

Agency Name:	Columbus House Inc.	Contact Name:	Robin Jenkins
City/Town Served:	Wallingford area		
CAN:	CAN 8	Email Address	rienkins@columbushouse.org

Grant Period	12/01/25 - 04/15/26	18 Week program
Grant Amount		Proposed Budget-Wallingford Emergency Shelter

Account Name	Amount	Budget Justification
Payroll Wages, Payroll Taxes and Benefits		
Salaries	97,398	Staff salaries
Fica tax	7,519	FICA/SUTA taxes associated with staff salaries
Insurance Expense	21,428	Medical expense associated with staff salaries
Retirement Expense	1,364	Retirement expense associated with staff salaries
Workers Compensation	1,656	Workers Compensation associated with staff salaries
Total Personnel Costs	129,364	
Other Program Expenses (Detail)		
Staff Mileage	350	Staff mileage reimbursement
Insurance	1,845	Libility insurance.
Food	12,096	Daily meals at \$15 per client per day, includessnacks and beverages.
Facilities	12,115	Includes: Utilities, maintenance, pest control, trash removal, laundry & cleaning supplie
Data Processing & Office Supplies	1,300	1 Laptop & Basic office essentials
New Hire Costs	500	Cost for recruitment & training
Cell Phone	360	One program cell phone.
Client Basc Needs Assistance	1,500	Clothing, cosmetics and other incidentals.
Office administrative costs	1,683	Cost of PR service, copiers, shredding.
Quality Assurance	5,267	Data collection and verification and programmatic reporting.
Management & support	16,638	Administrative costs
Total Expenses	183,018	

Staffing-Wallingford Emergency Shelter

Program Staff	Position	# Hours Per Week	Hourly Rate	# Weeks	Annual Cost
Employee #1	RSS 2nd Shift	56.00	\$ 19.00	18	\$ 19,152
Employee #2	RSS 2nd Shift	56.00	\$ 19.00	18	\$ 19,152
Employee #3	RSS 3rd Shift	56.00	\$ 19.00	18	\$ 19,152
Employee #4	Case Manager	40.00	\$ 27.50	18	\$ 19,800
Employee #5	Supervision	24.00	\$ 30.00	18	\$ 12,960
Employee #6	Custodian	21.00	\$ 19.00	18	\$ 7,182
Two staff one shift of OT for 11 days	Cold weather provision	176.00	\$ 30.75	-	\$ 5,412
Total Salary Expense					\$ 97,398
Percentage					
FICA & SUTA Taxes			7.72%	\$	7,519
Insurance Expense			22.00%	\$	21,428
Retirement Expense			1.40%	\$	1,364
Workers Compensation			1.70%	\$	1,656
Fringe Benefit Rate		33%	Total Taxes & Benefits		\$ 31,966
Notes: Added staff for cold weather protocol 24/7 operations 11 days.					

	Actual Expense 2024 - 2025	Approved Budget for 2024 - 2025	Requesting Budget for 2025 - 2026
TOTAL Budget Amounts	\$ 32,540.00	\$ 32,540.00	\$ 32,215.00
August Back-To-School Block Dance			
Music	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL Back-To-School Dance	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 0.00
9-11 Memorial Ceremony - (September)			
	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL 9-11 Memorial Ceremony	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Halloween - (October)			
Photo Booth	\$ 500.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
Glow Sticks/Goodie Bags	\$ 776.31	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00
Popcorn/Supplies/etc	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
A to Z Rental - Games	\$ 123.95	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
A to Z Rental - Cotton Candy	\$ 343.44	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Sound Spectrum	\$ 2,762.50	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Thompson Candy	\$ 0.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Lyman Orchards - Donuts	\$ 1,456.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,600.00
Lyman Orchards - Cider <See Above>	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Paper Goods	\$ 15.27	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Tents	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Supplies	\$ 676.32	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Pumpkins	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Costume Replacement	\$ 269.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 200.00
Decoration Replacements	\$ 0.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
TOTAL Halloween	\$ 7,172.79	\$ 7,050.00	\$ 7,750.00
Veteran's Day - (November)			
Plaques	\$ 64.83	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Music	\$ 0.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Miscellaneous - Flag Sticks	\$ 0.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
TOTAL Veteran's Day	\$ 64.83	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Seasons Of Celebration - (December)			
Fun Express - Elves On A Shelf	\$ 531.23	\$ 500.00	\$ 700.00
Fun Express - Novelties Give-A-Ways)	\$ 554.91	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Hot Chocolate	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Tents	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Taylor Rental - Games	\$ 0.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Sign Language Interpreter	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00

Professional Santa Clause	\$	0.00	\$	800.00	\$	800.00
Chestnuts	\$	765.00	\$	700.00	\$	700.00
Popcorn	\$	0.00	\$	125.00	\$	0.00
Ice Carver	\$	650.00	\$	625.00	\$	625.00
Horse & Carriage	\$	1,800.00	\$	1,800.00	\$	1,800.00
Petting Zoo	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
Krafty Kakes	\$	810.00	\$	700.00	\$	900.00
Sound Spectrum	\$	2,700.00	\$	3,500.00	\$	3,500.00
Roaming Railroad	\$	1,650.00	\$	1,650.00	\$	1,650.00
Thompson Candy	\$	1,139.52	\$	1,400.00	\$	1,400.00
Gingerbread Men Supplies	\$	1,732.33	\$	1,600.00	\$	1,800.00
Decoration Replacements	\$	0.00	\$	500.00	\$	500.00
White Way Clean Santa Suit	\$	0.00	\$	90.00	\$	90.00
Miscellaneous Supplies	\$	107.31	\$	225.00	\$	225.00
Printing-The R. Frank Printing Co	\$	124.00	\$	200.00	\$	200.00
Photo Booth	\$	750.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00
Magician/Balloon Artist	\$	450.00	\$	450.00	\$	450.00
TOTAL Seasons Of Celebration	\$	13,764.30	\$	18,365.00	\$	18,840.00

Martin Luther King Day - (January)

Music - New Ensemble	\$	0.00	\$	300.00	\$	300.00
TOTAL Martin Luther King Day	\$	0.00	\$	300.00	\$	300.00

Memorial Day - (May)

Port O Lets	\$	0.00	\$	250.00	\$	250.00
Wreaths - 11	\$	0.00	\$	200.00	\$	200.00
Busses	\$	0.00	\$	1,200.00	\$	1,400.00
Flags - 2575	\$	0.00	\$	2,100.00	\$	2,400.00
Honorarium	\$	0.00	\$	50.00	\$	50.00
Plaques	\$	0.00	\$	150.00	\$	150.00
Flowers	\$	0.00	\$	75.00	\$	75.00
Music	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
Hosting Facility Expense	\$	0.00	\$	300.00	\$	300.00
Miscellaneous	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
TOTAL Memorial Day	\$	0.00	\$	4,325.00	\$	4,825.00

TOTAL W: Wallingford Celebration Expenses	\$	21,001.92	\$	32,540.00	\$	32,215.00
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Funds Remaining \$ 11,538.08



Quinnipiac River Watershed Association

February 4, 2025

Cori Hass, Administrative Aide
Mayor's Office, Town of Wallingford
45 South Main Street, Room 310
Wallingford, CT 06492

Dear Ms. Hass,

This letter is a request for a donation in the amount of \$5,000 be included in the Town of Wallingford's Fiscal Year funding budget that will be used for programming for public education, access, recreation, scientific study and involvement to support the health of the Quinnipiac River and the watershed.

For environmental education programs, public education, access, recreation, scientific study and involvement to support the health of the river and the watershed.....\$5,000

Please remit to:

Quinnipiac River Watershed Association
ATTN: Mike Mordarski, Treasurer
P.O. Box 2825
Meriden, CT 06450

Virginia Chirsky, President

www.qrwa.org

P.O. Box 2825 • Meriden, CT 06450 • (203) 237-2237 • qrwainfo@att.net



John J Nerden RTC Camp
89 Powder Hill Road, Middlefield, CT, Phone (860) 349-9826
P.O. Box 2617, Meriden, CT 06450

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MAYOR'S OFFICE

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December 4, 2024

Town of Wallingford
Office of the Mayor
45 South Main Street
Wallingford, CT 06492

Dear Mayor Cervoni:

Our annual request for support funds for the calendar year 2024 is listed below. This request is made following a successful year of summer and winter recreational programming provided to children and adults with special needs from your town. We calculate these figures by relating the number of days services were provided to individuals from your town to our total costs. This year 11 individuals from your town participated for a total of 244 days, compared to last year when 15 individuals participated for a total of 265 days. This includes our full seven-week summer program, as well as evening and weekend activities throughout the year.

In preparing our request we have made every attempt to be mindful of the plight of City and Town budgets in our current economy. We, as a nonprofit organization continually face increasing costs, and strive to stay within our budget by being cautious and efficient in our management, utilizing the services of volunteers, applying for grants, and keeping our relationships with service clubs, civic organizations, and individuals in the communities we serve strong. We, however, found ourselves faced with a cost we had no control over. The insurance policy covering camp for many years was not renewed this past year because the insurance company stopped covering summer camps. We were able to obtain new insurance at a much higher premium than we had been paying for many years. This expenditure increased to \$26,450 a year and is thus reflected in our per camper day cost. . Since we are a non-profit organization and provide our program at no cost to the families of our campers, we cannot pass that cost on to the parents like other camps do. Going forward, without the funding support from the towns we serve, Camp will go bankrupt.

