

CHORE NEWS

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

2016

The 2016 Chore Service Garden Party

July 30, 2016
Home of Michael Trapp, Sharon CT

On Saturday July 30th, the Chore Service celebrated its 24th year with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the beautiful and elegant Sharon home of Michael Trapp, the renowned landscape designer and antiques dealer. We are so grateful to Michael for all his hard work in creating an absolutely magnificent setting.

Over 350 people purchased tickets and more than 200 attended braving the gentle and sometimes steady rain. Everyone seemed so happy to finally have a little rain and moved about the property easily and happily exploring all the many different gardens. Again this year, James Newman from New York City played the piano creating wonderful music and Jam Food Shop provided the outstanding and delicious hors d'oeuvres.

The rain definitely tried to alter our plans but the show had to go on and a LIVELY live auction was led by Board member Priscilla McCord with Board President Lea Davies. Auction items were donated by John Green, Consolini and Tonan Landscape Design, Old Farm Nursery, Kent Greenhouse and Gardens and



Elizabeth Park Gardens in Hartford.. We are very grateful for their generosity.

One of the highlights of the auction was the beautiful 3 bedroom Irish Cottage located in Southwestern Ireland. Our environment that night, misty and beautiful rolling green hills, reminded us of Ireland and was enthusiastically bid on and ended up selling twice to three very happy couples.

Every year we raise money for "Fund the Cause." These funds go to provide needed services that are not covered by State/Federal grants. Services include lawn mowing, snow plowing, air conditioners, medical equipment such

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LETTER FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Over the past couple of years, Chore has seen the rules change in terms of how we can utilize our State grant. We saw funding per client cut from 20 to 8 hours a month – only two hours a week per client. Who can clean a home in two hours? In addition, these funds can no longer be used to transport clients to doctor appointments or to grocery stores. Our elderly clients continue to need these services so of course Chore has picked-up the tab. We made this happen through the generosity of our donors.

Just a month ago we received our 2016-17 State grant which was reduced by \$6,000 (10%). For a small non-profit like Chore, this is a big bump in the road. The success of our July Garden Party at Michael Trapp's home in Sharon and the generosity of donors who enabled us to match an anonymous challenge grant will help a lot. However, it will not close the gap.

The irony of the grant reduction is that if we are unable to help our seniors stay in their homes, the next option is assisted living or nursing home care which is significantly more expensive and cost residents more in taxes. But as we all know, logic is not always what determines decisions.

Before Thanksgiving, you all will be receiving our annual appeal. We appreciate so much your past support and generosity to Chore, and in turn, your support of the most vulnerable people in our communities. Your continuous support for 2017 is very important to us, our 230 clients, and 50 part-time workers and we are most grateful.

Lea Davies
Board President

BOARD MEMBER NEWS



ACKERMAN JOINS BOARD

Chore is pleased to announce that Ceely Ackerman has joined its Board. Lea Davies, President of the Board, said "Ceely is a great addition with over 30 years of work experience and expertise in the social services non-profit business world."

Ceely's Director and Executive Director leadership positions have focused on programs such as family involvement in out-of-school learning opportunities in the greater New Haven area; community-wide early childhood collaboration that brought together families, corporations, public school systems and providers of health and human services; establishing a nationally recognized substance abuse prevention and treatment coalition across 15 CT towns and coordinating 350 volunteers to serve meals daily to 100 elderly and home-bound citizens through Meals on Wheels in Stamford.

Ceely has served on the Board of Directors for the Center for Women & Families in Bridgeport, CT and the Amesville Association. In addition she has served on the Northwest YMCA Canaan Branch Advisory Committee and has volunteered as a Big Sister for 25 years.

Ceely has a BA from the University of Connecticut and a MS from the University of Bridgeport. She and her husband reside in Salisbury in the hamlet of Amesville.



-- Chore Service Board and Staff

We have Moved



Early in October the Chore Service offices moved to **15 Academy Street in Salisbury**. This is exciting for numerous reasons, including that we are located on the ground floor, are handicap accessible, and have a very visible location. Now clients and other community members can visit us without difficulty. In case you are not familiar with Academy Street, we are right past LaBonnes market in the long red building. Soon our sign will be up so we can be easily identified. If you would like to visit us and need a ramp, the entrance from Library Street is accessible. Our telephone number and mailing address remained the same. We hope you will drop in to visit!

