

CHORE NEWS

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

FALL 2019

Garden Party Event

June 29, 2019

On Saturday June 29th, Chore celebrated its 27th year with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at Lookout Farm, Graham Klemm and Cody O'Kelly's beautiful home in Sharon. We're grateful to the couple for providing the stunning, top-of-the-world setting—58 acres with sweeping 360-degree views, New York State to the west and Massachusetts to the north.

At a pre-event champagne party, Graham and Cody hosted 60 guests, who were treated to a special tour of their home. Designed by NYC architects McGiver-Morgan, the house has a dramatic open floor plan that opens to large terraces, a fire pit, and an

elongated pool with a hot tub. Graham and Cody suggested the pre-event reception as a way to raise extra funds to support Chore's clients—and it did just that, to the tune of \$15,000!

Over 250 people attended the main event on what turned out to be a lovely summer evening, despite the forecast of hail, 50-mile-an-hour winds and torrential rains, which never materialized. The crowd was able to enjoy the flowering lavender with the backdrop of amazing views. Lee Kennedy, of Jam Food Shop in Sharon, provided delicious hors d'oeuvres, along with cheeses and meats prepared by Stacey Marcin and Mark Hampson of the Cornwall Inn in Cornwall Bridge. David, Jack, and Peter Baker of Litchfield Distillery served a specialty bourbon drink; Dylan

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PEROTTI TO LEAD CHORE BOARD

At Chore's annual meeting on August 26, Dolores Perotti was elected President of the Chore Service Board. Lea Davies, the outgoing President, will remain on the board. Lea said "The Board is thrilled to have Dolores take the reins and lead the organization. She has an in-depth knowledge of the organization and the communities we serve, as well as a strong business background. Dolores has been a Chore worker in the past, giving her a great understanding of client and worker needs."

Dolores was born in Canaan and attended Housatonic Valley Regional High School. She is a graduate of the University of Connecticut with a Bachelor of Science in Landscape Design and Horticulture. She has operated a successful landscaping and garden business in Canaan for 29 years.

Dolores was on the North Canaan Board of Education for 14 years and Chair for six years. In addition to being a soccer coach, she has served on various school committees including the PTO. Dolores is a volunteer gardener for the North Canaan Library and the rectory for St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Dolores is married to Champ Perotti. They built their home on land his great grandparents purchased in the 1920's. They have three children who are fifth generation Canaanites.

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We now have a full-service website! Please visit www.choreservice.org for more information on our services, read client testimonials, meet our staff and board members, see event photos, download an employment application, send us an email and even make an on-line donation!

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.



BOARD MEMBER NEWS



CHAMBERLAIN JOINS BOARD

Chore is pleased to announce that Patricia Chamberlain has joined its Board. Dolores Perotti, President of the Board, said "Patricia is a great addition with her knowledge of the Northwest Corner, as well as her program and policy development, human resources and financial expertise."

Patricia, the former Superintendent for Region One and Supervising Principal for the Sharon Center School is a long-term Sharon resident. She has a Bachelor of Science from George Mason University in Virginia and a Master of Education from Colorado State University. She is a member of the Sharon EMT and represents the Town of Sharon on the Transfer Station project.

OUTGOING BOARD MEMBER

Chore wants to give a very special thanks to Electra Tortorella who has retired from the Board of Directors. Electra's active involvement in our fund development strategy and activities has been invaluable to ensuring Chore's ongoing success. Dolores Perotti, Chore Board President, said "we really appreciate and are very grateful for Electra's commitment and service to the organization!"

-- Chore Service Board and Staff

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Baker of the Sharon Package Store provided the wine and spirits; and Alex Harney manned the sound system. This year, we honored four Chore workers and auctioned off individual bottles of Veuve Cliquot in their honor. Naturally, this well-deserved tribute to our wonderful workers was very well received by our guests.

Graham Klemm led a spirited live auction of four fantastic items. The enthusiastic audience raised just over \$2,800. Auction items were donated by Kent Greenhouse and Gardens Landscape Design and Garden Center, Old Farm Nursery in Lakeville, Consolini & Tonan Landscape Design in Norfolk, Gary Steinkohl and Casey Cook of Cornwall Bridge, and Sharon Package Store.

Cody O'Kelly helped gather many wonderful silent auction items from our local merchants, including

Grey NY/New England, Clean Beauty Collective, Lambertson/Truex, Thorncrest Farm & Milk House Chocolates in Goshen, Cornwall Inn and Sharon Package Store, which raised over \$2,400.

Many thanks to over 106 individuals and 13 business sponsors who helped us entirely underwrite this event. We are lucky to live in a community that always comes out in full force and makes our only fundraising event of the year a smashing success. With your continued help, Chore can provide workers to help our seniors remain in their homes feeling safe and secure.

Once again, our gratitude to Graham and Cody, who worked tirelessly on every aspect of this event to help make it succeed so brilliantly. And, of course, we thank you, our donors—your support is deeply appreciated.

Enjoy the beautiful Fall!





