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Letter from the President



Greetings,

Every May the Care Center’s board of directors holds a one-day retreat. Our vice president, Jane Marlin hosts the gathering at her home located in Craftsbury, a few minutes away from the Care Center. The main purpose of the retreat is to review activity by the board for the past year, as well as look ahead and establish objectives for the coming year. In addition to reviewing and planning, we also use the retreat to welcome new board members. This year our new board members are Janet Travers of Greensboro, Geoffrey Bok of Craftsbury, and Kathleen Hemmens of East Hardwick.

Looking at the past year our main objective was to focus on establishing a continued, healthy financial position for the Care Center as it meets future challenges. Number one on that agenda was to establish an endowment fund for the Care Center. We fully expect and are on track to announce its availability this coming fall! Next week we meet with the last of two finalists in our search for the best organization to manage that fund for the Care Center. A second important goal for last year has been achieved in the pursuit of grant writing for acquiring many of the important facility updates and improvements necessary to keep the Care Center current, functional and attractive. We were able to hire a grant writer in Ceilidh Gallaway-Kane who has already received the funding for the Care Center to purchase and have installed an accessible front entry doorway. We are also pursuing multiple entities through Ceilidh’s help to continue updating and upgrading the facility. This past year we also established a much stronger connection with our local Vermont Legislature by holding our first Legislators’ Breakfast at the Care Center where members of the board were able to discuss some critical issues affecting the Care Center with our local representatives. We plan to continue this breakfast as an annual event. Through much good work from our Ways and Means Committee, the Center was able to realize an increase in the response to our Annual Appeal of approximately 8.4% over last year.

Looking forward, we realize the need to stay focused on our goal of assuring a stable financial future for the Care Center. In addition to rolling out the Care Center’s Endowment Fund, we are also looking at opportunities with solar energy production and more efficient utilities to provide space heating, cooling and air quality. We are looking at improving our annual cookout and auction by encouraging more appealing and desirable auction items. If you have something to donate waste no time in contacting the Care Center since the Auction date is July 27th.

We are also pursuing funding for an accessible walking trail on the property and considering adding a trail running event as new Care Center fund raiser in 2020. Our Meals-On Wheels continues to provide nutritious meals for local shut-ins.

Last month the Center honored its past board of director’s president, Dan Hill by donating equipment to the baseball program at Hazen Union in his name. Dan shared his passion for baseball through his coaching at Hazen for several years.

The work of the board of directors could not be achieved without the unique support we receive from friends of the Care Center both near and far. We are forever grateful.

— Mark McAndrew

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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CCCC's Cookout and Auction - Saturday, July 27th - Noon

Join us for our major summer fundraiser and get ready for a fun and exciting time starting with a noon meal featuring roast pork and turkey, cooked by Loren Darling and his able assistants. The pig this year is being raised by Jasper Hill and will be delicious. The meal has all the extras, baked beans, potato salad, green salad, coleslaw, rolls, cookies and ice cream from the Kingdom Creamery truck. The cost for the meal is unchanged at \$12 for adults, \$5 for children age 5-12 and under 5 years are free.

At 12:45 our live auction will start. After many years of faithful service, Ron Sanville has retired. We welcome Ron Wright this year and continue the tradition of the past few years of having some unique and special sports items. Besides two Red Sox tickets, there is a Red Sox jersey signed by Pitcher Rick Porcello. For Bruins fans, there is a jersey signed by Right Wing David Backes with a letter of authentication. Also in the live auction will be two tickets for a Celtics game in November. In addition there are many other items including a solid wood Oriental Chippendale Style Secretary with many uses, a mid-century Oriental style credenza, two hand braided rugs, in very good condition, antique appliqué queen size quilt excellent condition, large plants from Stillmeadow Gardens, many gift certificates for local businesses and other unique and fun items.

We have an exciting raffle for a Patriots football signed by Tom Brady. The tickets will be available both at the event and in advance from any Board Member or at the Care Center for \$10 apiece. The drawing will be held after the live auction, but it is not necessary to be present to win.

Last year the Make An Offer Table was a big hit with a huge variety of items. As in the past we will also have a Silent Auction. There is something for everyone and we look forward to seeing you on the 27th of July at the Craftsbury Community Care Center for a fun time with your neighbors.

— Jane Marlin

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON SATURDAY, July 27TH



Endowment Fund To Be Launched

The Board of the Care Center is taking the final steps in establishing an endowment fund which will strengthen the financial position of the Care Center for future years, proving resources for growth and for maintenance and development of its programs and facilities. This will further the mission of the Care Center to provide a caring, affordable residence for the elders of our community. The fund will accept donations of cash, stocks, bonds and other types of securities or instruments, bequests, real property and personal property. Please contact Kim Roberge, Executive Director, at (802) 586-2415 for further information.

— Jeanne Joslin

A Gifted Resident — Marilyn Harris

Marilyn Harris came to the 4C's in April 2016 when she moved from her life-long community in Long Island, NY. A big bonus in coming here was to be close to her daughter, Gwyneth, who is now the 4C's Director of Nursing. Marilyn says that she loves the quiet family-like atmosphere of the Center, the pleasant sociability with other residents and the attentive care by all of the staff.

She recounts the family years on Long Island with an engaging continuous smile and quiet-spoken expression of appreciation for their close-knit relationships. During earlier years her father's Fish Market involved much of the family in many aspects of the business. "We made the fishcakes and prepared the soups". Marilyn's husband David died in 2015. "He was the love of my life". He owned a auto repair shop in which Marilyn shared duties. They raised 3 daughters and enjoyed boating on Long Island Sound. "I learned to swim like a fish".

