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A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW VOLUNTEERS

The success of Interlakes Community Caregivers, Inc. (ICCI) is possible because of the time that volunteers contribute to provide rides and visits to Neighbors. Maintaining a group of available individuals can be a challenge – people move away, develop health problems, or just don't have time to volunteer any longer. Always seeking new volunteers, ICCI has been fortunate to find new people who want to help their Neighbors and give back to their community. Meet two new volunteers who have recently joined ICCI.

Ken N. has been a resident of Moultonborough for 32 years. He's had a varied work background in business, restaurant management and in the local school system as a substitute teacher. He and his wife Kathy are golfers and boaters who are enjoying their retirement in and around the Lakes Region. Ken found his way to ICCI through a friend who encouraged him to volunteer. Finally taking the plunge, he says that it's been a very rewarding experience. He enjoys meeting people from various walks of life and the scheduling is so flexible that he can decide the best time to provide a ride based on his availability. He also appreciates the support and encouragement that the ICCI staff give to volunteers.

Pavel P. joined ICCI as a volunteer at the beginning of 2026. Moving from Canada to Meredith two years ago, he was looking for an opportunity to give back to the local community. Pavel is a graphic designer who is able to work from home and manage his own schedule. He, too, appreciates the flexibility of volunteering for ICCI so that he can manage rides around his work. He was especially looking for a type of volunteer opportunity that felt meaningful and found his way to the ICCI website. Volunteering gives him a chance to see what his efforts do for the Neighbors that ICCI serves. He has found that the personal contact and the informal connections with riders are very satisfying. A fisherman and a boater, Pavel makes great use of the local lakes, although he is sadly anticipating the end of the ice fishing season.

Still considering volunteering? Take a tip from two new volunteers who highly recommend it!

~ Deb Thiboutot

It has been a pleasure serving as the Chair of Interlakes Community Caregivers the past few years. To keep our board leadership fresh, I will be stepping down as the Board Chair. As I take on a different role within this organization, John Valpey will assume the Chairman's leadership. John has been with this board for a few years bringing strong leadership and new ideas that will help the organization grow positively over the next few years.

Today, ICCI is working hard to serve our four communities. I believe our main strength comes from our volunteer workforce. The people serving our Neighbors, our drivers, and our office assistants - those willing to share time and deliver smiles. Our volunteers enable our Neighbors to live independently and maintain the life they desire. Our volunteers are the lifeblood of ICCI and today, we applaud their work.

We are grateful for your daily help in keeping this organization moving forward positively. Do you know someone who wants to help their Neighbor? Do you have time to help us meet our goals at Interlakes Community Caregivers? We are currently looking for new volunteers to assist in 2026 and beyond. Please keep us in mind and continue to pray for our success. I thank you...

Chris Kelly



CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Volunteer Spotlight



Lynn S. joined ICCI as a volunteer about a year and a half ago. She had moved to Moultonborough from California (via Cambridge) in 2010 and after retiring in 2023, was looking for opportunities to volunteer in the area. A neighbor suggested ICCI. An early childhood educator, Lynn felt an immediate connection with Amy B., also an educator, and with the mission of ICCI during her first office visit.

After completing her training, Lynn began providing rides several times per week. Her experience with Neighbors has been very positive. "Neighbors are so appreciative of whatever we do." She shared that she receives positive feedback from almost everyone who she drives. Wanting to expand her responsibilities, Lynn decided to become a coordinator in late 2025. It is a role she loves, now seeing an additional aspect of ICCI's work in organizing rides with volunteers, family members and Neighbors.

Lynn stresses the importance of the support that the ICCI staff offers. She finds that they are respectful of volunteers' schedules and abilities and are always willing to assist. It makes the volunteer experience more personal and tailored to what volunteers are able to provide. She wishes more people would consider volunteering.

We appreciate all of our enthusiastic volunteers, like Lynn, who are a great addition to the ICCI team.



Paul H. I had the pleasure of meeting and interviewing Paul when he was a relatively new volunteer in 2020. At that time, Paul was one of the few ICCI volunteers who provided rides during the COVID pandemic. While new to the program, Paul stepped up to make sure that those critical trips were possible for Neighbors during an uncertain time. Since then, Paul has been a dedicated, frequent driver for ICCI.

Paul moved to New Hampshire in October, 2017 from southern California. In December, 2019 he completed his training to be a volunteer for Interlakes Community Caregivers. As a driver, he recalls how many nice people he's met over the years, some who have become friends. He remembers good conversations and sharing of stories during rides to appointments. He feels that being a volunteer driver is a great opportunity that provides a real benefit to our Neighbors who can no longer drive or find local transportation. In addition, ICCI has come to rely on Paul for short notice rides, such as filling in for another driver who must cancel or covering a last minute appointment. His flexibility and willingness to respond fill an important need at ICCI.

We are happy to recognize Paul's many contributions to ICCI. His commitment, good humor and kindness are characteristics for which we, and our Neighbors, are very grateful.

~ Deb Thiboutot

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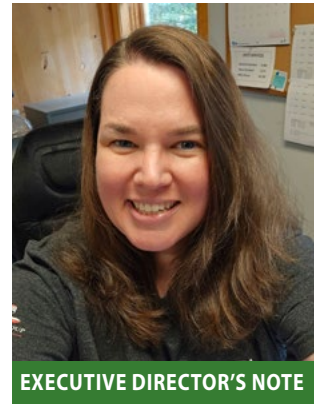
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We are fortunate to have some of the most selfless and charitable people I know be a part of our volunteer team. They give their time, energy, and kindness to help others. They tell us how much they enjoy volunteering, and we often hear they aren't sure if it helps the Neighbor more or themselves.

Many of our volunteers have shared how much they like how ICCI works – volunteers are able to choose their rides based on their schedule and availability. We do not assign rides, nor do we pressure volunteers to cover rides. Neighbors will not always have the same driver, and this allows everyone the opportunity to meet new people.

We are always looking for new volunteer drivers as the more drivers we have, the more rides we can offer. Thank you to our volunteers, past and present, for helping ICCI be the successful organization it is today. We would not be the organization we are without you.



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Kathryn Holt



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