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Passing the Passion to the Next Generation



isa Lacombe is a 43 year Lold single mom to 16 year old Nick and has been for 11 years now. After being laid off as a commercial interior designer for 11 years, she found herself in need of a job to support herself and her son. Lisa started selling real estate with Prudential Verani Realty just over a year ago and is doing quite well despite being a "rookie". However, as her income is commission based, at times things are just OK, but she knows that there are always other people worse off. "I can't give money but I can give my

ime, which is just as valuable", savs Lisa.

Lisa started volunteering doing deliveries for The CareGivers Caring Cupboard (CCC) program by chance. She was with her nanager on a day Prudential Verani volunteers were delivering groceries to CCC clients, she became aware they were shorthanded for that night's delivery. Without hesitation, Lisa offered to fill in and has been a regular CCC volunteer since.

Lisa states, "I get more back than I give...it's a warm and fuzzy feeling; I don't know how else to describe it. We are touching other people's lives." Lisa's son, Nick, accompanies her frequently on grocery deliveries. She wants him to see other sides of people in this world and for him to realize we all need to help each other. Lisa and her son live in the house that was once her grandmother's and

thanks her for being where she is today. She feels grandparents are necessary to teach the new generation about life's hardships to make them realize that life isn't always about what they want. One of the clients they deliver to is like a grandmother to her son now. "It's all about relationships", says Lisa. "We are the only people they might see in the course of the day. It is filling their lives while filling mine by building relationships.

Lisa wishes she had more time to volunteer, but must balance her life with her service efforts. She sums it all up by simply stating, "I want to spread love whenever I

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Nashua Christian Academy's vision it gave my students the perfect opportunity to plug in", stated statement is 'Passion for God, Janine. Students who have Compassion for People'. In the participated in the birthday Community Outreach elective deliveries have had a great class taught by Janine Myers, experience meeting The they try to embody this vision CareGiver clients, and getting to by selecting local outreach spend a little time chatting with them. "Personally, the students activities that students can plug feel good about cheering people into. Janine heard about The CareGivers a few years ago, and up and making them feel special", thought it would be ideal for says Janine. She thinks the clients themselves especially enjoy seeing the kids to get involved with. young faces. The students have "When CareGivers so graciously offered to drop been participating now for the last birthday balloons and cookies two years and recently held a can good drive to collect cans for The at the school once a month for their Birthday Squad Program, CareGivers Caring Cupboard

food pantry. Students brought in about 250 cans for the can drive! "Since we are a high school with only about 80 students, this is quite an accomplishment", Janine proudly says, "and the students were pleased to help out"



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Happy Birthday

Volunteers

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"I would like to thank you for all you do for presents. You really know what I would do without you. Carolyn, client, age 72

"Profiles of Service" A Board Member's Perspective



Ann Hartman

Why did you become involved with The CareGivers?

My employer, Fidelity Investments, provides opportunities for us to give back to the community by volunteering for various organizations. About a year ago, I began delivering groceries to those in need every month for The CareGivers Caring Cupboard, and it's been a wonderful experience for me. The best part of the night is

visiting with the clients, knowing that for some I am their only visitor for weeks. I often bring my two children along to help while teaching them of the importance of caring for those members of our community who are often forgotten. Recently, I was approached to join the Board of Directors and was happy to accept the job! I truly feel that when you give to others, you

get back so much more. Why do you think the mission of The CareGivers is important for the

I think bridging the gaps that exist in local and government programs and the needs of our citizens is an important part of our mission. Helping the elderly is a way to show our appreciation for these people who gave to the community for many years in one way or another. Whatever I can do to create stability, happiness and

enrich their lives is something l am willing to do and am proud to do it.. It's also a message to send to younger generations. Teaching youth about volunteerism is important for me as well, since one day I will be the one who "needs help!"

What interests you most about The CareGivers organization?

The CareGivers is a nonprofit organization that is funded by donations, so it must meet the challenges of raising enough funds to support the programs through volunteer efforts. Although my favorite duty is making the deliveries to our clients and seeing their appreciation first hand, as a new board member I am also beginning to understand the intricacies of the fundraising process and am welcoming the opportunity to help develop new programs that may be needed for the future.

e CareGivers Caring Cupboard is a mobile food pantry delivering free grocery packages to low income elderly and disabled neighbors.