We ask that you strongly consider honoring our request or a portion thereof for funding. Most of the communities we serve have found that supporting our program is more cost-effective than providing the same summer programming for those with special needs in their town. Your support is crucial to the continuation of our program, offering those with special needs the same opportunities as their non-disabled peers. I will be pleased to respond with any additional information you may need.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL CAMPERS</u>	<u>TOTAL CAMPER DAYS</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>
2024	11	244	\$16,870

Sincerely,

Laurie J. Russell

Laurie J. Russell, President
Board of Directors
203-631-0015



Mayor Vincent Cervoni
Town of Wallingford
45 South Main Street
Wallingford, CT 06492

March 4, 2025

Dear Mayor Cervoni,

On behalf of Master's Manna, thank you for your past support as we help members of the community who are dealing with food insecurity. It is a great source of pride when government takes action to help those in need of assistance.

At this time, we are asking for \$35,000 to help us with our mission. We are seeing an increase in need at the same time we are dealing with increased operational expenses.

Thank you for your generous consideration.

Best regards,

Nancy Stockman
Executive Director



January 2025

Good day,

I would like to introduce ourselves to you. Master's Manna, Inc. a not for profit 501(c)(3), located and established in Wallingford in 2006 serves homeless, near homeless, low to moderate income families and residents who face food insecurity in the greater Wallingford/Meriden area.

At Master's Manna we feed people, we clothe people, and we welcome people. This is accomplished through a food pantry, a dining room and through clothing distributions.

Our pantry serves more than 584 households each month. By appointment, clients shop for food of their choice multiple times a month. We also provide home delivery to about 40 clients. In addition, we serve five meals a week in our family dining room. In December 2024, we served 1,245 meals. We distribute clothing 1 – 2 times per month.

We are located in an old restaurant which allows us to have a commercial kitchen for our meal program as well as warehouse space and our pantry. This allows us to service the greater Wallingford area including other towns such as Meriden, North Haven, Cheshire, Hamden and Durham.

We are supported by the community, predominately Wallingford businesses and residents, including financial support from the Town of Wallingford. Our Board of Directors also solicits grants. We are a basic needs organization -- just trying to help others in our community.

We are reaching out to you is to see if you would be willing to be a great neighbor and help support our worthy cause.

It is through the generosity of individuals like you that we are able to help families facing food insecurity. Businesses help by providing financial and/or food support. Any type of giving is truly appreciated.

We would be happy to meet to further explain our organization and our needs. We also invite you to visit our pantry for a tour.

Thank you for your consideration to this worthy endeavor as we ensure that no one goes hungry.

Sincerely,

Board Member
Master's Manna, Inc
428 South Cherry Street
P.O. Box 4032
Wallingford, CT 06492
203-678-3042



Donor Recognition Wall
Master's Manna Inc.
Food Pantry and Resource Center

Thank You To Our Largest Donors

Signature >\$50k



Champion >\$25k



Town of Wallingford

Star >\$10k to \$25k

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| Amazon | United Way | Boy Scout Food Drive |
| ShopRite | Fosdick | Archbishops Annual Appeal |
| Ben & Lucy Ana Walton Fund | | |

Member \$1k to \$10k

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| HSS | Automatic Door Doctor | Lyman Hall East | Bruegger's Bagels | Wadsworth Family Foundation | Zion Church |
| Center Market | Farmer Joe's | Webster Bank | CUNO Corp | Wallingford Rotary | Napier |
| Wallingford School | Cumberland Farms | Town Fair Tire | Ethos Energy | St Paul's Church | Quinnipiac |
| Wallingford High School | Trail of Terror | | Food Drive | Bagelicious | AAA |
| Post Office Food Drive | | Emergency Food & Shelter | Connex | Wallingford Holiday for Giving | Carbonella & Desarbo |
| | | | KBE construction | First Congregational Church | Cheshire Food Pantry |
| | | | EAG | Frontier Community Service | Swedish Aid Society |
| | | | Aldi's | YMCA | Microsoft |

Master's Manna Inc.
Food Pantry & Resource Center



Sponsorship Levels

Unlock the Power of Giving: Explore Our Sponsorship Levels and Join Us in Making a Difference Together.

Sponsorship Detail	Member \$1k to \$10k	Star \$10k to \$25k	Champion \$25k	Signature \$50k
Website & Facebook posting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Window sticker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shelf/Table Sponsor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Appear on sponsorship ladder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Membership breakfast	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Event sponsorship/signage		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Newsletter listing		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Plaque		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Press release & Newsletter 1X4 add			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Poster at Business			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Van/Truck Signage				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Branding of Family Dining Area				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



Sponsorship Levels

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Signature >\$50k

- All Areas included in lower levels plus
- Exclusive branding of Family Dining Area
- Advertise with your logo on our Van and Truck

Champion >\$25k

- All Areas included in lower levels plus
- Press release & 1x4 add in Newsletter
- Master's Manna sponsorship poster in your lobby

Star >\$10k to \$25k

- All Areas included in lower levels plus
- Recognition in newsletter
- Prominent recognitions at events and marketing materials, Plaque

Member \$1k to \$10k

- Website & Facebook pictures and video posting
- Shelf/Table Sponsor
- Sponsorship window sticker for your business
- Listing on very visible sponsorship ladder
- Join us for annual membership breakfast





Ways You Can Help Feed the Hungry

Our primary goal is to help feed our neighbors that don't have enough food in Wallingford, Meriden and surrounding towns.

We are not federally or state funded, so we are completely dependent on local support.

THESE ARE THE WAYS YOU CAN HELP FEED THE HUNGRY!

Financial Support

Purchase Food, Building Lease and Maintenance, Staff Salaries, Vehicle Gas and Maintenance

Food

Donate Food, Food Drive, Sponsor a Shelf/Table

Volunteering

Board Member, Pantry, Kitchen, Technology, Office

Wallingford Senior Center



WALLINGFORD COMMITTEE ON AGING INC.

February 18, 2025

The Honorable Vincent Cervoni
Mayor, Town of Wallingford
45 South Main Street
Wallingford, CT 06492

Dear Mayor Cervoni:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Wallingford Committee on Aging, I am pleased to submit for your information and approval the formal budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2025–2026. This package also includes the Wallingford Senior Center 2024 Annual Report for your review.

The Wallingford Senior Center continues to be a focal point for older adult services and a wonderful asset to our town, as well as a great source of community pride. Use of the building by other town departments and sponsored groups for events and services include: voting in local, state and national elections, focus groups, topical speakers and presentations, training, special events, entertainment, workshops, meetings, and award ceremonies. These functions benefit not only older adults but the entire community and demonstrate its added value to the town. We remain exceedingly grateful for the town's substantial, ongoing commitment to the older adults of Wallingford without which little of what we do would be possible. We also greatly appreciate the tireless efforts of our hard-working, dedicated staff and our many wonderful volunteers, including our WCOA board of directors who give their time and energy to help us serve our members. It is our privilege to contribute in part, to maintaining Wallingford's strong reputation as a great place to live, work, and retire. I remain confident that the value we provide to the community continues to merit the town's ongoing investment.

I am certain you are well aware of the increased costs of almost everything today and our request reflects that reality. In spite of efforts to trim some line items, other areas such as insurance costs continue to increase. Following our discussion last year, I changed our insurance agency to Acrisure (formerly HD Segur) who is also used by the town and had them shop our coverages. Unfortunately, due to a still unresolved lawsuit from three years ago our options were limited and we were forced to stay with Philadelphia Insurance at an increased premium. We were able to move our executive liability coverage to another carrier this January at a substantial discount (-40%), and Acrisure hopes to find other savings on our general liability, property and umbrella policies when they expire June 30, 2025, as the lawsuit issue has now resolved. They also verified that our worker's compensation insurance premiums were the lowest currently available, although still increased. Telephone costs grew substantially as Frontier Communications tripled our per line charges and our audit and other professional services providers once again posted increases.

As with most budgets, labor costs are the most significant driver and in addition to a modest increase for current staff, again made even more necessary by the upward pressure of continuous state minimum wage increases, the largest portion of this

increase is one that involves current and future needs for the senior center. Our operation has grown tremendously since the building opened in 2001 and since I became Director in 2002, when membership was 2,200 verses our current 4,000 members plus many more nonmember guests. Our facility is home to a vibrant, social model adult day program, *Memory Lane*; a robust transportation program featuring 4 minibuses that provide over 10,000 rides per year; our very popular *Lake View Café* serving over 35,000 meals yearly and consisting of daily breakfasts and lunches plus weekly dinners; our modernly equipped, *Club 60 Plus* workout gym and a Silver Sneakers and Renew Active sponsored wide array of health programs plus numerous well attended exercise classes in our always busy Fitness Room. All these sub operations run in conjunction with our regular senior center classes, groups, clubs, trips, concerts, dances, parties and holiday celebrations plus our many social services and other educational, health and safety promoting programs. A quick glance through our monthly "Prime Times" newsletter tells the story of our centers substantial level of programs and services and why we continue to be the envy of other towns and senior centers throughout our state.

As you can imagine, all this requires tremendous efforts by our staff and volunteers throughout the year. We are now at the point where we need to add a position of a "Facilities Coordinator" to meet the needs for the physical assistance, record keeping, life safety compliance, problem solving and interaction with other town departments and vendors to safely and efficiently manage the center and its activities. I know that this type of position has had a very positive impact when added in the past to the Park & Recreation Department and more recently to the Wallingford Public Library. It is also often difficult for the Public Works Department, with their heavy workload throughout the entire town to provide us with the level of support we often require. I truly believe this position is a necessity for the senior center, especially with a pending transition to a new executive director on July 1, 2025. My desire is to see that the Wallingford Senior Center continues to be a shining star in our great town and a smooth running operation moving forward into the future.

