

CHORE NEWS

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

FALL 2017

25th Anniversary Celebration

July 29, 2017
LionRock Farm, Sharon, CT

On Saturday, July 29th, the Chore Service celebrated its 25th Anniversary with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at Elaine LaRoche's magical LionRock Farm in Sharon, CT. We are so grateful to Elaine for providing this magnificent setting with its beautiful gardens and breathtaking views of the famous Twin Oaks field and Taconic mountain range.

Over 350 people attended the celebration on a lovely sunny evening under a beautifully decorated tent with an amazing sunset over the mountains. Once again James Newman from New York City played the piano creating wonderful music and Lee Kennedy of Jam Food Shop provided outstanding and delicious hors d'oeuvres.

A lively live auction of six fantastic items was led by Board member Priscilla McCord and raised \$8,000. Auction items were donated by Bob Avian and Peter Pileski, Sophie and Alfred Portale, Phyllis Nauts, Consolini & Tonan Landscape Design, Kent Greenhouse and Gardens, Douglas Dockery Thomas and Lea Davies and Larry Power. Items included



tickets to Miss Saigon, dinner at Gotham Bar and Grill, a week stay at a 19th century stone home in the South of France, 100 daffodils planted, a large apple tree planted, a tour of Untermyer Gardens in Yonkers, NY and lunch and a tour of two private gardens and lunch.

In addition, 27 silent auction items were snapped right up raising \$3,000! These items included health and outdoor activities, theater entertainment, computer support, wine and spirits, gourmet specialties and items for the home – and we thank all the many donors for these great items.

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LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

As I think back about the 25 years of Chore's existence, I remember the first time I heard about this organization. It was at a small gathering at a Sharon home where Ella Clark passionately talked about the mission of helping elderly and disabled residents live safely and independently at home. Ella's talk was so compelling that I felt I must support this organization. That meeting was over 15 years ago and I am pleased to report that Chore is still going strong, on sound financial footing and needed more than ever.

Recently, I read an article in *The New York Times* about the growing epidemic of social isolation in America. It reported that social isolation is having dire physical, mental and emotional consequences. The percentage of American adults who say they are lonely has doubled from 20% to 40% since the 1980's. The article also highlighted that about one-third of Americans older than 65 now live alone and as do half of those over 85. All of this information reminded me of how important our dedicated workers are to our clients. They become de facto family members helping to combat elderly social isolation.

Over the summer, political discourse on healthcare, including significant proposed cuts to Medicaid, once again reminded me of the vulnerability of our elderly. Thanks to your continued support of Chore, our clients do not have to give up in-home assistance in order to afford food, heating oil and medications.

To this point, the Board, the Staff, the 49 workers and our 217 clients are very grateful for your support. You should be proud of the fact that our contributions have made a tremendous difference in the lives of our local senior citizens. Your continued support is essential to help us meet the growing demand.

Lea Davies
Board President

BOARD MEMBER NEWS



VOLSTAD JOINS BOARD

Chore is pleased to announce that Michael Voldstad has joined its Board. Lea Davies, President of the Board, said "Mike is a great addition with his legal, financial and business background."

Mike, a lawyer for more than 40 years, has lived and worked in New York, San Francisco and London. He has practiced primarily in the field of public finance. Mike is a graduate of Holy Cross and the University of Virginia Law School. Mike and his wife Kathy have had a home in Salisbury for more than 20 years. He is a trustee at the Salisbury Congregational Church.

-- Chore Service Board and Staff

Brief History of Chore

In 1992, Ella Clark, a social service agent in Sharon, Connecticut, knew of two families who desperately needed assistance to remain safely and independently in their homes. State and federal programs had been cutting back assistance for at-home care and were more aggressively placing liens on homes. Anyone who knows Ella knows that she was going to do something to help. Ella approached Berkshire-Taconic Community Foundation who provided a start-up grant of \$2,000. The Chore Service was born!

