



# RSVP BULLETIN

Winter 2006-2007

*The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of  
S.W.CT.*

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## COMMUNITIES SERVED

Darien  
Greenwich  
New Canaan  
Norwalk  
Stamford  
Weston  
Westport  
Wilton

### *Message From the Director, Teri Klein*



We wish everyone healthy, happy holidays. We are thankful for all our active volunteers who are making a real difference in the community.

Special recognition goes to the **Norwalk Tree Alliance** volunteers who received the 2006 award of Excellence for Community Trees and Urban Forestry by the U.S. Conference on Mayors and the Home Depot Foundation. The award was presented at the Dedication of the Rosa Parks Arboretum this fall. The Arboretum which was designed by our volunteers in cooperation with the City of Norwalk is located behind the Columbus Magnet School and will be used as a resource for the Elementary School Science curriculum.

Kudos to the **Liberation Programs (Norwalk & Stamford)** which provided a lovely luncheon for our volunteers who craft blankets and other warm items for the children of their program and assist with mailings. It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to meet each other.

Cheers to the volunteers who helped "**Norwalk Reads**" distribute hundreds of books to elementary school children at the Norwalk Libraries and community centers this fall.

We are delighted to be distributing thousands of hats, mittens, scarves, blankets and other warm "comfort items" to children and families this winter season. Our volunteers have been busy knitting them all year long.

A very special thank you to our funding sources: The Corporation for National and Community Service, the City of Norwalk, the Fitzpatrick Trust, the State of Connecticut, Department of Social Services, The Town of Wilton, The United Way of Norwalk and Wilton, and the Wal-Mart Foundation.

### **Congratulations to....**

Marge Ferris, volunteer with the Girl Scout Council of SW CT, who was featured in the Fall issue of the "Sou'wester Breeze" for her work with the council. Their office relies on her do all assignments related to mailings and office management with efficiency and "signature precision".



## **Volunteer Opportunities!!!**

**Stamford Museum & Nature Center** - Various opportunities available, short and long term, including pre-school aides; help in different departments; gallery attendants; etc. Opportunities can be made available to your interests and skills.

**Norwalk Health Center** - Health Literacy Program, Financial Literacy & Nutrition Literacy- facilitate mini lessons to adult patients. Training provided. Flexible schedule.

**Stepping Stones Museum** - Looking for educators to assist with museum programs and the new Healthyville exhibit.

**Save The Children** - Volunteers are needed for the "Traveling Trunk" Exhibit. Bring artifacts from all over the world to fourth graders in Westport.

**Knitting Instructors** - We are receiving several requests for volunteers who can teach beginning knitting to diverse populations.

**Plus, our ongoing volunteer opportunities:**

- Reading and tutoring to children
- Assisting travelers at the Darien Welcome Center
- Helping with mailings
- Supporting special events (Family Fun Nights, Fairs, etc)
- Aid local wildlife or support a domestic animal shelter
- Flu Clinics, Blood Drives, Museum docents and much more

Please contact Caterina Sullivan, Outreach Coordinator for more information, 203 899 2443- [csullivan@neon-norwalk.org](mailto:csullivan@neon-norwalk.org)

**Thank** you from “Kambi” goes out to all our volunteers who took the time to create beautiful quilts, blankets, hats, mittens, scarves and other unique creations. The distribution this year has been another wonderful success thanks to all of you. Your efforts are among some of the very best holiday gifts many will receive during the holiday season. Although the final tally is not complete you have created over 2000 individual items!! They are all going to those who need it most in the community.

*A poem of appreciation*

*“At times like this when we are down and out, One may feel as if they are all alone.  
One day all of the sudden someone shows you a very kind act that says to you, “I am  
someone who is cared about”.  
Even a friend out of nowhere helps to make this house our home. Thank you!”  
Kambi (She received a handcrafted blanket & baby outfit from RSVP)*

# WELCOME

## **A Big Welcome to Our New Volunteers!!!**

Berenstein, Yakov  
Betts, Margie  
Charette, Irene  
Carroll, Ruth Ann  
DiNapoli, Erma  
Doxtator, Helen  
Emro, Jane M.  
Fein, Linda F.  
Ferrara, Sophia  
Fulton, Barbara  
Giorgio, Joyce

Glodowski, Jackie  
Gordon, Vaneta  
Hagan, Sue  
Hathaway, Polly  
Hudson, Patricia  
Huse, Carole  
Iacono, Joseph  
Kanas, Ann  
Koerug, Lynn  
Lamberston, Judith  
Lenore, Norma  
Letowt, Ricki  
Locher, B. J.

Lom, Winifred  
Marucci, Fannie  
McIntosh, Mary  
McKay, Barbara  
Mills, Judith  
Morganthaler, Phyllis  
Murray, Theresa  
O'Sullivan, Eugenia  
Pavlik, Beverly  
Purowitz, Sandy  
Quentin, James  
Risceglia, Frank

Roesch, Pat  
Russel, Joy  
Sanders, Helen  
Signore, Maria A.  
Smith, Alberta  
Sonntag, Dottie  
Stachelczyk, Pauline  
Stempel, Carolyn  
Swist, Diana  
Watson, Everett  
Weinstein, Joan

### **RSVP Staff**

Teri Klein, Director  
Madeline Bollmann, Secretary  
Caterina Sullivan, Outreach Coordinator  
Del Overby, Wilton Coordinator

From Norwalk Senior Services Coordinating Council:

## **ENERGY ASSISTANCE**

Senior Services Coordinating Council is now taking applications for the Energy Assistance Program. Households with an annual income up to \$19,600 for a single person, up to \$29,400 for a couple are eligible to apply. Asset limits are: Renters \$7,000 and homeowners \$10,000. For more information or an appointment please call Senior Services 203-847-2830.

## **ATTENTION MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES**

Senior Services Coordinating Council will be scheduling appointments through December 29, 2006 for anyone who wants to review their current Medicare prescription coverage and whether to make a change in their coverage for 2007. For more information or an appointment please call 203-847-2830.

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