Mailing address: PO Box 522, Lakeville, CT 06039

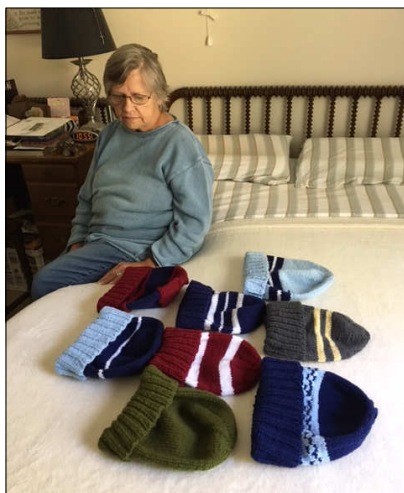
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A Visit With a Chore Client

Chore clients come from every walk of life. Some are fairly new to the area or have gradually moved here over a number of years from other locations. Some have been here their entire lives. This is the case for Gwen Lorenzo of Canaan. Gwen currently lives in an apartment in Wangum Village, a mere half mile from where she grew up as a child. She grew up in a house that is now a doctor's office, near where the railroad tracks used to be.....with parents that were active in the local community. A home where people gathered often and knew that there would be assistance when the weather was bad and power was out throughout town.

As with most Chore clients, Gwen has fascinating stories about what it was like when she was younger. Her mother was an opera singer in New York City, her father worked for the power company. Her grandmother came from Sweden and her grandfather was an artist. She has a beautiful painting he did on the wall near one she herself did a number of years ago. She has two children, one son who lives locally and a daughter in New Hampshire. They are very happy that she has Chore to help her. Gwen and her worker, Evelyn Sackett, have been together for over three years.

What does Gwen do to keep busy now? She knits hats for sailors. Reading a magazine one day she found an organization in New York City that has a location by the docks for sailors to go for food, clothing.....and Gwen's hats. Her hats, of any color imaginable, sit on a table with other items for sailors to take as needed. They can, and do, go to many places around the world as ships from anywhere stop in to port from time to time. One thank you she received was from a sailor in Africa who was very happy to have the hat to keep his head warm at sea. In 3 hours Gwen can take a ball of yarn and make something that helps someone else and can travel the world.....all this from Canaan!



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.

Numbers You May Need

Social Services	Meal Sites	Senior Centers
Canaan (860) 824-3133 ext. 110		
Cornwall (860) 672-2603		
Falls Village (860) 824-9855	824-9855	824-9855
Kent (860) 927-1586	927-2055	927-2055
Norfolk (860) 542-5829	542-5434	
Salisbury/Lakeville (860) 435-5187/5191	435-5197	435-5197
Sharon (860) 364-1003	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 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
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		
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For Cornwall Residents, medical		
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Garden Party from page 1..

as grab bars in showers, etc. as well as providing extra hours of chore time.

This year, thanks to a very generous donor, Chore received a \$10,000 challenge grant. We had a month to raise the matching funds. Well thanks to our amazing guests we raised over \$12,000 that night. We were overwhelmed with the outpouring of support.

The auction items brought in \$11,300 and together with sponsorship, ticket sales and donations, we were able to raise just over \$95,156. 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 to assist those who cannot safely remain in their homes without the help of Chore Service.

Every year you help make it the most successful Chore event ever. Of course, you did it again this year. Thank you so much for your invaluable support.

Next year will be our **25th Anniversary** and we will look forward to celebrating with you.



