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ICCI Celebrates 25 Years of Service to the Lakes Region

September 8, 2023 – Interlakes Community Caregivers (ICCI) recently celebrated a milestone of serving the Lakes Region for 25 years at the Bald Peak Colony Club. Volunteers, donors, Town Selectmen, business owners and friends gathered to share in the history and success of the nonprofit organization and to honor co-founder, Charlotte Leavitt, for her vision, which began in 1998.

Amy Blongy, Lead Coordinator, recognized volunteers for their dedication, commitment, and invaluable service to our Neighbors.

Board President, Chris Kelly, opened the evening thanking past President of the Board, David Hughes, for his service to the organization, and stewarding the organization through the COVID Pandemic. Executive Director, Pamela Joyal, reflected on the amazing devotion of the volunteers who travelled short and long distances to assure Neighbors got the care they needed throughout the year. Pam also thanked donors, area businesses, and Town Selectmen for their financial support over the years, which has been vital for the organization to stay solvent.

Charlotte Leavitt, co-founder, was honored for her vision and mission to help Neighbors with their transportation needs, beginning in 1998 at the Center Harbor Congregational Church (CHCC). Reverend John Eaton, who was serving at CHCC at that time, gave a heartfelt speech about the humble beginnings of the volunteers who recognized a need and followed through to help their fellow Neighbors. This dream is still very much alive today and Charlotte Leavitt thanked the staff, the Board of Directors and all who continue to lead the organization and fulfill its mission to "support the independence, safety, comfort, and dignity of our adult Neighbors within our designated communities through the services provided by our volunteers." Thank you to Bald Peak Colony Club for their wonderful support of this event.



Cake by Bald Peak CC



Charlotte Leavitt, Co-Founder of ICCI



Merron Treadwell, Board Member



Pat DeVanney, Volunteer



Amy Blongy, Lead Coordinator and Helen Ingalls, Volunteer



Arthur Christopher, Donor, Volunteer and Neighbor & Jean Beadle, Moultonborough Selectmen



Chris Kelly, Board President and Pam Joyal, Executive Director



Peter Olsen, Volunteer



Bill Roberts, Volunteer and Amy Blongy, Lead Coordinator



Reverend John Eaton

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My name is Chris Kelly and as the new Board President for Interlakes Community Caregivers (ICCI), I thank you for your support of this incredible organization. We are in the midst of our 25th year celebration and today we continue to be strong enough to assist over 160 Neighbors in need. I want to thank David Hughes, past Board President, for his hard work and dedication. David has overseen this non-profit for the past five years and we are healthier today, in part, because of his leadership. Thank you, David! We had some long-time members who have retired this year from the Board also. We want to thank Marie Samaha, Robin Woodaman, and Darlene Fritz for their guidance and oversight. Our success throughout the communities we serve is due to the work and commitment of our Board members, our staff and volunteers. The staff today is strong with Pam Joyal as Executive Director, Amy Blongy, Lead Volunteer Coordinator and Kathryn Holt, Administrative/Grant Coordinator working diligently to ensure that we accomplish the goals of our mission. Since the last report we have had two new members join the Board of Directors, Merron Treadwell and Dyan Lowman. We welcome Merron and Dyan and thank them for their support and vision as we navigate the future. We continue to look for more board members who want to make a difference in our beautiful community. Are you someone who could help Interlakes Community Caregivers? Do you believe that you could help to keep this organization vibrant and strong? If you believe you could help our mission, please contact me at ChrisKelly@ Baysidenh.net. Together we can make a big difference in the lives of our Neighbors. I thank you and I look forward to your support over the next 12 months.



MESSAGE

New Volunteers



Amy Watkins

Amy is new to Meredith. She is a former respiratory therapist from Connecticut. She will be receiving rides from us for long-distance doctor's appointments and would like to give back by running errands locally and doing friendly visits. Amy will also be helping as a volunteer coordinator.



Peter Whelley

Peter is from Moultonborough. He is a retired school psychologist and continues to work with children and their families at Family Court on Fridays. He would like to volunteer for our program Monday-Thursday.

Look for the Annual Appeal 2023 in November! We greatly appreciate all of our donors!

