

### Our Coordinator's Corner

Spring has arrived in Goshen and Goshen Community Care and Hospice volunteers are out in the community driving residents to appointments, visiting the home bound and residents in the nursing homes and hospitals, preparing a meal, hospice volunteering and helping out at the Tuesday senior social.

Our Tuesday senior social is the happening place to be. We offer light refreshments, cards, scrabble, dominos and Mahjong. The first Tuesday of the month (weather permitting) **lunch is served at 12:30 pm** which is sponsored by the **Connecticut Community Foundation**. Our senior social offers socialization, monthly informational topics, and upcoming senior trips through the recreation department. We meet in the Fellowship room under the Congregational Church at the rotary from **1:00-3:30 pm**.

Would you be interested in becoming a volunteer? Many opportunities are available as well as the flexibility to meet your personal needs. We offer many opportunities including driving to appointments, visitation (home, hospital and nursing home) friendly phone calls, short term meals, hospice volunteers, water booth volunteers and senior social helpers. Do you have some time to share with our residents? We would love to hear from you! We touch the lives of many of our residents and we are, "Neighbors helping Neighbors "What a gift our volunteers are to our community!

For more information call **860-491-(HOPE) 4673**

Debbie DiPietro , Coordinator for GCC&H

**"No act of kindness no matter how small is ever wasted."** Aesop

Thank you Crystal Rock for supporting our organization and our biggest fund raiser!

**Water, Water  
Everywhere,  
But Where?  
At the World  
Famous Goshen  
Fair!**



**Join us for the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Goshen Fair on  
September 1, 2 and 3 2018.**

Goshen Community Care and Hospice will again be the exclusive vendor for bottled water at the fair. The proceeds of all water sales go directly to benefit our goal of Neighbors Helping Neighbors. GCCH never charges for its services and exists thanks to the generosity of volunteers and donations from individuals, families and groups in the community. We appreciate all the support that you have given in the past and look forward to seeing you again this year. We will be manning two booths just as we have done in the past: one near the center of the midway and the second booth will be located at the south end of the midway next to the Pig Barn. LOOK for our blue and white water signs swaying in the breeze...come and quench your thirst!! We are very fortunate to have great volunteers in each booth. They will be happy not only to sell you water and our GCCH ornament of the year but will be glad to tell all about the good deeds and services accomplished by our organization.

Please come and help us live out our mission statement of "neighbors helping neighbors". We appreciate your help in reaching our goal.



**Light Up  
A  
Life!**

Every first Sunday of December, Goshen Community Care and Hospice lights up the Holiday tree and celebrates the holiday season by remembering those we loved, that came before us.

Our loved ones are honored at the Old Town Hall with song, prayer, flowers and the reading of their names from the Book of Remembrance. The ceremony is followed by the lighting of the tree outside and delicious snacks and hot cider.

Each year, the program cover is designed by a local artist. Larry Thoms gave us the painting for 2017.

Please join us once again on December 2, 2018 at the Old Town Hall as we remember our loved ones and light up our Goshen holiday tree. Our local artist for 2018 is Laura Day.

### Note From the GCC&H President

As I come to the completion of my 6 year term, I want to thank everyone that I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with through Goshen Community Care & Hospice especially our wonderful staff, Debbie & Laurie.

I would like to extend an invitation to anyone in our community to consider joining our Board of Directors. We need folks with many different talents and knowledge. Can you repair medical equipment in our loan closet, write a grant, help make financial decisions, organize a program, write thank you notes, and volunteer your time at our fundraisers. We need YOU! It is a wonderful way to get to know your neighbors!

[Debra Nadaskay](#)

### Looking Back on 2017

Number of volunteers - 70+

Volunteer miles- 4989

Volunteer hours- 1650

Rides -51

Clients - 60

Hospice clients - 4

Bereavement attendees - 3

Medical Loan Closet- 60+

Senior social events scheduled 52

Number of seniors attending senior

Social/ Lunch program - 25-33



### Can you keep a secret?

Goshen Community Care & Hospice is designing a new ornament for 2018.

### So, they have an ornament every year?

But this ornament will be available for year-round purchase. It will commemorate the establishment of our town, cast in pewter and designed by a local artist. The proceeds will support the work of Goshen Hospice and it will still only cost \$10.00.

**Can't wait to see it at the Fair!!!**