Please do not hesitate to call me should you have any questions prior to our meeting.

Sincerely,

William T. Viola, Jr.
Executive Director

cc: Comptroller's Office

Enclosures: WCOA FY2025-2026 Proposed Budget & 2024 Annual Report
Improvements to WSC

Improvements made to WSC since 2015 at no cost to the town:

- Replaced all flooring throughout the entire building (carpet, tile, vinyl planking etc.) except in the kitchen and utility rooms. Great Room carpet, \$42,000 in 2019 and various flooring projects since 2015; Work done by Colonial Flooring, total cost approximately **\$100,000**.
- In 2015, we converted what was the Creative Arts Room into our Club 60 Plus Fitness center and changed the was the Computer Room into a new Creative Arts Room. This included all brand new fitness equipment (\$79,000), lighting and electrical \$5,000, flooring \$2000, plumbing \$2,000, mirrors \$1,500, painting \$5,000, removing and reinstalling cabinetry \$2,500. Total cost approx. **\$97,000**.
- Replaced entire telephone system by Link Solutions, cost **\$7,890** in 2015.
- In 2017, had Window Products Inc. replace widow treatments in Activity Room, Fitness Room and Memory Lane cost **\$8,600**.
- Advanced Security Technologies installed a four camera video system plus staff panic buttons, \$ 6,065 in 2018. Upgraded with four additional cameras in 2021, \$3,765. Total cost **\$9,850**
- Southington Rustic Fence repaired split rail fence \$1,500. CT Tree Stump cleared brush 2x \$1,500 in rear of building. Total cost **\$4,500**.
- Replaced all the interior light fixtures and light bulbs (except 2' x 4' units being done by attrition by town electrician) with LED type bulbs and fixtures. During 2020 Covid closure **\$20,000**.
- Hired Ferraro's Painting for interior of building painting during 2020 Covid closure **\$30,000**.
- Purchased and had installed hands free toilet flushers and faucets for rest rooms during 2020 Covid closure **\$7,328.18**.
- Had automatic door openers installed by AA Lockserve on main restroom doors 5/2020 **\$4,644**.
- Had Kitteridge Equipment replace the Hobart conveyor type dish washing machine in the kitchen **\$19,931.17** in 2019.
- Purchased and installed a new Manitowoc Ice Machine in 2021 **\$2,355**.
- Purchased and installed a new Beverage Air Sandwich Maker refrigerator **\$3,641** in 2022.
- Four WSC Ford E350 buses were purchased on behalf of the town, the first three, 2015, 2017, 2019 all with 80% State DOT 5310 grant funding ($\$52,000 \times 3 = \$156,000$) with town paying remaining 20%. The newest 2024 bus was purchased for **\$122,640** outright by the WCOA utilizing a Covid ERC refund we applied for and received from the IRS.
- Our FY 22-23 budget request to the town was reduced by **\$90,000** utilizing leftover prior year funds due to Covid closures.
- Our FY 23-24 budget request to the town was reduced by **\$92,407.89** utilizing an additional ERC refund from the IRS.
- In 2023 & 2024 applied for grants and received **\$19,500** in ARPA funds from the South Central Area Agency on Aging and **\$25,000** in ARPA funding from the town which was used to pay for a licensed mental health provider to run support groups and provide individualized therapy for individuals affected by Covid, depression, anxiety, grief and loss. *In 2024, these programs provided 524 units of Group Therapy and 92 units of Individual Therapy.*
- In 2024 utilized almost **\$100,000** in State of CT ARPA funding to have Reliable Refrigeration Plus replace one rooftop HVAC unit, 2 rooftop exhaust fans, all thermostats and volume dampers and associated wiring throughout the building. Also, install two new main control panels, (\$33,000 remains for future related use).
- In 2024, had Image 360 create and installed a new Senior Center sign with LED message board, also including sign frame for SCOW, cost **\$41,102**.
- Southington Rustic Fence replaced entire split rail fence across the back of the property in July 2024, **\$8,488.24**.
- WSC Bocce Courts were refurbished by Maisano Bros. Construction in the Fall 2024 - installed drainage, new court materials and cleaned and reset the walls, Cost **\$25,000**.

Total \$ 1,000,521

*Does not include any repairs, furniture, computers, servers, copiers and other minor equipment.

WALLINGFORD COMMITTEE ON AGING, INC.
WALLINGFORD SENIOR CENTER

FY 2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET
2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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Wallingford Senior Center

WALLINGFORD COMMITTEE ON AGING, INC.

WALLINGFORD SENIOR CENTER

ESTABLISHED MAY 1971

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Wallingford Senior Center is to provide services and programs for older adults of the Wallingford community that promote their well-being, support their independence and encourage their involvement in community life.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Wallingford Senior Center, operated by the nonprofit, 501 (c) 3 Wallingford Committee on Aging Inc. with significant support from the Town of Wallingford, functions as a multi-purpose facility in accordance with the standards developed by the National Council on the Aging (NCOA) and National Institute of Senior Centers (NISC) as evidenced by our third national accreditation by NISC in May of 2018. Membership at the center is open to all Wallingford residents, age 60 and over. The Center was designated by the South-Central Connecticut Agency on Aging in 1977 as the Community Focal Point to provide services, programs, information assistance, referrals and advocacy in the areas of health, nutrition, recreation, education, transportation, housing, employment and finances.

The Wallingford Senior Center currently has approximately 3,985 registered members, who are current town residents (plus a few members who have moved out of town) age 60 and over. Approximately 32.7% of our members are male and 67.3% are female. In terms of age: 8% of our members are age 60 to 64, 17% are 65 to 69, 22% are 70 to 74, 23% are 75 to 79 and 30% are 80 and over with an average age of 75.76.

**WALLINGFORD COMMITTEE ON AGING
BUDGET FY 2025-2026**

SENIOR CENTER OPERATION

FY 2025-2026

FY 2024-2025

Receipts

1. Cash-Town Contribution	866,305	780,274
2. Carryover	2,579	2,244
3. Interest	20	20
4. Memory Lane Income	60,000	60,000
5. TOTAL OPERATIONS RECEIPTS	928,904	842,538

Disbursements

6. Salaries	646,584	582,098
7. Pensions	29,579	28,145
8. Payroll Taxes	49,892	47,825
9. Health Benefits	118,341	107,655
10. Workers Comp	3,500	2,403
11. Staff Travel	2,100	2,010
12. Meetings, Seminars, Dues	3,250	3,250
13. Liability Insurance	25,307	23,181
14. Telephone	3,600	1,820
15. Office Expenses & Supplies	6,400	6,500
16. Equipment	2,100	2,200
17. Maintenance/Repair	3,300	3,500
18. Audit	9,500	9,000
19. Memory Lane Expense	7,000	8,000
20. Town Building Lease	1	1
21. Postage – Office	250	250
22. Printing	2,500	1,500
23. Professional Services	7,500	5,000
24. Continuing Ed. & Training Exp.	800	800
25. Facility Expenses & Supplies	7,400	7,400
26. TOTAL OPERATIONS DISBURSEMENTS	928,904	842,538

	FY 2025-2026	FY 2024-2025
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Receipts

27. Cash-Town Contribution	219,205	205,271
28. Carryover	860	748
29. Bus Income	3,500	3,750
30. TOTAL TRANSPORTATION RECEIPTS	223,556	209,769

Disbursements

31. Salaries	149,066	140,006
32. Pensions	7,453	7,000
33. Payroll Taxes	12,834	12,140
34. Health Benefits	19,501	16,827
35. Workers' Compensation	12,150	11,277
36. Fuel	13,230	13,755
37. Maintenance	6,250	6,000
38. Insurance	3,080	2,763
39. Bus Lease	1	1
40. TOTAL TRANSPORTATION	223,556	209,769

41. TOTAL TOWN CONTRIBUTION REQUESTED (OPERATIONS & TRANSPORTATION)	1,085,510	985,545
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WALLINGFORD SENIOR CENTER OPERATIONS FY 2025-2026

RECEIPTS

1. Cash – Town Contribution
Town contribution towards expenses.
2. Carryover
Carryover funds from FY 2023-2024 \$3,439 in total used to offset FY 2025-2026 request. 80% for operations and 20% for transportation.
3. Interest
Portions of the town monthly cash contributions are kept in an interest-bearing account.
4. Memory Lane Program Income
10 Clients @ \$25.00 per day for 240 days.
5. Total Operations Receipts
Total of line items 1 to 4 to cover Senior Center Operations expense.

DISBURSEMENTS

6. Salaries
Salaries for 5 salaried and 9 hourly staff; with a 3% total increase over the previous year plus minimum wage adjustments and addition of new Facilities Coordinator position.
7. Pension Benefits
A budget of 5% of employee wages will be contributed to a Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) for all employees who have completed one year.
8. Payroll Taxes
Includes employer contribution to FICA, Medicare and Unemployment Tax paid to the Unemployment Services Trust (UST) Program.
9. Health Benefits
Anthem BC/BS current cost of coverage for five salaried employees: \$133,628 with an estimated 8% increase (\$144,318) less employees 18% contribution \$ 25,977 = \$ 118,341.
10. Workers' Compensation
Based on current 2025 calendar year cost (\$15,268 + 2.5% (for 1/1/26 – 6/30/26) = \$15,650 [\$3,500 – Operations, \$12,150 – Transportation]) charges include expense constant and assessment charges.
11. Staff Travel
Mileage reimbursement for staff of .70 cents per mile for 3,000 miles.
12. Meetings, Seminars & Dues
Professional and technical publications, meetings, conferences and membership dues to professional organizations for all staff and the organization itself.

