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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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Letter from the President

Greetings,

It has been an exciting winter at the Care Center with much accomplished and much in the works!

Our building and grounds committee has been very busy working to replace the walk-in cooler and freezer and plan kitchen renovations. They are also actively pursuing a walking path for the grounds as an activity option for residents and families, staff and community members. Our accessible front door is installed and final planning for the main entryway renovations is nearing completion.

The Care Center is now appreciating benefits from joining a solar power net metering group. The move, made last fall, has helped to reduce the Care Center's monthly electric bill and support a clean approach to power generation in the process.

On Town Meeting Day the towns of Hardwick and Glover joined Craftsbury, Greensboro and Albany in voting financial support for the Care Center.

The Craftsbury Community Care Center Endowment Fund is now an important piece of the Care Center's financial foundation. Another key accomplishment of the board resulted from much work by several members to receive a complete forgiveness of a large grant converted to a long term deferred loan several years ago. Being free and clear of this potential obligation adds a great deal to our financial stability moving forward.

Last month the board hosted its second annual legislator's breakfast at the Care Center. The breakfast, started last year to meet with our local representatives has been very informative for all that attend and beneficial to the Care Center.

We also need to recognize two board members that will be leaving after having donated several years of dedicated service: Jenny Stoner, our current secretary and chair of the marketing committee has served for twelve years. Carolyn Ryan our current treasurer serving six years on the board of directors in various capacities. Thank you both! We will miss you.

We have a new board member in Steve Pitkin of Albany Vermont. Steve's career as a construction consultant has proven him to be a valuable board member.

Looking ahead, we have our annual Sugar on Snow baked goods raffle fundraiser on March 28, 2020. We are already starting to plan a 25-year birthday celebration for the Care Center.

Lastly, since returning to the workforce, I have recognized the need to step down from my role as president. Beginning in April, Jane Marlin, our current VP will be our new president. It has been my privilege to work with such a dedicated and caring group of folks! Our board members, staff, residents and community members are what make the Care Center so special. Thank you all.

—Mark McAndrew, Care Center President

Save the Date

April 25th — 2 to 4 PM

We're having a birthday party! Twenty-five years ago the first residents moved into Craftsbury Community Care Center to enjoy the thoughtful home-like care that it offered. During the last quarter century over 225 residents have benefitted from the Center and we have much to celebrate.



You are invited to join us for a celebration that will feature displays of some of the highlights of the life of the Center and remarks from the founder, former directors and a few distinguished people who have been important to our life. Do you know which member of the Craftsbury Select Board was a member of the founding board of directors? Do you have any idea how many local citizens have served on the board over the years? Can you guess how many people are currently volunteers bringing music, books, games, animals and much more to share with residents? And have you had the pleasure of participating in the Annual Auction and Cookout or our Sugar on Snow party? The Care Center has become a vital community gathering place, and we hope you will come to celebrate with us.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 25 from 2-4 for a festive celebration of our 25th birthday. More information will be shared closer to the event.

Donna Greenwood — Staff Spotlight

Donna Greenwood has had a career of some 35 years as a cook and kitchen manager for several care facilities in the Northeast Kingdom, and more recently became salad bar/kitchen aide at the 4C's. She retired last year from full-time employment but has kept her ties with the Center as the salad bar/kitchen aide two days each week. "I had no desire to be idle in retirement and I wanted to continue the wonderful relationships with residents". Anyone who pauses to observe the kitchen crew at work is impressed by the non-stop, multi-tasking pace of activity, and by their dedication to serving the individual needs and requests of residents. Donna says, "We are here for them". In looking ahead, Donna expresses concern about the needs and shortfalls in staffing our community care facilities and programs.



Donna was born in Newport and then lived a number of childhood years in Sudbury, Ont. where her father worked at the nickel mines. Back to Vermont, she and her husband have been married 45 years. He is a building contractor and currently renovates older homes. Their immediate family includes a daughter (West Glover), a son (Ohio), three grandchildren and 2 dogs. In her semi-retirement Donna enjoys gardening, especially flowers, canning and pickling their garden produce. She and her husband greatly enjoy frequent trips in their camping trailer to Vermont's forests and lakes. Thank you, Donna, for all you do!

—Norm Hanson.

Care Center Endowment Fund

The Craftsbury Community Care Center Endowment Fund has had a strong start in January, with donations of nearly \$20,000 from Board members and other individuals, and we have also received pledges for future gifts. Building this fund is an important way to ensure a secure financial position for the future of the Care Center. We encourage you to consider including the fund as part of your charitable giving and in your estate planning.

Donald Hislop—Resident Spotlight

Donald Hislop is a true Vermonter. He was born in Burlington, moved to Cambridge soon after that, and lived his whole life in various parts of Northern Vermont. When he was a young boy, he lived in Greensboro with his grandparents who owned Willey's store. Later his family moved to Greensboro Bend where he attended elementary school. Donald's mother worked at the old Greensboro Hospital (which is now the library) and the two of them often walked from Greensboro Bend to Greensboro, even in snow and subzero weather, so she could get to her job. Sometimes, though, they got a ride from a neighbor which they really appreciated. When he was older, his family moved to Greensboro Village and he attended Greensboro High School. He joined the Greensboro Fire Department when he was a high school freshman and continued in the department for four years. After graduation, he drove a dump truck for Wilfred Chaloux.



Donald married the girl across the street, Patricia Salls, in 1960 and lived and worked for E W Bailey in Orleans delivering grain, working into grain sales. Later he got a job in St Albans on the Alan Brooks farm and then was a herdsman at the Brigham farm which was famous for its registered Jerseys. After that, he and his family moved to Morrisville where he worked for Joe Trombley, picking up local milk and delivering it to Massachusetts to be processed and sold. While living there, he joined the Morrisville Fire Department and continued on the department until he was 70 years old.

