

Newsletter

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ICCI Celebrates 26 Years

Supporters of Interlakes Community Caregivers gathered in May to celebrate 26 years of ICCI providing services to our Neighbors. We were honored to have co-founder Charlotte Leavitt in attendance. She spoke prior to awarding the Charlotte A. Leavitt Award to Pauline Pope to recognize outstanding volunteer service. Pauline has been a volunteer driver for several years, is our primary volunteer for the Birthday Brigade, and assists in the office on an as-needed basis. Pauline completed the large task of organizing our Neighbor and Volunteer files. We are all so grateful to have Pauline as a volunteer.

For 2023, the following volunteers were also recognized: Frank B. drove the most miles, Rose R. donated the most hours, and Sylvia D. provided the most trips. We also had 12 volunteers in the 1,000 Mile Club. Thank you to all our volunteers for donating your time to help our Neighbors.



Kathryn, Pauline P. and Amy



Raffle winner Peter W.



Board member Jason Hall and raffle winner Tom P.



Board of Directors and Charlotte A Leavitt Award winner Pauline P.

Once again I am able to share that Interlakes Community Caregivers continues to grow in all aspects.

As you know, one goal we had was to fill our Board with 15 Directors. Within the last month, we have achieved this goal. At our August 2024 meeting, we will welcome Peg Gavenonis as our newest Director. Our Board is not only full, it is diverse and represents the four communities we serve. The Directors have different employment backgrounds and represent a wide range of ages. Right now, our Board is strong and we are blessed.

Although we continue to look for and need more volunteers to help our staff meet the needs of our Neighbors, we are fortunately gaining more volunteers who are ready to help meet our mission. During "Volunteer Week" this past June, everyone did a great job with outreach and we were able to meet new people willing to assist the organization. Please know that we still need you and when you are ready, we will get you into the system and ready to assist where you are needed.

I have been with ICCI for just over two years now and in the role of Chairman for the past 13 months and I love it. Our staff, Kathryn and Amy, are working hard and doing an incredible job running the organization making our job as Directors easier. Over the past seven months we have all been busy raising awareness, raising money, and having fun.

From where I sit, I am very pleased with Interlakes Community Caregivers. Know that we continue to need volunteers, financial donations and strong leadership to keep us moving in the right direction. We look forward to hearing from you. *I thank you... Chris Kelly*



New Volunteers



Robin M. is a Meredith resident, having moved here from Bristol, and before that several locations in Massachusetts and New York. She has done computer mapping for companies in Pennsylvania and New Hampshire and worked as an environmentalist in New Hampshire.

Pat V. is originally from Massachusetts. She lived in New Jersey for 40 years, and now lives in Meredith. She worked for the Department of Defense for 33 years. She is excited for the opportunity to volunteer and help others.



New Board Member

Jason Hall, Sandwich

Jason has lived in the Lakes Region for the past 7 years after a 20 year career with the Milford Fire Department in Connecticut. He currently works as a paramedic for Med Check Urgent care in Meredith and as a boat Tour Captain for the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center. Continuing his life in the fire service, Jason is active in the Sandwich Fire Department and serves as the Assistant Chief. In his free time, Jason enjoys hunting and fishing.

Volunteers of the Month



March: Sue M. (with Amy Blongy)



March: Bill G



April: Len W. and Paul H.



May: Frank P.



May: Irina L. (with Amy Blongy)



June: Hank O. and Evelyn L.

A PEEK BEHIND THE SCENES

We all like to know how things work. Even though we see the end result, we wonder how everything comes together. At Interlakes Community Caregivers (ICCI), many people contribute to meet the needs of our Neighbors. Volunteer Coordinators, whom many in the Caregivers community have spoken to, operate routinely behind the scenes to make sure that services run smoothly.

These special volunteers have a unique vantage point, in that they see the entire operation of managing both volunteer drivers and our Neighbors' needs. Currently there are five Volunteer Coordinators: Rose R., Betsy M., Gail H., Amy W. and Sally S., and they are essential players in ICCI's work.

Sally S. shared her experiences as a Volunteer Coordinator. After retirement, Sally expanded her role as a volunteer driver to become a Coordinator in 2016, although she still provides rides when her schedule permits. As a Coordinator, Sally records requests for rides, posts available requests and assignments, and assists, as needed, in advising neighbors and volunteers about ICCI's procedures. Coordinators meet as a group four times per year to review policy changes and exchange information. They also enjoy a camaraderie from their shared experiences.

Coordinators have a good deal of flexibility in their volunteer schedules. Each month Sally and the other Coordinators can choose which days to volunteer. Each shift is 6 hours long, 9 am – 3 pm, and can be done anywhere there is access to a phone and computer, even out of state. Usually, Sally volunteers for 1-2



Sally S.

shifts per month, depending on the needs of the office. She notes that she can still go about her daily activities while she checks in regularly with Caregivers during her scheduled day.

If you are an ICCI volunteer who wants to expand your involvement at Caregivers, consider becoming a Volunteer Coordinator. It's a great opportunity to work with a dedicated team of people who provide a vital service to the community.

~ Deb Thiboutot

Volunteer Week - Thank You Moulton Farm and Elvio's Pizzeria



Merron and Dyan



Marc and George



Kathryn and Wendy



Sally, Sue and Carol



Bonnie and Nanette



Sue and Pauline



Chris and Bonnie



Betsy and Amy

I continue to be in awe of our volunteers and their continued dedication to ICCI and our Neighbors. Thank you for giving your time and your kindness. I also want to thank our Board of Directors, sponsors for *Barrymore's Ghost* and Volunteer Week, and our donors.

It has been an amazingly busy time since our last newsletter. We had two very successful fundraisers at The Mug Restaurant in Center Harbor, and at The Barnstormers Theatre in Tamworth for the production of *Barrymore's Ghost*, starring our own Hank Offinger. We held a well-attended Annual Meeting at Hart's Turkey Farm Restaurant in Meredith and were able to recognize the achievements of 2023. We also recognized our volunteers during "Volunteer Week" in June and held two Open Houses. Thank you, John Moulton, for your generous support and thank you to your team at Moulton Farm in Meredith. Thank you, Joey, Jen and the team at Elvio's Pizzeria in Moultonborough for hosting us again this year. We are incredibly fortunate to have such wonderful community support.

We are always in need of more volunteers. I am eager to continue my efforts in recruitment and continue to attend events to inform others of the services we provide. I look forward to continuing to help ICCI be successful with "Neighbors helping Neighbors."

Sincerely, Kathryn Holt



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTE

NOVEMBER 16 - SAVE THE DATE!



Saturday, November 16 at 7:30 PM ImprovOlympics at Winnepesaukee Playhouse!

Join teams from local non-profit organizations for a night of improv comedy and fundraising! This popular event will pit local amateur comedians against each other in a *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* battle to make you laugh and raise funds for worthy local causes.

Tickets at winnepesaukeeplayhouse.org/improvolympics1.html.

ICCI Board of Directors

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To learn more about our board members, services and how you can volunteer, visit interlakescares.org

The Mug Restaurant Fundraiser - Thank You



Bill G. and Friends



Pauline and Frank P.



Nancy and George J.



Kathryn, Evelyn, John and Wendy

MISSION STATEMENT

Interlakes Community Caregivers provides rides, other direct support services and community resource information to assist our neighbors to remain independent.

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