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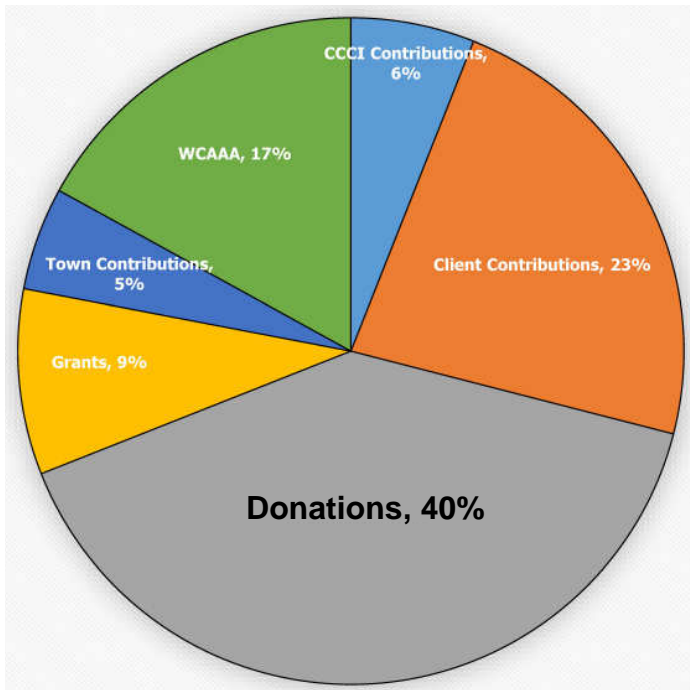
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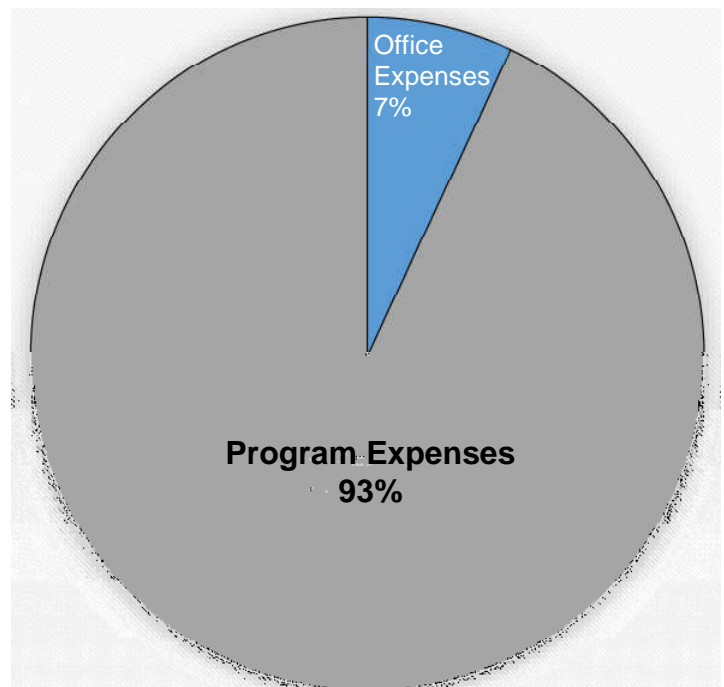
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CHORE SERVICE - July 2015 - June 2016

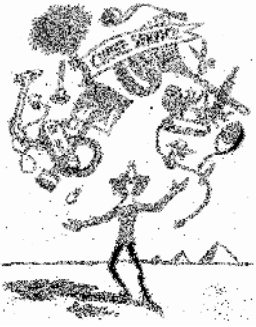
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Canaan	3,353	16	\$ 35,381		66	5,329
Cornwall	1,437	8	\$ 15,658		30	1,698.75
Falls Village	1,077	4	\$ 4,009		5	372
Kent	2,856	8	\$ 10,885		29	1,361.75
Norfolk	1,657	4	\$ 22,001		14	1,062.25
NY & MA State	N/A	7	\$ 11,325		1	100.25
Other CT Towns	N/A	3	\$ 10,262		N/A	N/A
Salisbury	3,974	12	\$ 56,931		47	2,588.25
Sharon	2,969	9	\$ 29,035		32	2,483
Total	17,323	71	\$ 195,487		224	14,995



INCOME
July '15 - June '16



EXPENSES
July '15 - June '16



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 or work or
volunteer for it, please call

(860) 435-9177

or your local Social Service Agent.

Also you can visit us at:

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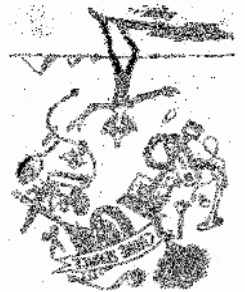
In April of 2010 Chore started a special Client Fund with a donation of \$3,000 for the purpose of paying for "special" expenses that clients might have. This fund was used to pay for the cost share for CCCI clients, but continues to be used to pay for things such as snow removal, mowing of lawns, trash 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 and we expect a long, snowy winter this year according to the Farmer's Almanac and weather forecast. This means that there will be many times that plowing is needed for the few clients who have no other means to clear their driveways for safety and mobility.

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!

La Bonne's Rebate Program
The Chore Service is a participant in the
"Cash for Charities Rebate Program"
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