

# CHORE NEWS

Serving the towns of Canaan,  
Cornwall, Falls Village, Kent,  
Norfolk, Salisbury/Lakeville  
and Sharon

FALL 2018

## Garden Party Event

July 21, 2018

On Saturday, July 21, Chore celebrated its 26<sup>th</sup> year with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the beautiful gardens of Sue Reville and Bill Friedrich in Lakeville. We are so grateful to Sue and Bill for providing this fabulous setting with its beautiful abundant gardens and breathtaking views of the mountains making guests feel like they were in England's Lake District.

Over 325 people attended the event on a lovely summer evening enjoying the beautiful blue and white garden and an abundance of hydrangea in bloom. Trevor Hampson played the piano creating wonderful music and Lee Kennedy of Jam Food Shop provided delicious hors d'oeuvres – with the spicy shrimp being the hit of the evening. Berkshire Mountain Distillers on Route 7 in Sheffield, MA donated the spirits including two delicious specialty drinks – Bourbon

Sour and Cosmopolitan – that were enjoyed by all.

A cheerful live auction of four fantastic items led by Dana Rohn raised \$8,800. Auction items were donated by Phyllis Nauts, Debby and Bruce Bennett of the Kent Greenhouse and Gardens Landscape Design and Garden Center, Wave Hill Gardens and Consolini & Tonan Landscape Design. Items included a week stay at a 19<sup>th</sup> century stone home in the South of France, a planted Japanese Red Maple, a tour of Wave Hill Gardens with a Special Behind the Scenes Access along with lunch and 100 daffodils planted. We gratefully thank all our four donors for these wonderful items.

In addition, just over \$17,000 was raised by Board Member Priscilla McCord as she asked guests to support our Fund the Cause Initiative. Guests could either raise their hands to contribute or write their donation on their name tag dropping it off as they left

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# LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

## Inspiring at 98

One of the great joys of being on the Chore Service Board is getting to meet and know some of our senior clients. One of my favorites is Ursula McCafferty who lives in Canaan. Ursula, who is turning 98 this month, was married for 52 years before her husband's passing and has five children, as well as grand and great grandchildren! Her career spanned years as Post Mistress for post offices in the Northwest Corner.

Over the years, I have so enjoyed my visits and chats with Ursula. When living and working in the city as a young woman, she spotted a man who worked on the same floor that she wanted to meet. Well, one day she was walking to work down Madison Avenue and saw him in front of her. When the light caught him on the street corner, she went up to him and started chatting -- and the romance began and they were married.

In addition to painting, Ursula has written three books about her father, family and travels. On the back cover of the travel book is a picture of the adventurous Ursula on top of a camel. She is now in the process of writing her fourth book on her iPad -- up to chapter six -- about remembrances of her life. No technology aversion for her!!

I always enjoy our Christmas visits. Ursula has the most wonderfully decorated home that includes a brightly lighted tree in the corner of her living room, candles burning everywhere and a winter wonderland of small houses and buildings that she made.

My most favorite story is picking Ursula up to go to a Chore luncheon that we were having at Beckley House at Geer. Of course, she instructed me right away to put the top down on my convertible and pick up the speed -- I was obviously going too slowly for her.

Happy 98th Birthday to a wonderful woman and role model for all of us!!

Lea Davies  
President, Chore Service Board

## BOARD MEMBER NEWS



### CONSIDINE AND SHERIDAN JOIN BOARD

Chore is pleased to announce that Michelle Considine and Judy Sheridan have joined its Board. Lea Davies, President of the Board, said "Michelle and Judy bring a wealth of knowledge about the communities of Canaan and Kent, two of the seven towns Chore serves."

Michelle and her husband John have been residents of Canaan for 27 years. Michelle has managed their business of owning and leasing residential and commercial properties for those 27 years and has been a fully licensed real estate agent at Best and Cavallaro for the past eight years. She and John have two children, both of whom have now graduated from college.

Judy, who has recently retired, moved to Kent in 1974 and was a founding member of the Kent Community Fund. She was previously on the Chore Board, leaving in 2005 when she took a job in Fairfield County as Program Director working with the elderly homeless population. Judy has a Master's Degree in Social Work and is a licensed clinical social worker. Former positions include the Director of Social Service and Admissions at Noble Horizons and the Executive Director of Women's Support Services.

### OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

Chore wants to give a very special thanks to Louisa LaFontan and Molly Ackerly who have retired from the Board of Directors. Over the years, they have dedicated their time and efforts to help Chore operate in the changing homecare business environment, including changes in State and Federal funding. Their active involvement in setting policy and strategic direction has been invaluable to ensuring Chore's ongoing success. Lea Davies, Chore Board President, said "We really appreciate and are very grateful for Louisa's and Molly's years of commitment and service to the organization!"