Donald and his wife had three girls and a boy. The oldest girl still lives in Morrisville. Donald moved to the Craftsbury Community Care Center after his wife died and his health deteriorated. He is enjoying life there and feels it is a good place for him to be at this time in his life.

—Janet Travers

Come Sing with Jim and Celia

Jim Currier and Celia Latham lead a very popular sing-a-long with hymns and old favorite songs at the CCCC once a month. Jim plays guitar while Celia provides sheet music with lyrics for the many familiar songs Jim and Celia sing so that everyone can join in.

Jim grew up in Newport, and has been the owner of Currier's Quality Market and general store in Glover for 53 years. He runs it along with his son, Jeff, Jeff's wife, Windy, and his grandson, Stephen. The store, heated by hardwood logs, is a community center in Glover and well-known for its extraordinary taxidermy collection. Celia ran a store in Westmore for many years.

Jim always sang in church choirs, but did not start playing the guitar until he was 70. He is taking guitar lessons now at the Community College of Vermont to improve his playing. Before taking up the guitar, Jim was a long distance runner, although he did not start running until he was 50. Some may remember seeing Jim run through Glover in the early mornings before the store opened. Jim has competed in marathons and once ran a "100 miler" race in 24 hours, 30 minutes that finished at Mount Ascutney.

We thank Jim and Celia for their boundless energy and wonderful musical contributions to the CCCC.

—Rob Dewees



Sugar on Snow Party

MARCH 28TH — 2 TO 4 PM AT CRAFTSBURY COMMUNITY CARE CENTER

Do you have cabin fever? I have a solution for you. Come to the Sugar on Snow Party at CCCC for a fun time catching up with neighbors, satisfying your sweet tooth and maybe going home with some goodies. This year's event will be on the last Saturday in March and will help break you out of the doldrums.

Each year we try to listen to your suggestions and make improvements.

This year when you purchase a raffle ticket it will be in a drawing for the item you hope to win. There will be a raffle drawing for a 2019 Celtics Basketball signed by the team. The cost of each ticket is \$5. In addition we will still have the 6 for \$5 or \$1 each ticket for 3 other items. They include a framed print titled "Night Lilacs Blooming II" by our local artist Liz Nelson, a pottery mug crafted by Lynn Flory of Mill Village Pottery and a box of greeting cards which Emma Pudvah designed and made. You do not have to be present to win the raffle prizes and the tickets are available from Board Members, at the Care Center and also at the event.

The Lucky Draw will feature a wide variety of baked goods including bread, pies, cakes, cookies and other scrumptious items such as quiche, handmade candy and always some surprises. In addition, we are continuing a special Lucky Draw table open only for children and featuring items that appeal especially to them. Drawing for these gourmet treats will begin at 3:00 and you must be present to win. This is a great Craftsbury Spring event enjoyed by all.

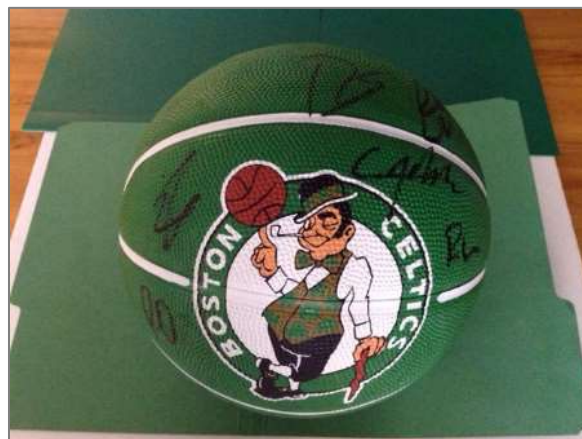
LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON SATURDAY, March 28TH



Annual Appeal Update

A big thank you for those of you who have contributed to our Annual Appeal. We have a good start in reaching our goal of \$62,000 having received \$54,000. For those of you who were distracted and busy over the holidays, forgetting to mail in your donation, you will find an envelope enclosed in this newsletter. Funds from the appeal are used to close the gap from Medicaid funding and actual cost of services and also needed improvements at the Care Center. One improvement is a walking path behind the building for residents and community members for which plans are progressing. We are waiting for ACT 250 approval before it can move ahead. Another major project for this year is upgrading the kitchen, badly needed after 25 years of daily use. With full occupancy and an increase in the number of Meals on Wheels, some improvements are needed to make the Center more efficient for today's needs and to create more space.

Thank you for giving generously!



Craftsbury Community Care Center Photos



Christmas Decorating



Carol Ann Jones Singing



Residents with Craftsbury Saplings



4 H Kingdom Country Farmers



Marilyn paints with instructor Judy Lowery



Tara dances to Paul's fiddle!

Upcoming Events



- **Friday, March 6 at 4 pm:** Art Reception with Ross Connolly photographer
- **Tuesday, March 3 at 1 pm:** Carol Ann Jones - Singer
- **Tuesday, March 10 at 10:30 am:** Music with Valerie Morrison
- **Thursday, March 12 at 1:30 pm:** Music with Coonie, Carolyn DeFrancesco
- **Friday, March 13 at 10:30 am:** Singing with Jim & Celia
- **Tuesday March 17 at 3 pm:** Irish Music with Dave Brown and Ann Ingerson
- **Saturday March 21 at 9:30 am:** Northern Lights Singing Group
- **Tuesday March 24 at 10:30 am:** Music with Ted Lambert, Tony Washburn and John Phelps.
- **Saturday, March 28 10am:** Irish Concert with Rich and Laura Atkinson.
- **Saturday, March 28:** Sugar on Snow party 2 to 4 PM.



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