

# Staying in Touch

Helping older New Canaan residents live confidently at home and stay engaged in the community by providing practical services and social connections.

# 2022-2023 Annual Report

# **CHEERS TO 15 YEARS!**

Dear Friends,

**Staying Put in New Canaan** celebrated a milestone anniversary in 2023 – 15 years of providing service to New Canaan seniors!

With your support, we have made a significant impact in the lives of New Canaan seniors. This year alone, you made it possible for **Staying Put in New Canaan** to:

- Help New Canaan seniors live confidently in their own homes
- Provide hundreds of opportunities for fun and social engagement
- Train over 75 trustworthy volunteers to be of service
- Give almost 1,500 safe and compassionate rides
- Allow community-based intergenerational volunteers to lend a hand
- Enable dedicated staff and caring volunteers to prevent loneliness and isolation
- Invest in **peace of mind** for seniors and their families
- Give assistance, information, and **guidance to address concerns** and resolve issues
- Be a community resource for healthy aging

This annual report provides just a few of the many highlights from the 2022-2023 year. Additionally, our dedicated Board of Directors fine-tuned our mission this year, and we look forward to continuing strategic initiatives to grow the organization, improve what we do, and build for the future.

We can't do this without you! Your support allows us to provide important services to New Canaan seniors. Just as they depend on us, we depend on you, our generous donors and dedicated volunteers, to help us continue to grow with the needs of our seniors.

A remittance envelope is enclosed if you would like to donate, or you can visit us at stayingputnc.org to make an online donation. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Tom Stadler
President, Board of Directors
Staying Put in New Canaan



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Executive Director

Staying Put in New Canaan

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# **JOIN**

Get the support you need to stay right at home where you want to be.

# **VOLUNTEER**

Volunteering with Staying Put in New Canaan is a town-wide effort across all ages.

# SUPPORT

Help keep our members living confidently at home and connected to the community.

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### Our Staff

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# **Our Finances**

Staying Put's financial condition remains healthy and stable. As an independent non-profit organization Staying Put in New Canaan receives no Town, State or Federal funding. Private donations provide the primary source of our funding. We thoughtfully and responsibly spend funds to provide services, assistance and meaningful engagement for the benefit of New Canaan seniors, allowing them to continue living independently at home, and stay socially engaged in our community.

## **OPERATING REVENUE 2022-2023**

| Contributions | \$330,591 |
|---------------|-----------|
| Dues          | \$75,190  |
| Grants        | \$17,853  |
| Programs      | \$5,432   |

Total \$429,066

## **OPERATING EXPENSES 2022-2023**

| Salaries/Benefits         | \$279,515 |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Programs/Member Events    | \$32,833  |
| Rent/Utilities            | \$30,148  |
| Administration/Technology | \$24,147  |
| Insurance/Accounting      | \$17,523  |
| Fundraising               | \$15,884  |
| Marketing                 | \$11,142  |

Total \$411,192

# **Summer Soirée**

Our first Annual Summer Soirée was held at Waveny House and guests enjoyed a delightful evening. Generous sponsors ensured a successful fundraiser. Save the date for next year—June 6, 2024!

# **Our Amazing Volunteers**

Our volunteers are neighbors helping neighbors. We value our trained volunteers, recognize them as a key part of our team, and know we couldn't do what we do without them.



**Help at Home** 







**Technology Assistance** 



# **Our Volunteers**

Betsy Afragola Gary Antonello Jane Armstrong Cindy Bamatter Paul Bamatter Barbara Boccuzzi Joe Bodak Ray Boller Martine Brophy Liz Burt Susie Catlin Joseph Cerami Patricia Chalian Lyn Chivvis Paule Couture Molly DePatie Grace Desiderio Susan Edmands Barbara Faris Christen Farley Gretchen Fedeli Tom Ferguson Denise Gannalo Jeanne Gnuse Grant Hickey

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# **Organizations**

East Elementary School

First Presbyterian Nursery School

National Charity League -Canaan Parish Chapter

New Canaan CARES Craft Club

New Canaan Girl Scouts Troop 50175 and 50592

SLOBS - Service League of Boys

South Elementary School Young Women's League

**Neil Wilson was** awarded the **Hands-On Rookie** of the Year Award by the New Canaan Community **Foundation** 

**Volunteer with us!** 

The rewards are amazing - strengthen our community, give back, and make a difference!