-- Chore Service Board and Staff





*Garden Party candids*



### ***How does the Chore Service Work?***

The Chore Service helps elderly and handicapped residents of Canaan, Cornwall, Falls Village, Kent, Norfolk, Salisbury/Lakeville and Sharon with household chores, home maintenance, errands and, occasionally, transportation. The purpose of the program is to help people stay at home safely and independently. The Chore Service also provides jobs for local workers. Client contributions are supplemented by a federal grant as well as donations from towns, churches, charitable funds and individuals so that the program can remain affordable for our target population of fixed low-income families. We do not send bills and only ask the financial information required by our grant funding. We only require the client's name, address, phone number and date of birth. Clients are provided with a suggested contribution scale and are asked to contribute what they can (if they can) back toward the service. Workers are paid the same rate regardless of the client's contribution.

## ***Numbers You May Need***

### **Social Services**

Canaan (860) 824-3133 ext. 110

Cornwall (860) 672-2603

Falls Village (860) 824-9855

Kent (860) 927-1586

Norfolk (860) 542-5829

Salisbury/Lakeville

(860) 435-5187/5191

Sharon (860) 364-1003

### **Meal Sites**

824-9855

927-2055

542-5434

435-5197

435-5197

### **Senior Centers**

824-9855

927-2055

435-5197

### **Friendly Visitors/Garden Angels**

(860) 435-9177

### **Meals on Wheels (Torrington)**

(860) 482-4151

### **Services for the Blind**

(800) 842-4510

### **Social Security Office Torrington**

(877) 405-0486

### **Center for Medicare Advocacy**

(800) 262-4414

### **Medicare**

(800) 633-4227

### **Visiting Nurse / Hospice / Home Care Associations**

Foothills Visiting Nurse and Home Care, Winsted

(860) 379-8561

New Milford Visiting Nurse Association

(860) 354-2216

Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association

(860) 435-0816

also for Home Health & Hospice Care

SVNA Home Assistance (private duty care)

(860) 435-0816

Visiting Nurse and Home Care Northwest

(860) 567-6000

or (800) 752-0215

### **Women's Support Services**

(860)364-1080

Hotline: 364-1900

### **Private Agencies**

Charter Oak Service

(860) 489-4151

Companions & Homemakers

(800) 348-4663

Geron Nursing Registry Northwest (Sharon)

(860) 364-5799

### **Personal Response Systems**

Response Link

(860) 482-9914

### **ConnPACE**

(800) 423-5026

### **Information and Referrals**

INFOLINE

211

Area Agency on Aging

(800) 994-9422

Department of Social Services (Torrington)

(800) 742-6906

### **Transportation**

NW Transit (860) 489-2535/(866) 906-7433

or call your social service agent

Geer Dial-A-Ride 824-7067

For Cornwall Residents, medical

Appointments FISH 364-1003

For Kent Residents FISH 927-4627





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July 1, 2017—September 30, 2018

*And the Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging*

We're grateful to the following people and organizations for their generous support of The Chore Service. We'd also like to thank the towns that support us as well as those donors who wish to remain anonymous. Please accept our apologies and contact us if we have omitted or misspelled your name.

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the event. These funds are used to cover services not paid for by our federal grant, such as snow plowing, lawn mowing and medical devices or to support our clients when our government grant runs out.

We are very grateful to our 126 individual sponsors and 13 business sponsors. Based on their generosity and ticket sales, along with the live auction and Fund The Cause, we raised \$88,228. Historically, this is our only fund-raising event of the year, so the incredible success this year will go a long way to help assist those who cannot safely remain in their home without the help of Chore.

Every year, you help make it the most successful and fun Chore event ever. We thank you so much for your invaluable



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**Visit our Website!**

employment application, send us an email and even make an on-line donation!

#### **Rhoades-Robinson Grant**

Chore would like to thank the Rhoades-Robinson Trust Fund for a \$10,000 grant. Chore is very grateful for this amazingly generous and continuous support. The mission of the Trust is to help non-profits assist residents of the Town of Sharon. Eight Sharon residents who work for Chore part-time provide 31 Sharon seniors with almost 1,500 hours of service annually.

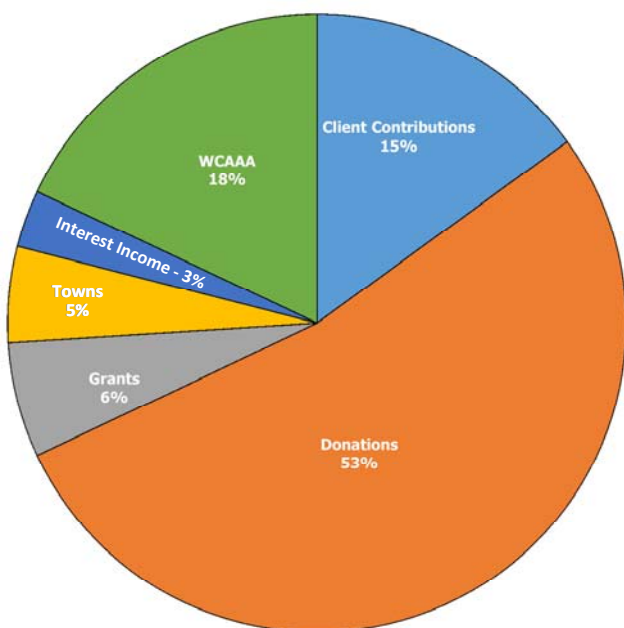
Chore Service also has a Facebook page you can follow to be kept up-to-date on Chore news and events, local community news and events, employment opportunities, as well as information pertaining to the elderly and disabled.