A Look Inside the Cupboard

	<u>Delivery Business</u> <u>Partners</u>	Households Served	Amount of Groceries
OCTOBER '10	Citizen's Bank, Prudential Verani & UPS	238	8,105 lbs.
NOVEMBER '10	People's United Bank, Prudential Verani, Saint Anselm College & BAE Systems	234	7,926 lbs.
DECEMBER '10	Bedford Presbyterian Church, Prudential Verani & St. Mary's Bank	231	7,260 lbs.
TOTALS		703	23,291 lbs.

In Tribute...

CareGivers olunteer, Cheryl Pearsall, passed way on January

30th 2011. She regularly volunteered with the Caring Cupboard program delivering groceries to the homebound. Cheryl was a very dependable. punctual and cheerful volunteer who was always willing to do more to help the community. Her warm and caring presence will be truly missed.

THANK YOU!

Upcoming Events



Come join us for the 9th Annual Chocolate Lovers Fantasy Event

Sunday, May 22, 2011 at the Radisson Hotel Manchester from 12 Noon to 3 PM. This signature event offers chocolate enthusiasts an indulgent day of "everything chocolate" for a single admission fee. A unique variety of vendors offer samples of their favorite chocolate themed creations and products. Retail sales are available by some vendors. as well. In addition, attendees have an opportunity to participate in silent auction shopping, numerous raffles for chances to

win great prizes and enjoy local musical entertainment. This event has grown into a much-anticipated happening in the community and draws 1,500 attendees! Proceeds help support the programs and services of The CareGivers, Inc. Visit our website at www.caregiversnh.org to purchase your tickets today.



Short News

This past November, The CareGivers. Inc. hosted its Outstanding CareGiver Volunteer of the Year Recognition Event. Heather Bishop, WZID Radio Personality, was the guest speaker. The CareGivers was delighted to honor Rodman Leavell, a Greater Manchester volunteer, John Patenaude, a Greater Nashua volunteer and Fidelity Investments, a volunteer group. These award recipients go above and beyond as CareGiver volunteers. Thank you and congratulations to all.



From left to right: Donny Guillemette, President & CEO of The CareGivers, Ann Hartman of Fidelity Investments, John Patenaude and Rodman Leavell



Ovide Lamontagne (right), Board Member of the Bishop's Charitable Assistance Fund, presents Donny R. Guillemette, President & CEO of The CareGivers, Inc., with a check. The grant from the BCAF will be used to support the CareGivers Fresh Food Initiative, ensuring clients receive fresh produce and dairy products with their groceries through the Caring Cupboard mobile food pantry program.



sure to visit The CareGivers, Inc. new website at www.caregiversnh.org and check us out on

Facebook.

Thinking of you...

"I want to thank The The following people generously made donations CareGivers for the food from October 1, 2010 through December 31, you provide to me. I 2010 in honor of and in memory of someone special. would not be able to eat This is truly a wonderful way of showing you care as well as I do without about someone; not only are you paying them your help." tribute, but each contribution helps others in need. Bill, CCC client

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CareGivers "Wish" List

Our item donations make a difference! The L CareGivers understands not everyone can volunteer their time or make a financial contribution, but donating items on our wish list would be an equally appreciated and rewarding way to help. All the items on the list below, in one way or another, help us provide a better life for the frail, elderly, and disabled we serve. Our most needed items will be updated in this quarterly newsletter. Thanks for your steadfast

- ♥ Gas cards for volunteer recognition and our agency's Caring Van.
- ♥ Grocery store gift cards in any denomination for Caring Cupboard supplemental needs.
- ♥ Birthday, Thank You and Sympathy cards.
- ♥ Items for our Caring Cupboard such as:
 - Canned pears
 - Canned peaches
 - Canned pineapple
 - Canned mixed vegetables
 - Tomato/spaghetti sauce
 - Beef stew
 - Vegetable soup
 - Canned ravioli
 - Granola bars



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