13. Liability Insurance
Commercial General Liability Policy, Commercial Property Coverage (\$20,461); an additional \$1,000,000 umbrella policy (\$2,486); Director and Officers Liability, including Employment Practices; Fiduciary Liability, Internet and Workplace Violence Coverage (\$1,864). Last year's actual total premiums of \$24,811 plus an estimated 2% increase.
14. Telephone
Basic service with caller ID and long-distance coverage *(Frontier tripled the per line charge from \$10 to \$30 this year).
15. Office Expenses and Supplies
Office supplies, paper goods, and advertising/personnel recruitment costs.
16. Equipment
Small office equipment, furniture, and computer equipment.
17. Maintenance and Repair
Service contracts on office equipment and service fees.
18. Audit
Annual independent auditor fee for all accounts. Fee for 2024 \$9,400 + \$100 anticipated increase for 2025.
19. Memory Lane Expense
Cost of supplies, meals and transportation for participants.
20. Town Building Lease
Building Lease with Town of Wallingford.
21. Postage
Mailing of general office correspondence.
22. Printing
Printing of brochures, business cards, stationery, and other membership information.
23. Professional Services
Attorney fees, temporary help, payroll service, and computer service and support fees.
24. Education and Training
Staff professional development: workshops, training, seminars, and course fees.
25. Facility Expenses & Supplies
Copier lease, cable TV, internet service, offsite computer file back up, and filtered water fee.
26. Total of Operating Disbursements
Total of line items 6 to 25.

**ELDERLY TRANSPORTATION
FY 2025-2026**

RECEIPTS

- 27. Cash – Town Contribution
Town contribution towards expenses.
- 28. Carryover
Carryover funds from FY 2023-2024 \$3,439 in total used to offset FY 2025-2026 request.
80% for operations and 20% for transportation.
- 29. Bus Income
Estimated passenger donations.
- 30. Total Transportation Receipts
Total of line items 27 to 29.

DISBURSEMENTS

- 31. Salaries
Salary cost for the equivalent of 2 full-time and 1 part-time driver(s), and 5 part-time Bus Aides, it includes a 3% increase.
- 32. Pension Benefits
Distributions based on 5% of employee wages will be contributed to a Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) for all employees who have completed one year of employment.
- 33. Payroll Taxes
Includes FICA, Medicare, and State Unemployment.
- 34. Health Benefits
Blue Cross/Blue Shield current cost of coverage for one full time staff: \$21,230 with an estimated 8% increase (\$22,928), less 18% employee contribution of \$4,127 = \$18,801 + \$700 drivers medical exam reimbursement = \$19,501.
- 35. Workers' Compensation
Based on current 2025 calendar year cost (\$15,268 + 2.5% (for 1/1/26 – 6/30/26) = \$15,650 [\$3,500 – Operations, \$12,150 – Transportation]) charges include expense constant and assessment charges.
- 36. Fuel
5,250 gallons @ \$ 2.52/gal.
- 37. Maintenance
Estimated cost for preventative maintenance, oil changes, tires, brakes, & other repairs.
- 38. Insurance
Estimated (current year actual of \$2,933 + 5%) cost of insurance under the Town of Wallingford fleet policy.

39. Bus Lease

Three CT-DOT 5310 grant purchased 2019, 2017 and 2015 mini-buses, plus one newly purchased (fully funded by the WCOA) 2024 minibus, all owned by the Town of Wallingford and sub-leased to the Senior Center.

40. Total Transportation Disbursements

Total of line items 33 to 39.

41. Total Town Contribution Requested

Total cash contribution requested from town in line 1 (Operations) and line 27 (Transportation).

**WALLINGFORD COMMITTEE ON AGING, INC.
WALLINGFORD SENIOR CENTER**

**FY 2025-2026 BUDGET ATTACHMENTS &
2024 ANNUAL REPORT**

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Wallingford Senior Center

WALLINGFORD COMMITTEE ON AGING INC.



Following several years of struggling with the challenges of the pandemic and its continued rippling effects, 2024 finally felt normal, with measurable growth in operations and attendance levels. Although still experiencing occasional surges of illness from flu, Norovirus, RSV and Covid, among both staff and members, the strong participation levels and enthusiasm are very encouraging. Our center membership, in spite of adding 373 new members this year has fluctuated in the 3,900 – 4,000 range, due to the fact that we diligently remove not only members who are deceased but also those who fail to renew annually, once a ninety day grace period ends. Although this policy resulted in 514 people being removed from our rolls, we feel that it more accurately reflects our true, active membership. Weekly program attendance showed an increase of 7.6%, going from 40,009 to 43,051 in 2024. In addition, our monthly classes, groups, and workshops attendance rose 12.7% from 4,431 to 4,995. Our special events numbers grew by 23.5% with 6,361 attendees versus 5,110 the prior year. Travel program participation remained steady with 531 people taking trips, compared to 552 in 2023. We also saw a significant 19.2% increase in social service units provided, rising from 3,332 to 3,972 in 2024. We also continued to partner with other town departments and community entities for sharing the building to host events such as the Fire Department Awards Ceremony, International Day and SCOW's Mariachi Academy Annual Recital.

The Senior Center and the Wallingford Committee on Aging (WCOA) has always sought to maintain the highest level of services as well as optimal condition of the building and all its equipment, including the senior transportation buses, with the least amount of expense to the taxpayers of our town. To that end, when we received another ERC refund of \$149,063.20 (the previous ERC refund of \$92,407.89 was used to reduce our FY 23-24 budget request), former Mayor Dickinson recommended it be used for the capital needs of the senior center. We immediately ordered and received in January a new 2024 minibus at a full cost of \$122,940. The 3 buses already in our fleet had all been purchased with hard earned, DOT 5310 grants covering 80% of their costs. We also applied for a State of CT, senior center specific ARPA grant totaling \$131,942, which upon approval was used to upgrade and repair the HVAC systems at the senior center. This included replacing one of the four rooftop HVAC units, two large rooftop exhaust fan units, two main control panels, all wiring, dampers and thermostats throughout the entire building, thus relieving the town and the public works department of the costs for these much needed repairs. Other projects completed in 2024 at no cost to the town were: the installation of a long sought after electronic sign with LED message board, at the top of our driveway which included framing for a sign for SCOW (\$41,102); Replacing the entire split rail fence across the back of the facility (\$8,488.24); Refurbishing our bocce courts by installing new drainage, new surface materials, cleaning and resetting the walls (\$25,000). Two ARPA grants, one from the South Central Area Agency on Aging for \$19,500 and one from the Town for \$25,000 were utilized to pay a licensed therapist to run 2 support groups and 1:1 therapy for those older adults affected by grief, isolation, depression and anxiety related to Covid or other issues. In 2024, 524 units of Group Therapy and 92 of Individual Therapy were provided at no cost to those in need.

Once again, the center completed another successful, annual independent audit by Carney, Roy & Gerrol, PC, showing we are in great condition financially and that our practices, transparency and accountability are meeting and actually exceeding the highest standards in the nonprofit sector. Despite a number of long and short term health issues and illnesses, the senior center staff remained stable throughout 2024 with the exception of the retirement of Program Director Karen Anderson following over eleven years of excellent service. She was replaced by her assistant, Program Coordinator Erin Ambler in July and Alyson Pasquariello was hired to fill Erin's position shortly thereafter. Our staff remains dedicated, hard working and highly flexible, always willing to pitch in and cover other positions as needed and to work together and carry on our vital mission of providing the highest level of programs, special events and services to the older adults of the Wallingford community.

WALLINGFORD SENIOR CENTER ELDERLY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

WSC Transportation Department buses once again logged over 30,000 miles and provided 9,197 rides in 2024, surpassing both the mileage and the 8,694 riders from 2023. Numbers from the second half of the year indicate a significant increase in utilization of our services by Wallingford seniors. Still quite noteworthy is the, ever-growing number of *passengers requiring significant assistance*, with 58% of our regular passengers requiring some special accommodations when using our services. This continuously increasing level of frailty in our riders, with many using canes, walkers or wheelchairs, remains the primary justification for our part-time transportation escorts. These bus aides help us to maintain a comfortable level of safety for both staff and passengers plus a notable increase in speed and efficiency since the drivers are not forced to constantly exit and re-enter the bus. Even with the extra help of the bus aides, the time and effort required, is a factor in reducing the overall number of rides we are able to provide. Unfortunately, the rising minimum wage over the recent years including the January 1, 2024, increase to \$15.69 and the January 1, 2025 raise to \$16.25 per hour has negatively impacted our budget and has continued to cause wage compression with our other employees. This is again, necessarily reflected in our budget request. We continue to believe our in-town services enable many older adults to remain in their homes, delaying or preventing institutionalization, and maintaining their links to family and the community. Voluntary donations for our services are accepted and added to the Transportation Account which helps offset the town's contribution.

