

Neighbor to Neighbor



Program Director's Note

Dear Neighbor to Neighbor Community,

The leaves are beginning their gorgeous decent and the nights are getting chilly. This will be my second fall in Manchester, and although I know what to expect, I am excited daily by my surroundings. I started working for Neighbor to Neighbor in July, and I feel as though I am getting to know more about this amazing organization each day.

In August 2016, my son and I moved to Manchester from the San Francisco Bay Area. A native Oaklander, I was ready for an adventure, and my son was starting school at Union College in New York. We packed up all of our belongings and headed east, and here we are!

My goal as Program Director is to make Neighbor to Neighbor even more well-known in the Northshire towns we serve. Those who know of us have nothing but praise, but there are many elderly residents who remain isolated in their homes and many people who would love to volunteer a few hours each week to help. By volunteering, you are helping our neighbors immensely. When I speak with care recipients on the phone, I feel as though I might be the only person they talk with that day.

Neighbor to Neighbor runs on the generosity of our volunteers who give their time, energy, and gasoline to help our care recipients remain independent in their own homes. This is no small feat. Rides must be coordinated, accommodations for mobility must be made, food prepared and delivered, and kind hearts are required to visit our care recipients and share a cup of tea or an afternoon at the movies.

I am so lucky to work with a gracious, patient, and loving group of volunteers. The way that you step up to help Neighbor to Neighbor daily is incredible. My desperate emails and pleas of last-minute help don't seem to faze you, and for that (and so much more), I am most appreciative.

My sincere thanks go to Kate Coss, former director and all-around angel, for her wisdom and hands-on help getting me up to speed on the daily workings of N2N. Kate's profound desire to help, along with her immense storehouse of information and ideas, inspire me to continue her work and make her proud. THANK YOU, KATE!

A giant thank you goes out to our wonderful Neighbor to Neighbor donors. Donations make up the largest part of our operating budget, and without your generous support, we simply could not do our work to help seniors remain independent in their own homes. You make everything possible, and we are grateful for your ongoing support.

Kind Regards,
Robin



Message from the Steering Committee Co-Chairs

As we start our winter season, we, as the new Co-Chairs of the N2N Steering Committee, want to welcome Robin as our new Program Director. She is energetic, full of wonderful ideas, and has quickly learned the ins and outs of her job and the organization. We know that you all join us in wishing her well. We want to extend a warm welcome to two new Steering Committee members as well: Micki Lisman and Michele Pagan. And a big thanks to Connie Stewart for helping us over the summer. We also want to thank you for your support as we reorganize and continue the good works of Neighbor to Neighbor.

Kathy Malley



Steering Committee

- Kathy Malley, Co-Chair
- Elizabeth Karet, Co-Chair
- Phyllis Gottdiener
- Rehana Grip
- Micki Lisman
- Dee Myrvang
- Michele Pagán
- Martha Thompson

Program Director

Robin Galguera



New Steering Committee Member: Micki Lisman

Micki Lisman adopted Vermont in the early '60s, when she became an undergraduate at the University of Vermont. She then worked with tax exempt organizations on a professional basis for many years and credits those years of professional service with her total involvement in volunteer organizations (as a volunteer) ever since she moved to Vermont as a full-time resident. She has been on the board of the Interfaith Council for about 10 years

and is also on the board of the Food Cupboard. She joined the Steering Committee of Neighbor to Neighbor this year and wants to get to know everyone who participates in this wonderful organization, care givers and care recipients, and other volunteers. Micki has been skiing at Stratton since 1980 and she and her husband have also spent many happy and arduous hours biking in the local area. They recently moved to East Dorset and are

looking forward to many more years in the beautiful mountains of Vermont.



Kate Coss and Robin Galguera

Website Updated

Please take a look at our new website. You will find information about N2N, stories of our volunteers and care recipients, and an easy way to donate via PayPal.

THANK YOU, KATE COSS!

As you look at the picture above, you can see two new friends who met over the summer and hold Neighbor to Neighbor in their hearts. Kate Coss has been of immeasurable help in keeping us humming and in showing Robin how our organization works. She was tireless in her efforts and always cheerful. We all owe her a great deal of gratitude and hope she will be around to be part of Neighbor to Neighbor for a long time to come.