Well the rest, as they say, is history - that was 25 years ago. The demand for Chore services grows every year. We have gone from serving those first two families to helping over 224 clients annually... from providing assistance in four towns to seven today, from employing 21 workers then to 49 part-time workers last year.

Rhoades-Robinson Grant

Chore would like to thank the Rhoades-Robinson Trust Fund for a \$10,000 grant. Chore is very grateful for this generous and continuous support. The mission of the Trust is to help non-profits assist residents of the Town of Sharon. Seven of Chore's part-time workers support 37 Sharon seniors with almost 3,400 hours of service annually.

In-Kind Garden Party Donations



Event

Elaine LaRoche
Moore & More Printing
Joanne Scasso

Live Auction Items

Bob Avian & Peter Pileski
Consolini & Tonan Landscape Design
Lea Davies & Larry Power
Kent Greenhouse & Gardens
Phyllis Nauts
Sophie & Alfred Portale
Douglas Dockery Thomas

Silent Auction Items

Berkshire Mountain Distillers
Big Elm Brewery
Laura Bushey
Canaan YMCA
Casa Bacchus
Kelly Casey
Cornwall Inn
Country Gardeners Florist
Cranwell Spa & Golf Resort
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Norfolk Curling Club
Passports
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The Old Inn on the Green
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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



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 or ask for any financial information when a client requests help from Chore. 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.



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July 1, 2016—September 30, 2017

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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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Garden Party from page 1..

This year, thanks to generous donors, we had a \$10,000 challenge grant in celebration of our 25th year. Our party goers stepped right up to the plate and we went over that challenge, raising \$15,000 – so \$25,000 in total, \$1,000 for each year of service.

We are very grateful to our 107 individual sponsors and 22 business sponsors. Based on their generosity and ticket sales, along with the live and silent auctions and challenge grant, we raised \$109,000. Historically, this is our only fund raising event of the year, so the incredible success this year will go a long way to help us (1) to assist those who cannot safely remain in their homes without the help of Chore Service and (2) to plan for any financial uncertainties due to the 2017-2018 state of federal budgets.

Every year you help make it the most successful and fun Chore event ever. Of course, you did it again this year for our 25th and we thank you so much for your invaluable support!



Foundations Provide Technology Grant

The Chore Service is very grateful for a \$2,000 grant from The Cornwall Foundation and a \$2,500 grant from the Marion Wm. & Alice Edwards Fund, a fund of The Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation. These two grants were awarded to support Chore's efforts in enhancing communications and administrative processes through the use of technology.

"Chore is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year which makes it a great time to continue to modernize our operations as we look toward the future" said Pat Wright, Chore's Executive Director. Some of the benefits of this new technology included enabling people to purchase tickets on-line for our Garden Party Benefit this summer at LionRock Farm in Sharon (see related story) and to bid on-line for auction items.

Lea Davies, Board Chair said, "Both The Cornwall Foundation and The Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation have been very supportive of Chore's capacity building efforts over the years. They have helped fund needed programs to improve our operational capabilities. We are most appreciative for this recent support in helping us to upgrade our technological capabilities."

The Cornwall Foundation was established in 2003 to support the efforts of the town's charities and institutions. Cornwall is one of the seven towns in which Chore helps elderly and disabled citizens live safely and independently at home. The Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation was founded in 1969 with a mission to enrich the quality of life for residents in their twenty town service area in the Northwest Corner.

Chore Donors from page 5..