At the beginning of last year, the center's Transportation Department consisted of three vehicles: a newer 14 passenger 2019 Ford bus added to the fleet in December of 2019, joining the previously acquired 14 passenger 2017 and 2015 Ford buses. All have been purchased via the CT DOT - Federal 5310 grant funding program, with 80% of the cost provided by the grant and the town providing the 20% balance. The title to the 2015 bus was given to the town in early 2021 and also for the 2017 bus in February of 2023 as the DOT releases them after 5 years of properly documented service under the terms of the grants. On January 12, 2024 a new 2024 bus was delivered to us by Matthews Buses. The total cost of \$122,940 was paid for by the WCOA from ERC funds received in 2023 and then registered to the town for use by the senior center. With four, fairly new well maintained vehicles in our fleet, we now possess the flexibility to accommodate scheduled and unscheduled maintenance, special events and local trips.

During normal service, a number of part time drivers operate the buses on weekdays with three buses on the road Tuesdays and Thursdays but only two buses used Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Our services include providing transportation for the Memory Lane Program (Wallingford residents only), transportation for other members to and from the center, scheduled shopping at a number of local grocery and department stores, and appointments (primarily medical, but hairdressing, pharmacy, banking, library and other trips, whenever possible). We also budget a small number of hours to cover a backup driver in the event another driver is out. Much of the administrative time is devoted to radio dispatching, scheduling, maintaining vehicles, supervising drivers and associated paperwork, including maintenance records, which is not fully reflected in this budget. This is performed by the Transportation Coordinator as the main scheduler and dispatcher. The Office Manager, Receptionist and Executive Director all act as backup dispatchers, record keepers and drug testing coordinators and these costs are absorbed in the operations portion of the budget. Throughout the early months of 2024, the transportation department continued to struggle finding drivers with the required "Passenger Endorsement". Fortunately, we were able to hire two new drivers in the second half of the year to provide us with adequate staffing.

The CT Transit buses with their revised routes have provided additional options to many town residents including seniors, although participation levels still appear lower than hoped for. The GNHTD Regional Rides Program remains as the only low cost, door-to-door, off hours, and out-of-town transportation options for seniors in our community. The GNHTD Dial-a-Ride and the Northeast Transportation ADA Program still provide service to disabled residents, including seniors, within ¾ mile of the fixed transit routes. Limited, low cost, out-of-town transportation service is also currently provided by volunteer reliant Senior Transportation Services managed through Meriden Senior Center. Demand for transportation services remains high and we believe this is vital to many seniors in the Wallingford community.



**WALLINGFORD SENIOR CENTER
ELDERLY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
FISCAL YEAR STATISTICS**

Fiscal Year	Miles	Units of Service	Gas/Maintenance cost
01-02	33,007	13,155	(New Buses) 9,699
02-03	32,402	13,665	11,321
03-04	34,053	13,917	10,533
04-05	38,646	16,071	14,930
05-06	39,132	15,915	18,097
06-07	38,704	14,848	16,680
07-08	41,004	15,057	(New Buses) 21,533
08-09	41,052	14,529	25,157
09-10	35,797	13,292	13,837
10-11	35,577	13,127	20,253
11-12	38,282	13,307	23,090
12-13	34,077	10,665	27,500
13-14	35,569	12,983	25,532
14-15	38,413	12,921	(New Bus 9/15) 26,926
15-16	36,266	12,443	28,572
16-17	37,420	11,384	(New Bus 9/17) 22,782
17-18	35,427	11,346	23,780
18-19	33,057	10,768	17,358
*19-20	21,732	5,031	(New Bus 12/19) 10,239
*20-21	10,380	1,700	13,718
*21-22	25,979	7,705	8,194
22-23	31,562	8,997	15,166
23-24	30,030	8,527	(New Bus 1/24) 26,164
7-1-24 to 12-31-24	16,989	4,907	11,139

*Covid-19 Pandemic –interrupted and reduced service

WALLINGFORD SENIOR CENTER MEMORY LANE (ADULT DAY) PROGRAM

The *Memory Lane* Adult Day Program (originally Daily Activities for Independence, or DAI) began at the Wallingford Senior Center in January, 1992 under a three-year regional demonstration grant provided by the South-Central Connecticut Agency on Aging. It was incorporated into the Senior Center Operations Budget in FY 95-96.

Memory Lane offers a unique social-model day program. Participants have some physical, cognitive, social, or psychological special needs, but can continue to be highly active and independent when provided with the appropriate levels of support, individual attention, and therapeutic activity. An assessment and trial visits to the program determine whether a person is appropriate or wishes to participate in the program. Occasional openings resulting from a combination of sickness, death, or discharge are usually filled with referrals that come from a variety of sources, including family members and outside agencies. Families benefit from the respite the program offers them, enabling them to carry on with the demanding role of caregivers. This program has also proven to be a cost-effective way to increase physical and mental functioning, encourage socialization, and delay institutionalization. It has become an alternative to costly medical-model adult care or a convalescent home setting for many families. Paid staff, consisting of a full-time Memory Lane Coordinator, who is a certified Therapeutic Recreation Director (TRD), and two part-time (18 + 12 = 30 hours total) assistants, is supplemented by volunteers, student interns, and other employment program members. A high census and a continuous waiting list for this program in 2003 led to a long-desired expansion to five days per week of service on July 5, 2004. Over the past twenty years, the number of participants has fluctuated at times due to a variety of factors including harsh winter weather, illness and poor awareness. In 2013, the program name was changed and a significant resurgence in census was the result of a renewed marketing effort to expand knowledge and perception of the program in the community. At the same time, a restructured fee schedule was developed, with Wallingford residents attending 4 - 5 days per week paying \$25 per day; \$30 for 2 - 3 days; and a few non-residents paying \$30 or \$35 per day, respectively. This income is used to offset some of the cost to the town.

Although weather and other health issues continued to impact the attendance of the program especially during the winter season, Memory Lane had another solid year statistically, especially reflected in the increased number of new participants. Program Coordinator, Deb Markiewicz, her staff and volunteers have created a loving, comfortable yet engaging and social atmosphere that is well enjoyed by the program participants and greatly appreciated by their families and caregivers. Positive reviews, high satisfaction levels and a heightened awareness in the community has helped maintain the daily census. We are hopeful that a continued focus on marketing to families and caregivers plus increased efforts in networking with local providers will facilitate continued growth and utilization of this valuable resource.

We continue to believe that this is an important and necessary service for the mildly cognitively impaired older adults of the Wallingford community and their families and/or caregivers in order to provide them a safe and healthy environment where they can socialize, remain active mentally and physically, and thereby maintain their independence to the highest possible level for as long as possible.

Calendar Year	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total number of referrals	35	32	34	35
Number who became active participants	13	11	10	18
Total Days of Service	170	238	248	246
Total Units Service	1093	2079	1841	2078

WALLINGFORD SENIOR CENTER **PROGRAM STATISTICS**

Calendar Year	2022	2023	2024
1. Days of Service	245	249	246
2. Recorded Attendance	47,468	47,913	49,854
3. New Members	263	358	373
4. ENP Meals	2,506	2,481	2,287
5. Alternative Meals (Lake View Café)	*25,086	*34,168	* 35,745
6. Bus Units	8,584	8,694	9,197
7. Health Nurse Units	N/A	541	506
8. Health Screenings, Clinics & Groups	503	1,572	2,261
9. Memory Lane Units	2,079	1,841	2,078
10. I & A Units	1,342	1,976	2,621
11. Social Service Units	729	1,356	1,351
12. Monthly & Weekly Program Attendance	34,109	44,440	48,406
13. Special Events Attendance	4,130	5,110	6,361
14. Travel Program Units	451	557	531

- *This estimate of meals (breakfast, lunch & Thursday evening dinners) served by the Lake View Café, our alternative meal program, is based on total revenue divided by \$3.00.
- **Includes: Flu Vaccine Clinic; Foot Care Clinics; Health Education Classes; Hearing Clinics; Aging Gracefully; Reiki; Various Nutrition and Health Educational Programs; and Parkinson's Support Group. (Nurse, Podiatrist, Hartford Healthcare, Home Hearing, ShopRite Dietician, Quinnipiac Univ. & Masonicare combined)

	# of Members	New Members	Recorded Attendance	Transportation Units	ENP Meals	Health Units	Memory Lane	Weekly Groups & Classes	Monthly Program Attendees	Special Events	Travel
Jul 2024	3897	29	4330	811	210	51	177	3665	472	819	53
Jul 2023	4034	33	3886	745	217	31	152	4519	431	864	31
Aug 2024	3922	29	4161	748	160	58	155	3605	442	649	51
Aug 2023	4075	53	3915	788	249	49	168	3744	409	66	73
Sep 2024	3935	23	3995	762	180	42	164	3299	445	1067	54
Sep 2023	4093	38	3984	640	201	59	138	3426	412	422	96
Oct 2024	3977	60	4742	906	207	31	192	3802	418	554	76
Oct 2023	4107	29	3843	700	249	38	160	3571	424	518	68
Nov 2024	3967	30	4072	781	160	40	160	3861	340	564	0
Nov 2023	4137	37	3680	675	210	42	151	3047	431	338	54
Dec 2024	3915	10	3986	899	193	37	187	3472	382	661	75
Dec 2023	4109	11	3799	689	169	50	129	2161	232	737	60

WALLINGFORD SENIOR CENTER 2024 PROGRAM OVERVIEW

2024 was a transitional year for Program Director and Program Coordinator. While it was a difficult goodbye supporting Karen Anderson's decision to retire (at the start of the fiscal year -July 1), it was a smooth transition promoting Erin Ambler to the Program Director's position. Erin made it a priority to maintain uninterrupted programming and make sure the changeover looked seamless all while attending to members requests and suggestions. Throughout the year, the Wallingford Senior Center continued to provide a wide variety of health and wellness, social, recreational, travel and lifelong learning programs and activities. The center also provided volunteer and community service opportunities in order to meet the needs and interests of the older adults of our community.