Marilyn is an accomplished seamstress with a special eye for design of dresses and quilts. A beautiful sample of her quilting skill hangs above the bed in her room. In later years she was employed in a business designing "stylish outfits" for women. Marilyn and her family are part of a culinary tradition based largely on their Germanic heritage. Daughter Gwyn says that her mother was a marvelous cook, but Marilyn is not above saying that the food at 4C's is very good. "I really like the spaghetti because that was one dish that I could never get the sauce quite right".

— Norm Hanson



A Note from the Executive Director

I wanted to take this opportunity to highlight the Craftsbury and Surrounding Communities for their support of the Craftsbury Community Care Center. This all started from the beginning and has continued throughout our years of existence. The Care Center's success is in part due to the on-going support we receive in so many different ways from so many wonderful community members. The support comes from; monetary donations, volunteering, becoming a board member, offering professional advice, stopping by for a visit, assisting a resident, promoting us with friends and families, dropping off extra produce, donating items for fundraisers, attending our fundraising events, brightening our hallways with artwork and so much more. It is so rewarding to hear such positive conversations about the Care Center when stopping by somewhere in the community. A big shout out to all of you for your support. We couldn't do it without you. THANK YOU!!

—Kimberly Roberge



ANTIQUE APPLIQUÉ QUEEN SIZE QUILT
DONATED FOR AUCTION

Staff Wish List

- Small Outdoor Canopy Tents
- Large Plastic Bins for storing food in pantry



Tim Beauregard – Staff Spotlight

Talking about his work as Maintenance/Grounds Keeper at the Care Center, Tim Beauregard commented that he just wants to get the facility back to the way it was when it opened. Tim has had a lifetime of experience in constructing and maintaining buildings over much of the United States. He was a foreman in charge of not only carpentry but also the electrical and plumbing portions of construction. To do this, he had to have a working knowledge of each process so he brings a wealth of hands-on experience to the job at the 4 C's.

Tim grew up on a dairy farm in Holland, Vermont where his father both farmed and logged. His mother worked in the library at the Holland School. After many years of doing construction around the country, Tim found climbing around a building site and doing construction was getting more and more difficult, so Tim and his wife, Anne, moved back to Vermont where Tim was head of maintenance at the Pine Ridge School, a boarding school for children with learning disabilities, in Williston for many years.

When Tim and his wife moved back to the Northeast Kingdom, they bought an old, derelict farm house and he has worked to modernize it and bring it back to the condition it was in when it was built. Tim and his wife Anne` now live in that house – the last one in Glover off of Shadow Lake Road, almost in Greensboro. They have a grown son, Lorne.

Tim has worked at the 4 C's almost five years. He says his favorite part of the job is having fun with the residents. The Care Center's favorite part of having Tim there is his many and varied talents in keeping the building a pleasant place to live and work. Thank you Tim for all you do!

—Jan Travers



Anne Hanson — Environmental Volunteer

For about 10 years Anne Hanson has been bringing the outside into the Care Center as she shares her love and knowledge of the natural world. Anne draws on her broad background and experience ranging from environmental studies at Williams College followed by varied professional internships to teaching the ELF/Four Winds environmental program for elementary school children. She always brings with her samples of the day's topics – special plants or creatures – to give the residents the opportunity to engage all senses. She finds the residents eager to learn as they observe, touch and smell and discuss their observations. One day several residents delighted in holding worms.

Anne's first contact with the Care Center was when her grandmother, Jeanette Tanguay came here and Anne saw how much residents appreciated various activities and programs. This inspired her to share the modified versions of the nature programs she was presenting to school children.

Anne is a licensed pre-school teacher and Early Childhood specialist who teaches the Craftsbury schools' preschool program. She finds the delight and wonder that her young children exhibit is also present in our residents. In addition, her programs provide wonderful occasions for residents to share stories, which all greatly enjoy. Anne finds that storytelling is a vital part of building community and that residents' stories invite her into their community. Her comment was "I am the one who is most enriched by our time together."

Anne and her husband Eric, a conservation biologist, are parents of Anders, a student at Colby College and competitive Nordic skier.

—Jenny Stoner



Craftsbury Community Care Center Photos



Residents going on an Art Hop to the Highland Center of the Arts and the White Water Gallery



Rich Atkinson, on squeeze box, and friend Andy, on keyboard, perform folk songs for residents



Drawing with artist Judy Lowry



Highland Views Violin Ensemble visits the Care Center



Care Center Luau



Staff's children visit, as well as Terri Martin, with his dog Cooper.

Upcoming Events

- **Monday, July 15 at 2 PM:** Singing with Debbie Yacavone
- **Tuesday, July 16 at 10:30 AM:** Saplings Childcare Children visit
- **Wednesday, July 17 2:30 PM:** Painting with Artist Judy Lowry
- **Thursday, July 18 at 1:30 PM:** Singing with Carolyn DeFrancesco, "Cooie"
- **Friday, July 19 at 10 AM:** Singing with Rick Atkinson and Friends
- **Saturday, July 20 at 9:30 AM:** Singing with Northern Lights Singing Group
- **Tuesday, July 23 at 2 PM:** Circus Smirkus
- **Friday, July 26 at 2:30 PM:** Antique Car-1946 Ford Phaeton Convertible with James Tueschers
- **Saturday, July 27 at 12 noon:** 4 C's Annual BBQ and Auction
- **Monday, July 29 at 10 AM:** Therapy dog visits
- **Thursday, August 1 at 4 PM:** Youth Violin Duet
- **Tuesday, August 6 at 1 PM:** Singing with Carol Ann Jones



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