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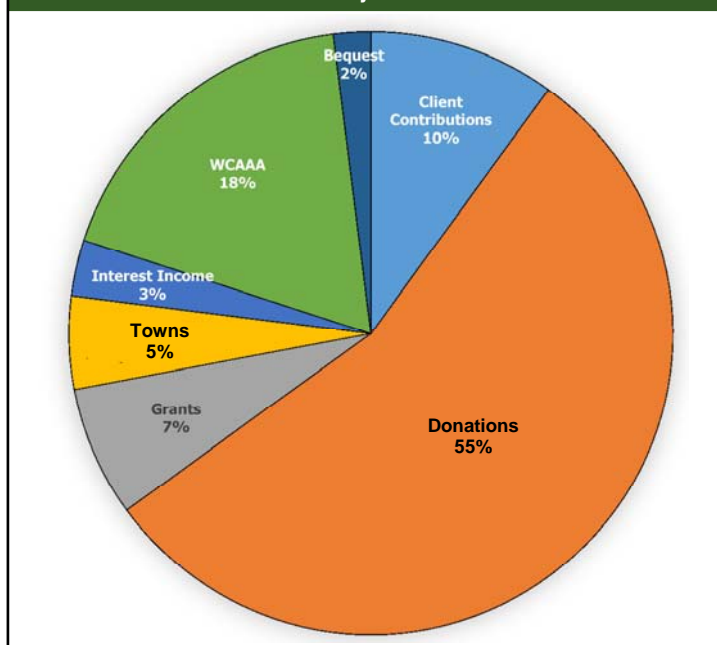
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Numbers for the year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 are reflected below.

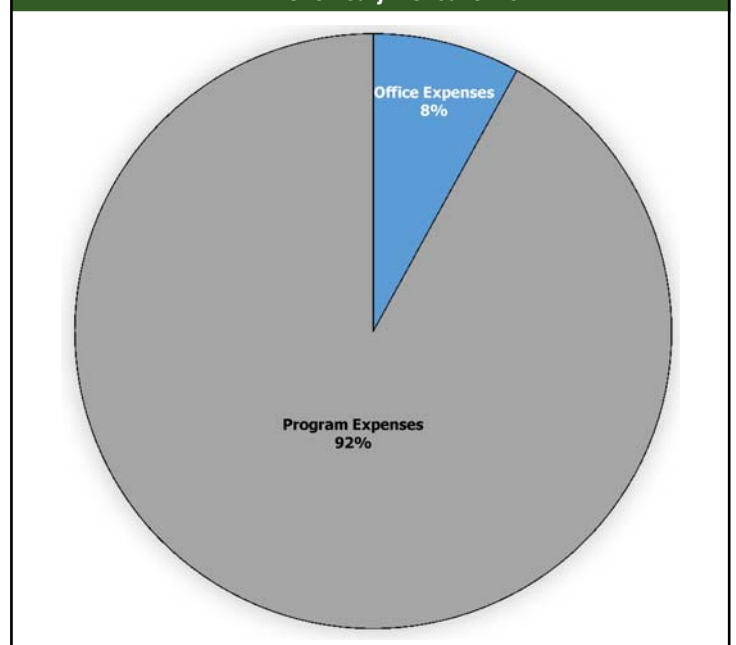
CHORE SERVICE - July 2018 - June 2019

Town	Population	Workers From	Earnings by Those Workers		Number of Clients From	Hours of Service For Those Clients
Canaan	3,186	8	\$ 14,343		42	2,227
Cornwall	1,420	5	\$ 5,225		15	671
Falls Village	490	2	\$ 6,944		1	31
Kent	2,819	4	\$ 1,923		27	833
Norfolk	1,632	2	\$ 14,982		14	357
NY & MA State	N/A	1	\$ 1,128		N/A	N/A
Other CT Towns	N/A	5	\$ 13,431		N/A	N/A
Salisbury	3,618	10	\$ 23,593		46	2,142
Sharon	2,714	7	\$ 20,545		26	814
Total	15,879	44	\$ 102,114		171	7,075

INCOME - July '18- June '19



EXPENSES - July '18- June '19





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.

Even though this past summer was hot and dry, with the rainy spring mowing of lawns was quite expensive. We never know what winter will bring, but the Farmer's Almanac predicts a cold, wet winter. Snow and ice are certain, so 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 12/31/19 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.

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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

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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

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Foothills Visiting Nurse and Home Care, Winsted

(860) 379-8561

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(860) 354-2216

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(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

Rhoades-Robinson Grant

Chore would like to thank the Rhoades-Robinson Trust Fund for its \$15,000 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. Seven Sharon residents who work for Chore part-time provide 26 Sharon seniors with over 800 hours of service annually.

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.

Four Chore Workers Honored at Garden Party

Four Chore Workers were honored at the Garden Party in June for the “out of the ordinary” assistance they provided clients over the past year. Roger McNealy, a Chore Worker since 2014, responded to a call late in the afternoon to help a new client. Jane, Chore’s Program Director, received a call from Sharon Hospital that a gentleman was being released home and he had no money, no food in his home and no way to get any there. Jane called Roger and he immediately said he would help out. Jane, using funds from the Client Fund at Chore Service, bought some food and Roger took it to the gentleman as he arrived home. Roger made sure that he was set until other help could arrive in a day or two.

Again, late in the afternoon, Jane received a frantic call from one of

our “occasional” clients and she was worried because she had an inspection on Monday and she needed help cleaning. In some of the senior apartment complexes, there are routine inspections for cleanliness and safety, and if these inspections are not passed, the senior can be evicted. It is not unusual for us to receive these calls with very little notice. This time, it was Theresa Flint and Laura Bottari who came to the rescue! After taking care of their regular clients on that day, the two of them went to this apartment and worked into the night and returned the next day to assure that it was clean for the Monday inspection.

The fourth Chore Worker honored was Haidee Freund. Haidee has been with Chore Service for 20 years! It is amazing to think of how

many hours and how many clients Haidee has helped over those 20 years. When we looked it up, Haidee has provided 13,460 hours of assistance to seniors in our communities!

Chore Service is lucky to have over 30 Chore Workers at any given time caring for the seniors in our communities. They all do special things for their clients, and all are invaluable. It was nice at the Garden Party to be able to honor just a few of these dedicated workers by auctioning off bottles of Champagne in their name. Thank you to ALL of our Chore workers, and thank you to ALL of our donors who make this possible!



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