If you would like to receive the ICCI Newsletter via email, please email Kathryn Holt at kholt@interlakescares.org to be put on our email list.

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ICCI Holds Fall Concert with The Jersey Tenors



Interlakes Community Caregivers is pleased to announce that we have been invited to partner with the Temple B'nai Israel (TBI) as part of their "We Care" concert series, which has successfully raised funds for local nonprofit agencies since 2013. TBI "We Care" concerts are known throughout the Lakes Region and draw large crowds to enjoy a festive evening of great entertainment and good food. Tickets are on sale now at \$40 at https://tbinh.org. Tickets are also available by cash only at the ICCI office located at 60 Whittier Highway, Unit 8B, Moultonborough, NH (Above the Wellness Center) and at local retailers, which will be announced in September. "We are delighted and honored to be partnering with Temple B'nai Israel for the first time seen in NH, Jersey Tenors show called, "Tribute to Hollywood."

"This will be a fantastic experience for residents in NH to see a dynamic, musical extravaganza with very talented singers," states Pam Joyal, ICCI Executive Director.

Interlakes Community Caregivers is a 501(c)3 nonprofit volunteer program that provides rides for medical and personal appointments, grocery shopping and other direct services free- of -charge to assist our Neighbors in their daily lives. ICCI is locally supported by wonderful volunteers and donations from individuals, foundations, the Townships we serve and generous area businesses. No Federal or State money is provided to ICCI. Contact Pamela Joyal, Executive Director, at 603-253-9275 x3 or pjoyal@interlakescares.org for tickets or sponsorship opportunities.



As Summer draws to a close, I find myself with a renewed sense of hope, and positivity for the support of incredible volunteers, donors, friends and Neighbors. This year has been nothing shy of incredible, as we celebrate 25 years of serving the Lakes Region. I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support and commitment to our mission.

This Fall, we are gearing up as we partner with the Temple B'Nai Israel, 'We Care," program to host "The Jersey Tenors" at Interlakes High School Auditorium, Saturday, October 28, 2023. You don't want to miss this fantastic new musical show as these four talented men raise the roof with their incredible voices, singing hits from Elton John to Bruce Springsteen to Frankie Valli, to name a few! In November, our annual appeal will be sent out and we greatly appreciate all our community members who can help support us.

Interlakes Community Caregivers remains committed to ensuring that our services remain accessible, and safe for all. We also recognize the importance of education and advocacy and will continue to provide workshops and training sessions to empower caregivers and community members alike to bring awareness of the issues facing older adults today. Give us a call if you have a few hours to volunteer, we would love to talk with you!

Warmly, Pam Joyal

ICCI RECEIVES A LEGACY GIFT

We are very pleased to announce that we have recently received two significant gifts to our Legacy Fund from long time donors. Our Board established the Legacy Fund so that, over time, as the fund grows, a portion could be used to offset annual operating expenses. This is part of our overall strategy to make ICCI less dependent on annual fundraising and buffered from short term economic swings.

You may be considering how you can financially help ICCI beyond the Annual Appeal. A contribution to the Legacy Fund is an excellent way to help assure the long-term financial stability of ICCI. When you are doing financial planning or estate planning, please consider the ICCI Legacy Fund. Contact Pam Joyal at pjoyal@interlakescares.org.

ICCI Board of Directors

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Services Provided: 2,729 Hours Donated: 3,613 Miles Driven: 43,098

The Community Garden Club of Meredith Donates Hand-Made Cards for Area Neighbors



(L-R) Christine Wright and Sue Mangers

Recently, ICCI received a donation of beautiful hand-made botanical cards distributed by two members of the Community Garden Club of Meredith, Christine Wright and Sue Mangers. These cards will be utilized as part of the Birthday Brigade Program that began last year, that recognizes each Neighbor on their birthday. ICCI greatly appreciates this wonderful gift that will brighten the smiles of all of our Neighbors and help make their day even more special! Thank you, Community Garden Club of Meredith!

MISSION STATEMENT

Interlakes Community Caregivers, Inc. supports the independence, safety, comfort and dignity of our adult Neighbors within our designated communities through the services provided by our volunteers.

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