Alyson Pasquariello, Program Coordinator, was hired in July. She wasted no time assuming her role and embraced managing an additional job responsibility creating content for the new digital WSC sign that was installed in July. The new sign makes it much easier to highlight upcoming events and help communicate to our members and the community. When entertainers come to perform they often comment about seeing their name in lights and how much they like it. She also assumed responsibility for the Afternoon Canteen program and has worked extremely well with volunteers and co-workers.

Club 60+

The fitness center features 11 pieces of cardio equipment: 3 treadmills, 2 elliptical trainers, 3 recumbent cross trainers (upgraded in 2024), an ergometer and 2 recumbent bicycles and a new Precor Recumbent bike which was also added this year. Six dual-function weight resistant machines include: multi press, ab/back, biceps/triceps, lateral pull down/row, leg extension/leg curl, and leg press/calf raise. Free weights and bands are available. Certified fitness trainers are available for orientations and support. A team of volunteers monitors the center during operating hours. Our fitness center, Club 60 Plus, continues to gain new members. A total of 8,666 members worked out in Club 60+ up by over 2000 from the previous year. The total of Club 60+ memberships is 400 which includes paying clients and SilverSneakers/Renew Active participants.

SilverSneakers and Renew Active

The SilverSneakers and Renew Active programs draws in the members to the Club 60+ and the SilverSneakers classes. 2024 generated **16,657** swipes which equated to **\$33,456.00** in revenue down by approximately \$10,000 from last year. The reason for this drop is due to the design of how we get reimbursed from the health insurance companies. The more repeat members swipe the less we make. There is a cap of 6 swipes per month. We cannot make any more money after that. This translates to a maximum of \$18.00 per maxed out member (\$3.00/swipe). Our first "attendance driver" was held in September designed to bring in extra swipes and encourage new memberships.

Group Fitness

Group Fitness continued to grow as the fitness class schedule added another Silver Sneaker class option for members who qualify. Silver Sneaker "Classic" and Silver Sneaker "BOOM". Weekly fitness classes offered: Total Fitness, Strength and Balance, Tai Chi (beginners and intermediate classes), Parkinson's Fitness Class, Group Drumming, Cardio Drumming, Healthy Moves, Body in Motion, Gentle Yoga, Chair Yoga and Workout with Sue via ZOOM. A total of 10,678 participated in fitness classes and 1045 participants via ZOOM. A Grand total of **11,723** times a member devoted their efforts towards personal fitness goals.

Health and Wellness

The Senior Center collaborated with local healthcare agencies and professionals to present programs on the following health topics: ShopRite Dietician (Chocolate for Your Heart; Sweeteners; Pasta 101; Cooking For One) Pre-Diabetes: Know the Risks presented by Dr. Anne Lee; Medicare Uncomplicated; Quinnipiac University graduate occupational therapy students presentation; Snack and Learn Warning Signs of Dementia; Advanced Planning Burial or Cremation Seminar; Hearing Loss and Dementia What's the Connection? Dr. Hillary Lewis, Audiologist, Masonicare; A Matter of Balance Workshop presented by Anne Bernick, RN from Wallingford Health Department; Pulse 4 Pulse Cardiovascular Wellness Testing from PulserPulse LLC; Demystifying Cremation; Wallingford Funeral Home; Fall Prevention Presentation: Technical Options Masonicare; Monitor My Health by Dr. Wade; Guided Meditation with David Petro; Reiki provided by Eileen Anderson; Dental Health by University of New Haven Dental Students. New to the Health and Wellness Category was our first Pet Clinic held Nov. 15. This service provided affordable vet care for those over 70 or Veterans. A Trainer's Tip is offered in the monthly newsletter. The Parkinson Support Group met monthly and was facilitated by Anne Bernick, RN. Special screenings and clinics included: hearing services by Home Hearing, 12 foot care clinics by Dr. Gambardella, 1 flu vaccine clinic sponsored by East Shore District Health Department, gave 35 flu shots, Reiki Level One certifications, reiki treatments, hearing services by Home Hearing and hearing screening by Masonicare. A program, Wear Red Grocery Bingo, was held in February. All proceeds went to the American Heart Association.

Social and Recreational

The Senior Center scheduled social and recreational events throughout the year: Senior Jammers, Harmonica Group, Pizza Lunch and Pizza Dinner, R Band Summer Concert Series, R Band Winter Warmer concert, Meatball Cookoff, Wild Flower Presentation and Hike, Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, Bocce Tournament with Lyman Hall Students, Shred Your Stuff Annual Event, Spring Dance presented by Spanish Community of Wallingford, End of Summer Party with Cheshire Senior Center, Cruise Night, Messages From Heaven, Golf Club Picnic, Military Whist.

Monthly Birthday parties provided an opportunity for members to celebrate their birthday. All members celebrating the birthdays each month are eligible for a Lake View Café gift certificate for lunch. There were a number of recreational and social opportunities including: The Senior Jammers Band, Singing for Fun, Billiards (including in-house and coed tournaments and tournaments with other senior centers); Bocce, Shuffleboard, Cornhole, Pickleball and golf Leagues; Tap Dance Class (Silver Steppers); Mah-jongg; cards (Canasta, Bridge, Pinochle, Set Back, Texas Hold'em Poker, Nickel/Nickel, Rummikub); Cribbage; Scrabble; Jigsaw puzzling; and Bingo. New this year Dominoes.

A number of monthly and weekly programs included: Tuesday and Thursday morning dance parties, line and ballroom dance lessons, special events featuring guest entertainers. Veteran's Coffee House provided monthly opportunities for veterans to socialize, to learn about beneficial programs and services, and to enjoy programs and guest speakers. A few special events included the senior center as well as some groups and individuals from the Wallingford Community. The annual Tag Sale was held outdoors on September 7th. Thirty vendors set up and sold their handmade items. The Annual Fine Arts, Flowers and Verse was held on June 7th and 8th. Twenty displays of art work, Complimentary floral arrangements and verse were set up in the Great Room. The art show also featured different mediums for public display. This is a collaborative event with the senior center, the Wallingford Garden Club and the Wallingford Poetry Club. The annual holiday fair was held on November 2nd, where Forty vendors set up their booths to sell their handmade crafts and other items. The center offered a raffle for a fund raiser. Raffle tickets were sold for two weeks prior to the fair. More than 30 raffle prizes were donated by members and businesses.

Educational/Lifelong Learning Programs

Weekly and monthly educational offerings included: art appreciation classes; iPad Users Group; Bible Discussion, Book Discussion Group; travel presentations; Genealogy; Aging Gracefully Essentials and Therapeutic Art Boards. Monthly AARP Safe Driving Class were offered. *New AARP CarFit one on one custom car fittings.* Tech Connect support from the WLFD Public Library, Financial Safety from Bank of America; Backyard Birds lecture by Compassion home Care; Blue Moon Raptors live bird presentation.

Creative Arts Clubs

Creative Arts Clubs include Arts and Crafters, Knitters, Quilters, T.A.B.'s, Artists and the Photography Group all of which contributed to the volunteer crafts and sales for the Annual Holiday Fair. *New to the list in 2024 is Acting 101 where members learned different public presentation skills and later formed a weekly Skit Club.* Special presentations include The Art of Scarf Tying with Lucy Minicino, Professional Photographer Presentation Ron Kochman, Paint Pouring by Diane Godin and Learn to Play the Ukulele with John Fazio.

Community

Special educational programs held monthly/quarterly in 2024 included: Fire Safety in the Home by Wallingford Fire Department; Questions and Answers with the Wallingford Police Department; One Book, One Wallingford; Wills, Trusts and, Probate; and Ask A Realtor.

Town meetings and Public functions include: Local Mayor visits from Vincent Cervoni and former Mayor Dickenson; Board of Education Rajan Doering and Town Council. Dedication Ceremony for Iris Papale, Wallingford Fire Department Swearing In Ceremony, Housing Committee Community Meetings. Continued using our grant for Bereavement Support Group.

Holiday Special Events

Several Holiday events were offered throughout the year. These included the Valentine's Party, St. Patrick's Day Dinner, Special Veterans Dinner with The Center Line, Thanksgiving Celebration with lunch, Tree Decorating, Holiday Lunch at Cascade with the Cheshire Senior Center, Holiday Party lunch with Lyman Hall Music Program, Hanukkah Celebration, Holiday Evening Concert with The Cartells, Noon Year's Eve Celebration with Breakfast and the Veteran's Holiday Party.

Entertainment Invites for 2024

Don Pierson (singer/guitarist), Jukebox 45 (band), Ashly Cruz (singer), Pat Russo Music (duo singers), Rebecca LoCerio (medium), Nick Longo (band), Government Foot Guard (25 Pc. brass band), Blaise Tramazzo (singer), Tom Brown (instrumental band), The Cartells (band), Patty Carver (singer-historian), Mulan Dancers (chinese dancers), Undercover Agents (duo singers), Eagles Experience (7 man band), Silk N Sounds (a capella singing group), Jason Tardy (professional juggler), Inner Groove(Band), Charles Fanghella (singer), Tony V (singer), Elderly Brothers (duo singers), RSVP (band), Linda Belt (comedian), Center Line (band), Knapp Entertainment (duo singers), Coconuts (band), Judy Handler (duo instrumental), Jen Desapio (singer), Chikawee Family Violin concert.