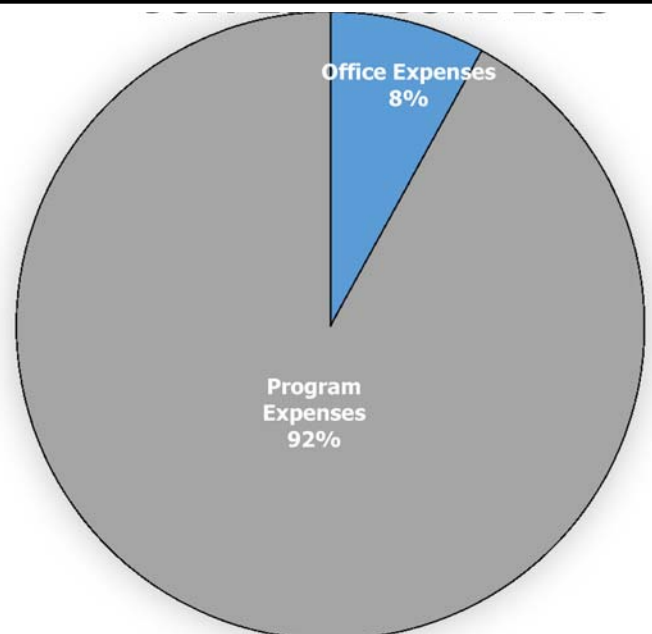
Over the past 16 years we have served 1,543 clients and have provided 261,205 hours of chore service. Chore has employed an average of 96 employees annually. Numbers for the year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 are reflected below.

## CHORE SERVICE - July 2017 - June 2018

| Town           | Population | Workers From | Earnings by Those Workers |  | Number of Clients From | Hours of Service For Those Clients |
|----------------|------------|--------------|---------------------------|--|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Canaan         | 3,186      | 8            | \$ 14,334                 |  | 51                     | 3,191                              |
| Cornwall       | 1,420      | 6            | \$ 5,580                  |  | 19                     | 621                                |
| Falls Village  | 490        | 1            | \$ 789                    |  | 9                      | 134                                |
| Kent           | 2,819      | 4            | \$ 3,570                  |  | 25                     | 847                                |
| Norfolk        | 1,632      | 3            | \$ 21,704                 |  | 6                      | 183                                |
| NY & MA State  | N/A        | 1            | \$ 2,268                  |  | N/A                    | N/A                                |
| Other CT Towns | N/A        | 5            | \$ 14,930                 |  | N/A                    | N/A                                |
| Salisbury      | 3,618      | 11           | \$ 25,011                 |  | 45                     | 1,913                              |
| Sharon         | 2,714      | 8            | \$ 25,172                 |  | 31                     | 1,499                              |
| Total          | 15,879     | 47           | \$ 113,358                |  | 186                    | 8,388                              |



**INCOME**  
July '17- June '18



**EXPENSES**  
July '17 - June '18



## Using the Chore Service

If you live in  
Canaan, Cornwall,  
Falls Village, Kent,  
Norfolk,  
Salisbury/Lakeville,  
or Sharon,

we can help with chores

at home. Older and handicapped people are asked for a "suggested contribution" since grants partially subsidize their services.

However, anyone can use the Chore Service.

Our workers are local, caring and reliable.

If you'd like to use the program, work or volunteer please call

**(860) 435-9177**

or your local Social Service Agent.

Also you can visit us at:

**www.choreservice.org**

## CLIENT FUND NEEDS SUPPORT

In April of 2010 Chore started a special Client Fund with a donation of \$3,000 for the purpose of paying for "special" expenses that clients might have. This fund is to pay for things such as snow removal, mowing of lawns, trash pick-up, minor home repairs and medical equipment that is not covered by any other resources.

This past summer was a long one with our early warm weather so mowing of lawns was quite expensive. We never know what winter will bring, but snow or ice are certain, there will be a need to help some clients who cannot afford to keep their driveways and walkways safe.

Because of the demand for these essential services, we need to continually raise additional dollars for the Client Fund. To make a designated contribution to the Client Fund, you can write "Chore Service Client Fund" in the memo of your check.



Tax-free gifts can be made by IRA holders who are 70-1/2 years or older to Chore from their IRA Required Minimum Distribution. These gifts must be made directly from the IRA account before 12/31/18 and can be in any amount up to the total of the Required Minimum Distribution. Please check with your advisor if you wish to take advantage of this gifting option.

**La Bonne's Rebate Program**  
The Chore Service is a participant in the  
"Cash for Charities Rebate Program"  
If you shop there, do send your register receipts to us. LaBonne's will donate 1% of the non-taxable amount to the Chore Service. *Thank you!*



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