Neighbor to Neighbor Mission Statement:

To assist our neighbors to live independently by providing no-cost, volunteer services that help to nurture relationships.

Volunteer Thanks You!



We are Neighbor to Neighbor!

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 Whitney Scherer
 June Sherwin
 Phil Sherwin
 Connie Stewart
 Phil Stewart
 Morgan Taylor
 Martha Thompson
 Paul Turnley
 Sheila Walker
 Rene Wilson

New Volunteer & Steering Committee Member: Michele Pagán

This fall Michele Pagán contacted Neighbor to Neighbor to learn about our organization. Within a month she had signed on as a volunteer & was paired up with a care recipient who shared Michele’s love of gardening but needed someone to help her with garden work. Next, Michele decided to find out more about our Steering Committee. In a few more weeks, she had become our

newest member. We are very happy to welcome her to the N2N team. Michele has deep roots in Vermont. Her great-grandparents were Vermonters, & Michele grew up in Bennington and Rutland. She moved to Washington DC & lived there for about 30 years. She learned about an organization there called *The Village*; its mission is similar to N2N’s. When she and

her husband retired to Vermont, & bought a very old house in East Dorset, Michele was looking for a way to make a difference in the lives of everyday people in her community. She found it, and we are glad she did!



I was brought up to respect my elders, so now I don’t have to respect anybody.

—George Burns



Irene & Calvin the cat.

Care Recipient Spotlight: Irene Merritt

Irene Merritt has been involved with N2N for several years and “loves everything about it.” She has been a resident of Vermont for over 30 years, coming from Long Island, New York, where she worked for Brookhaven Labs. She currently lives in Manchester with her two birds, a canary and a parakeet, and her extensive collection of Hummel figurines.

She is a great lover of animals; while living in Pawlet, she even raised sheep. She has also taken up the difficult task of growing orchids. She is a great asset to Neighbor to Neighbor with her cheery smile and quick wit.

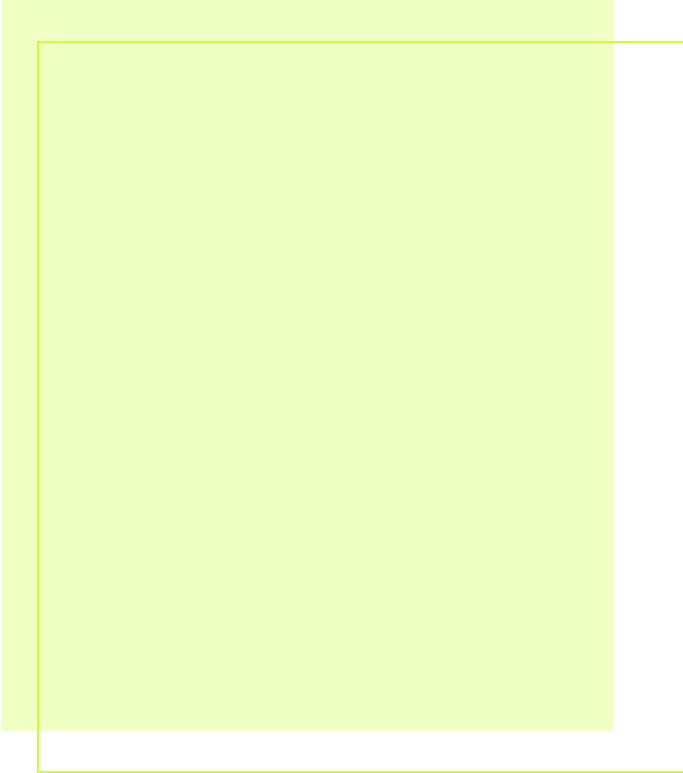


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In Memorium: Our N2N Friend, Jim Milton

We are sad to report that our dear Neighbor to Neighbor friend, volunteer, and care recipient Jim Milton passed away on October 23rd, 2017, after a long battle with cancer. Jim was always first in line to offer help, and many long-time N2N community members have fond memories of Jim standing in front of the sink at FCC washing dishes after a monthly event.