# **Our Year in Photos**

# 15th Anniversary



Our January 8, 2023 birthday party marked 15 years as a nonprofit organization delivering important services to New Canaan's seniors. Cheers to Staying Put's next 15 years!

# **Annual Meeting**



**Spanning Generations** 



helpful assistance, support and kindness to New Canaan seniors, enriching the multigenerational fabric of the community.

Our Annual Meeting on October 12, 2022 was an opportunity to review Staying Put's accomplishments over the past year and to look ahead to the coming year. Our featured guest speaker, Marie Allen of the Southwestern CT Agency on Aging, provided "A Look at Aging".

# **Events**

The year was filled with fun and enriching gatherings, excursions, and programs to be active and connect with others.

97 unique events this year! 1,708 attendees!

# **Cultural Trips**





# **Dining Out**



# **Coffees and Socials**







# **Festivities**



Plus...Book Club, **Lunch and Learn,** Walking Group, **Wine and Cheese** Gatherings, and many more!



# **OUR DONORS**

A big thank you to our donors for supporting **Staying Put in New Canaan** and allowing us to provide important services to New Canaan seniors, their loved ones, and the entire community. We hope we can count on you again!

\$40,000+

Dede and Jim Bartlett

\$5,000-\$39,000 The Anderson Family Fund Carol and George Bauer Ann R. Cohen Lila H. Coleman Sarah O'Neill and Barry Munger Bill Malone M.L.E. Foundation Eleanor O'Neill

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#### **GRANTS**

100+ Women Who Care in Fairfield County Exchange Club of New Canaan Foundation Jeniam Foundation New Canaan Artisans New Canaan Community Foundation Rotary Club of New Canaan

#### SUMMER SOIRÉE **Benefactor**

Betsy and Fred Afragola Anderson Fund

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# YOUR GIFT HELPS NEW **CANAAN SENIORS STAY PUT**

The majority of our funding comes from members of the New Canaan community. Generous neighbors like you help keep our doors open and our seniors safe. Even if you think "I don't need it yet", there may come a time when you'll be grateful that **Staying Put** is here. Won't you please make a taxdeductible gift to help our seniors stay put?

We count on your donations to help New Canaan's seniors. Please send your gift to Staying Put in New Canaan, P.O. Box 484, New Canaan, CT 06840, donate online at www.stayingputnc.org, or contact our office at 203-966-7762 for more information, including making a donation of securities.

Please consider including Staying Put in New Canaan in your estate plans.

Staying Put in New Canaan is a non-profit 501c3 organization and contributions are tax-deductible.

# **OUR KEY SERVICES** assist seniors to age in place



**Help is a Phone Call Away** Caring professionals to turn to for help,

information, referrals, counseling, support and personalized assistance.

# **Transportation**

Door-to-door rides within New Canaan and to local towns.



## **Social Events**

Fun and enriching gatherings, excursions, and programs to be active and connect with others.



## **Groceries and Errands**

Grocery shopping, prescription pick up and other helpful errands.



## **Help at Home**

Minor home repairs, changing ceiling light bulbs, moving heavy objects and more.



# **Technology Assistance**

One-on-one assistance in the home to troubleshoot issues for computers, televisions, cell phones and other electronic devices.



# **Professional Service Providers**

Trustworthy members-only vetted list of home service and repair professionals for hire.



## **Communication and Visits**

Keeping in touch with those who may be facing issues of loneliness and isolation.



## **Community Resource**

Education, advice and referrals for healthy aging.