earlier this month. We hope that all of you will help support this important and significant part of our yearly funding. For those of you who haven't received our letter or may have misplaced the return envelope, we are enclosing one in this newsletter. In addition, for your convenience you can now make a donation on line by going to www.craftsburycommunitycarecenter.org and clicking on "contribute". We express our warmest gratitude to our many generous donors.

— Submitted by Anne Cassidy

Meet-and-Greet Open House

The executive director, nursing staff and members of the Board of Directors recently hosted a meet-and-greet open house for area professionals in the field of elder care. This was an opportunity to meet those individuals we often collaborate with over the phone and never really get to know. The event allowed us to learn about each other's services and meet face to face with other service providers.

— Submitted by Jenny Stoner

Photo Gallery



*Friends from Heartbeet Farm
Lifesharing perform with Chimes for us.*



A lovely day at Lake Elmore



*Judy enjoys a kitten visiting from the
North Country Animal League.*



A picnic at Lake Elmore in August

Cookout and Auction Thank You

The combination of perfect weather and an enthusiastic gathering of the community supporters made our July Cookout and Auction the most successful in the past 10 years. The net profit for the day was approximately \$9,800!

We owe a *great and profound* debt of gratitude to all the extremely generous individuals and businesses that contributed to the meal and to the live or silent auctions. Pete Johnson and Robert Linck supplied us with the freshest salad greens while the most delicious potato rolls were provided by our Board President, Alan Parker. The succulent roast pork was courtesy of Sterling College and their farm program which raised two pigs for us. With retirement of one baked bean expert we found another in Pat Rhodes, mother of our Executive Director, Kim Roberge. Again this year, the Bone Builders answered the call with a plentiful array of inviting cookies and dessert bars, each more tempting than the next.

Keeping the bidding entertaining, lively and profitable is a talent at which Ron Sanville excels. We couldn't be more thankful for his commitment to CCCC and the benefit he brings to this event. As always there was a wide variety of noteworthy articles in both auctions. They included local cheeses, hours of landscaping, opportunities to play golf, service at local garages, tickets to performances and ball games, an airplane ride and two sizeable wooden giraffes, an item that drew plenty of attention.

We are grateful to the exceptional CCCC staff who was essential to making the day run smoothly. Numerous volunteers pitched in to set up and take down tables and chairs, to work on the auctions, and to serve the lunch. In particular, we appreciated the indispensable help and good cheer of the Craftsbury Outdoor Center Green Team.

Finally, the Cookout and Auction would not be a success without the enthusiastic participation of our friends and neighbors who came for the noon meal and stayed to raise their paddles at the auction. Our heartfelt thanks to all of you!

— Submitted by Anne Cassidy



CCCC 2014 Cookout



CCCC 2014 Auction

Upcoming December Events at CCCC:



- Wednesday, Dec. 3:
Mandolin Man, Rich Attkinson at 3 PM
- Tuesday, Dec. 9:
Music with professional singer Corey Gottfried at 10:30 AM
- Friday, Dec. 19:
Presentation of Costa Rica Trip from Craftsbury Academy students at 1:30 PM
- Sunday, Dec. 21:
Bill Eisner on Harp at 3:30 PM
- Monday, Dec 22:
Ballet performance by Bethany Lange at 3 PM
- Tuesday, Dec. 23:
Professional singer Mark Shelton at 10 AM



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