Travel Programs

Our travel is a popular lifelong learning program. Inflation soared over the course of the year and the cost of day trips went up expediential. The average cost of a day trip ranged from \$150 – 199. The average cost of the week long overnights averaged \$5000. Almost all of the trips were 50 people per bus. Overnights averaged 6 per trip.

Day Trips

- The Inn at East Hill Farm
- Daffodil Days at Blithewold Mansion & Tea Lunch
- Culinary Institute
- Inn at East Hill Farm, VT Maple Madness Luncheon
- Lancaster, PA, Sight and Sound Theatre – “Daniel”
- The Cloisters and the Metropolitan Museum of Art
- Lobster and A Great Show Log Cabin, Holyoke, MA
- Discover Newport Harbor, RI Cruise on the Coastal Queen
- The Newport Playhouse
- The Ultimate Cher Experience at The Grand Oak Villa, Oakville, CT
- Savor the Flavor, Providence, RI
- Fireplace Feast at the Salem Cross Inn
- Clark Institute and Lunch, Williamstown, MA
- Mohegan Sun
- Christmas Lights & Song Student Prince German Restaurant and MGM Casino

Overnight Trips

- Niagara Falls, Canada
- Essence of France
- Western Canada’s Rockies, Lakes & Wine Country
- Magical Rhine and Moselle Rivers
- Southern Charm Holiday, Savannah GA

Intergenerational Programs

Spring Recital from students of SCOW, students from Quinnipiac University volunteered to clean out the Agnes Campos Memorial Butterfly Garden in April. Students from Lyman Hall High school Italian Club played bocce and cornhole in the fall. The Lyman Hall Music Program performed for the annual holiday party, The Chika Wie family string ensemble performed for Holiday Concert. Students from Orange Synagogue performed Hanukkah songs and traditions.

Meals Program

Our Lake View Café offered breakfast, lunch, and snack foods daily, and Thursday evening dinners April through October, at affordable prices and provided opportunities for volunteering and socialization. Lake View Café staff also catered several of our special events and evening parties throughout the year. *Caterer Ken Marshall* stepped in this year to help with catering meals and preparations for Lake View Café.

Volunteer Opportunities

Opportunities for volunteer service include: program and activity leadership or support (60% of ongoing activities are volunteer-led); front desk volunteers; Lake View Café and kitchen volunteers; Memory Lane volunteers; clerical support volunteers; travel program group leaders; Club 60+ fitness center volunteers; Greeter and Hospitality committees; and volunteers for special events including the annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair and the Fall Tag Sale. We received volunteer help from CHOATE High School and Walmart. New Technology donations from CHOATE Technology Procurement Department.

Community Involvement and Service

Several programs designed for community service provided significant contributions to local agencies and organizations. The members of the Quilting and Knitting groups donated more than 2,308 hats,

masks, pillow, pillowcases lap robes, shawls, baby clothes and outfits, bibs, quilts, sweaters and afghans to: VA West Haven, Skyview Nursing Home, Wallingford Housing Authority, YNHH, Midstate Medical Center, New Britain General Hospital, Middlesex Hospital, SMILO at YNHH, Holy Trinity Church, Masonic Home and Hospital, Moses Y Beach School, SCOW, Regency Nursing Home and Rehab., Congregational Church, Masonicare, Quinnipiac University Community craft donations from Community Service Campus Life, Lyman Hall Culinary Students painted beautiful pumpkins for the fall. The members of the senior center raised funds for the American Heart Association; collected and donated Toys for Tots, Holiday for Giving and the Elks Club; Food Drive for Masters Manna. WSC participated in Coalition For a Better Wallingford Holiday Festival of Trees and the Wallingford Senior Center Holiday Fair.

Services Provided to Members

The Senior Center coordinated with local agencies and professionals to provide the following programs and events: shredding of unwanted documents; monthly free appointments for benefits screening, financial questions, veterans' services, and legal advice; real estate; & free tax return assistance, e-filing (AARP Tax-Aide CT).

PROGRAM RESOURCES

The Wallingford Senior Center utilized a variety of resources to offer a full range of activities and programs to its members. Programs were planned and implemented employing resource materials and guest speakers from supporting organizations including the Connecticut Association of Senior Center Personnel, the National Institute of Senior Centers, and the National Council on Aging, and from local and state agencies and organizations. The following resources were used in 2024.

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| • AARP | Driver Safety Courses |
| • AARP Tax-Aide Connecticut | Free Tax Assistance Program |
| • AARP CarFit | Helping Mature Drivers Find Their Safest Fit |
| • Agency on Aging, South Central CT | Programs |
| • Allinson & Associates | Program |
| • Alzheimer's Association of SC CT | Program |
| • American Heart Association | Program |
| • Arthritis Foundation | Arthritis Exercise Program |
| • Assisted Living Services | Veterans Coffee House Support |
| • Assurance Wireless | Programs |
| • Bank Of America | Programs |
| • B.C. Bailey Funeral Services | Programs |
| • Black Hall Outfitters | Program |
| • Best Life Hearing Services | Program |
| • Coalition for a Better Wallingford | Program |
| • Collette Vacations | Travel Programs |
| • CT Department of Transportation | Programs |
| • CT Physical Therapy Association | Program |
| • Cheshire Senior Center | Program |
| • Dunkin' Donuts, Wallingford Locations | Veterans Coffee House Support |
| • Easter Seals/Goodwill Industries | Programs |
| • Elderly Nutrition Program | Senior Community Café |
| • Farrell & Grochowski Law Offices | Programs |

• Franciscan Homecare & Hospice	Program
• Friendship Tours	Travel Programs
• Galaxy Entertainment	Programs
• Gaylord Specialty Healthcare	Programs
• Home Hearing	Hearing Aid Services
• Paul T. Gambardella, D.P.M.	Foot Care Clinics
• Genesis HealthCare	Programs
• Hartford HealthCare	Health & Wellness Programs
• Hartford HealthCare Senior Services	Programs
• Kilbourne & Tully, Elder Attorneys	Programs
• Masonicare	Programs
• MediMike	Programs
• MidState Medical Center	Programs
• Miner Hills Golf Course	Golf League
• National Council on Aging	Programs
• National Institute of Senior Centers	Programs
• Nelson Hall	Day Trips
• Pro-Shred of CT	Program
• Quinnipiac University	Programs
• Regency House	Programs
• SCOW	Programs
• ShopRite of Wallingford	Programs
• Skyview Center	Programs
• Shirt Graphix	Programs
• Toomey Financial Services	Programs
• Tours of Distinction	Travel Programs
• University of New Haven	Intergenerational and Educational Programs
• Veterans Posts, Groups	Programs
• Vet Care Everywhere	Health and Wellness
• VITASHealthcare	Programs
• Wallingford Board of Education	Programs
• Wallingford Committee on Aging	Program
• Wallingford Family YMCA	Program
• Wallingford Fire Department	Program
• Wallingford Funeral Home	Programs
• Wallingford Health Department	Programs
• Wallingford Parks and Recreation	Programs
• Wallingford Police Department	Programs
• Wallingford Public Library	Programs
• Wallingford Public Schools	Intergenerational & Outreach Programs
• Wallingford Symphony Orchestra	Programs
• Wallingford Veterans Service Center	Programs
• Wallingford Youth & Social Services	Programs
• Walmart of Wallingford	Programs
• Westfield Care & Rehab Center	Programs
• Wilcox Technical School	Programs

WALLINGFORD SENIOR CENTER PROGRAM ACCOUNT FINANCIAL REPORT

The Wallingford Senior Center Program Account was established in the mid-1980's to serve as a vehicle for monies generated through fees, fundraising, special events, and activities. Included are Lake View Café income, the travel program receipts, class fees, and miscellaneous donations from participants and other sources. This system enables staff to conduct programs and activities on a self-sustaining basis, without cost to the Town. Any excess realized is used to purchase equipment, furnishings and supplies for programs. The Executive Director authorizes all expenditures. Two signatures are required on all checks by the WCOA President, Treasurer and/or Executive Director.

PROGRAM RECEIPTS	FY 23-24	7/1/24-12/31/24
LAKE VIEW CAFÉ & ALTERNATIVE MEALS	103,311.50	56,348.01
CLASSES & GROUPS	55,846.01	30,546.98
SPECIAL EVENTS	27,414.95	6,998.00
FUNDRAISING EVENTS	15,787.77	13,631.00
MISCELLANEOUS	4,002.75	3,400.00
DONATIONS	2,501.25	1,386.00
<i>Memory Lane Donations</i>	2,150.00	483.00
BANK INTEREST	15.83	10.13
<i>Fitness Center</i>	19,106.00	7,082.01
<i>Audit Adjustment</i>	988.48	0
<i>Social Services Donations</i>	0	500.00
Grant		12,120.00
Sub Total Receipts	\$231,126.11	\$132,505.13
TRIP RECEIPTS	\$144,771.71	\$55,847.24
TOTAL PROGRAM RECEIPTS	\$375,897.82	\$188,352.37
PROGRAM DISBURSEMENTS		
LAKE VIEW CAFÉ	66,209.88	44,524.57
Lake View Café Sales Tax	1,016.00	0.00
CLASSES & GROUPS	43,148.36	21,429.68
SPECIAL EVENTS	27,005.27	20,760.66
FUNDRAISING	2,810.40	304.47
PROGRAMS & SUPPLIES	7,925.46	3,961.05
EQUIPMENT	44,570.61	3,576.93
VOLUNTEER EXPENSE	8,129.92	1,187.71
Memory Lane Program Expense	6,544.56	4,837.03
PUBLIC MARKETING	20,663.79	10,818.77
MISCELLANEOUS	8,272.00	5,594.53
Social Worker Distributions	100.00	500.00
Grant Expense	7,960.00	27,070.00
<i>SchedulesPlus</i>	917.90	1,030.00
<i>Fitness Center – instructors & maintenance</i>	2,230.75	911.45
Sub Total Disbursements	\$257,168.87	\$146,506.85
TRIP EXPENSES	\$118,563.70	\$74,319.43
TOTAL PROGRAM DISBURSEMENTS	\$375,732.57	\$220,826.28
PROGRAM CD - Key Bank closed - transferred to ION Bank 8/8/24 - Maturity Date 3/8/25	*\$35,909.57	\$35,909.57 Interest rate @ 4.22%

#Total Program Account balance on 12/31/24, including checking, savings and money market accounts was **\$252,316.78** and varies as a result of program activity, trip receipts and disbursements in particular.