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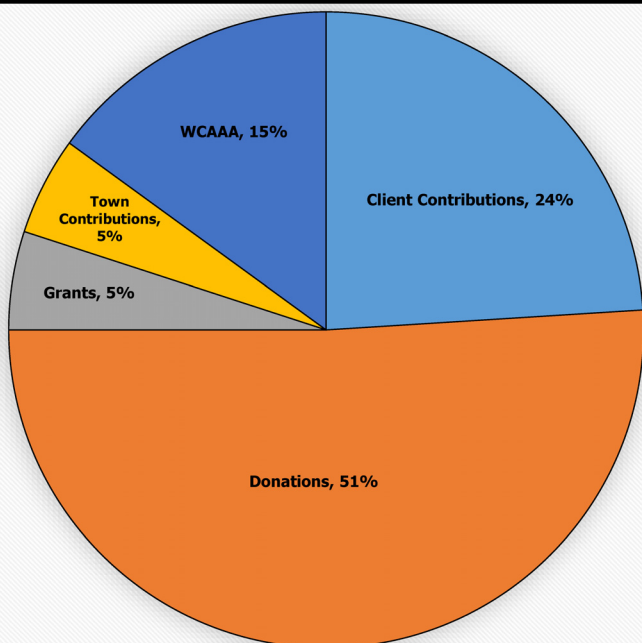
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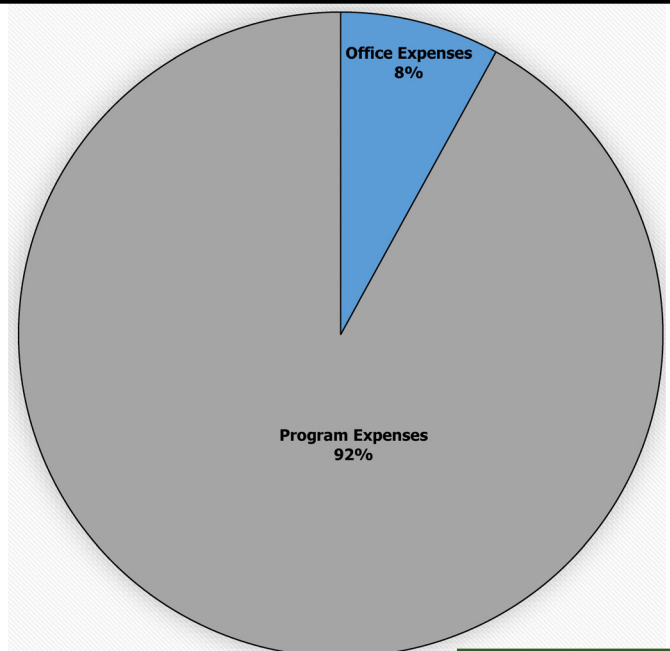
Over the past 15 years we have served 3,452 clients and have provided 278,525 hours of chore service and have employed an average of 96 employees annually. Numbers for the year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 are reflected below.

CHORE SERVICE - July 2016 - June 2017

Town	Population	Workers	Earnings		Number of Clients	Hours of Service
Canaan	3,392	10	\$ 13,800		71	3,772
Cornwall	1,434	6	\$ 10,535		23	1,035
Falls Village	538	2	\$ 7,207		3	90
Kent	2,962	4	\$ 5,969		22	766
Norfolk	1,787	3	\$ 19,762		11	337
NY & MA State	N/A	3	\$ 4,361		N/A	N/A
Other CT Towns	N/A	3	\$ 10,262		N/A	N/A
Salisbury	3,977	11	\$ 53,259		50	2,865
Sharon	3,052	7	\$ 26,795		37	3,398
Total	17,142	49	\$ 151,950		217	12,263



INCOME
July '16 - June '17



EXPENSES
July '16 - June '17



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, there will be a need to help some clients who cannot afford to keep their driveways and walkways safe.

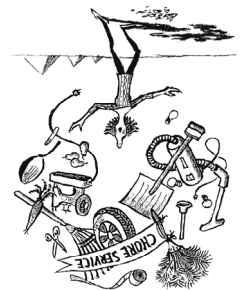
Because of the demand for these essential services, we need to continually raise additional dollars for the Client Fund. To make a designated contribution to the Client Fund, you can write "Chore Service Client Fund" in the memo of your check.

Thank you!



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