Wallingford Senior Center
Joann Hummel Social Service Coordinator
Annual Social Service Report: January 2024 – December 2024

The Social Service Coordinator, Joann Hummel is Certified as a CHOICES Health Insurance Counselor through the Agency on Aging of South-Central Connecticut. During the year, she counseled new retirees to Medicare and offered insight to Medicare beneficiaries on their Health Insurance benefits and options. She educated clients on the essential aspects of choosing a supplement to Medicare, Medicare A&B, Medigap, Dental Plans, Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare Prescription Drug Programs, Medicaid and the Medicare Saving Program (MSP). Once clients were informed, she assisted clients on enrollment to their chosen plan. She also assisted clients through the complex array of State programs providing information and assistance related to their eligibility requirements. Rules and regulation were explained in a professional, non-bureaucratic setting. The need to provide Legislative updates, and advocacy to help maintain or increase program benefits for clients were also monitored. The vast services provided from the Social Service Coordinator included educating clients about programs and services and assisting with applications required for Federal, State and Municipal programs including Access Health, Social Security, Energy Assistance, Meals On Wheels, Housing Authority, Section 8 Housing, Homeless Shelters, Rise Adult Incontinence Bank, Transportation, and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The Social Service Coordinator also ensures the follow up services for the seniors so they do not lose benefits. She delivers care management services which include assessing the senior's unique physical, social, psychosocial and financial needs in order to access the services to meet these needs and help with any problems with delivery of service.

Additional services include providing referrals for geriatric and psychological assessments, care giving, counseling, employment applications, property tax assistance programs, veterans benefits, meal programs including food pantries, adult day care programs, legal services, financial counseling, DMV, senior housing, and other housing options, medical advocacy and cancer patient support and advocacy. Joann has also provided support and assistance to Wallingford town offices and local hospitals including the Health Department, Fire Department, Tax Assessor's office, Veterans Service, Planning and Zoning, Police Department, completing wellness checks for the homebound; as well as, assisting Social Workers from local hospitals and organizations.

The creation on 2 support groups began in 2023 which was and continues to be co-facilitated by the Social Service Coordinator and a Wallingford Family Therapist. The groups are offered at the Wallingford Senior Center (WSC) which was funded by grant money received from Title III-Grant from the Agency of Aging of South Central Ct (AOASCC). The support groups Grief and Loss and Post Covid Loneliness, Stress and Anxiety proved to be a needed service. The grant money helped pay for a family therapist to come in and facilitate the Support Groups with the Social Service Coordinator. This money also offered 1:1 therapy for specific individual who demonstrated a critical mental health concern after assessment. Although, In October 2024 the grant money received from Title III-Grant from the Agency of Aging of South Central Ct (AOASCC) to provide funding for the Covid-19 Support Groups ended. The WSC Director elected to continue the support groups recognizing the value it was offering to our community. Joann recognized the strain that Covid-19 had impacted the 60+ community. Many members were seeking counseling for loss and bereavement, as well as symptoms of stress and anxiety. Very few therapist or psychiatrist will take Medicare, which only left them to become more

isolated. The increase mental health concerns after Covid 19 was very apparent and the help that these services offered to our community was and continues to be immense.

With regular changes to existing services and programs, the Social Service Coordinator requires continuing education and problem-solving techniques to meet these challenges. Networking with other community resources provides a vital team approach to identifying and creating a safety net for Wallingford seniors. Through the help and guidance of the Social Service Coordinator, many seniors were able to increase their monthly allowance by taking advantage of managing health care cost, managing prescription costs, and lowering their monthly utility, food and personal costs which resulted in having a higher quality of life with less financial stress. This not only helped the 60+ community stay in their homes during a time when there was a lack of availability of housing options for low income individuals, it also helped them to remain responsible to pay for their property taxes, personal taxes and care for their home.

The need for housing remains a current need for many people in Wallingford. Our community has suffered from increased rents, eviction notices, non assessible living environments and the lack of housing opportunities. The Social Service Coordinator has worked with the Housing Authority, Carabetta Housing, 211 system and New Opportunities to try to find emergency shelter for people. Due to witnessing the need, and seeking to try to find answers, Joann became actively involved in *Wallingford Works for Housing*. The group consists of residents and organizations in Wallingford, working with our neighbors to build relationships and propose solutions to the housing challenges we all face. The goal is for housing for all, economic growth and a healthy future for Wallingford. It was important for the town to understand the struggles and the despair many seniors in our town are faced with. Joann hosted 2 community conversations at the Senior Center which welcomed the attendance of many town and state representatives.

The partnership with the Ct Food Share Mobile Pantry program provided many community members and seniors free food to supplement their nutritional needs. Twice a month, CT Food Share Mobile Pantry set up at the Wallingford Senior Center parking lot to provide a safe and convenient location for community residents to gather and pick out fresh produce, fruits and other pantry items to meet their needs.

Overall, due to the collaboration and outreach from community agencies and many State and Federal programs, problems have been resolved quickly with excellent outcomes. These changes have provided the Social Service Coordinator with the ability to resolve problems for the 60+ community in a more efficient, timely manner, thereby relieving the stress for them to have to wait for a long period of time to resolve a personal need.

Additional Functions, responsibilities and activities of the Social Service Coordinator in 2024 include:

- Coordinate appointments for New Opportunity Fuel Assistance program application weekly at the Wallingford Senior Center
- Coordinate Guest Speakers to facilitate current and progressive seminars for the seniors
- Coordinate Financial Planning information sessions
- Coordinate Veterans Services to assist with benefit information
- Assist and Complete SNAP Applications
- Assist and complete Energy Assistance applications
- Liaison between cancer patient and their medical advocacy team
- Social Service Educational team member during town Celebrate Wallingford

- Coordinate and application assistance in Housing Authority, Congregate Living, Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing Homes
- Outreached to home bound Wallingford residents
- Outreached to Wallingford residents with psychiatric health concerns
- Attended staff meetings at the Wallingford Senior Center
- Attended meetings with local Social Workers
- Coordinated home care services with local agencies: Franciscans home and Hospice Care, Always Best care, Compassionate Care, Hartford Health Care, Masonic Care, Right at Home, Infinity Homer Care
- Coordinated Home Transition Solution for residential hoarding situations.
- Co Facilitates Support Groups
- Bereavement Counseling

Educational Seminars, Committees, Trainings and Certifications In 2024:

- Certification: Screening, Brief, Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRTH)- Assessing Substance abuse 2024
- Certification CHOICES Counselor
- Certification: GATE KEEPER screening for Suicide Risks 2024
- Attended Training : The Mental Health Journey
- Attended Training: Care Givers for Adults
- Attended Training : End of Life journey
- Attended Training: SAGE-Advocacy and Services and Inclusion for LGBTQ and Elders
- Attended Training: SAGE Inclusive Language
- Attended Conference: Agency on Aging (AOASCC) annual meeting
- Attended Seminar: CHOICES What's New for Medicare 2025
- Attended: Medicare Advantage Conference 2025
- Attended Training: What's New in Medicare 2025
- Attended Training: Dementia Care and Assessment
- Attended Training: New Medicare Tool Finder
- Attended Training: Medicare Savings Plan
- Attended Training: Getting Ready for Open Enrollment
- Attended Training: Open Enrollment Tool-finder
- Staff meeting with Agency on Aging
- Attended: Long Range Planning Committee Meetings
- Attended: Wlfd Community Resource Alliance Committee Meeting
- Attended: and Member SCRCOG of Wallingford Works For Housing
- Attended Committee Meeting: member for SCRCOG Senior and ADA Mobility Study
- Attended Meeting: Community Resource Alliance
- Attended Meeting: M TEAM
- Attended Meeting: Town Officials Meeting: Abatement Action on Hoarding
- Attended Training: Medicare 101 for 2025
- Attended Seminar: Elder Advocacy of Ct.

**Attached below is a statistical chart of overall services provided -*

2024 ANNUAL STATISTIC REPORT
INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE AND FOLLOW UP STATISTICS
SOCIAL WORKER REPORT

	I & A	FOLLOW UP CALLS	APPOINTMENTS OFFICE/OUTREACH	
1. ABUSE NEGLECT PROBLEMS	1	1		1
2. ADULT DAY CARE	2	2	2	
3. AGENCY ON AGING	13	5	1	2
4. HOMESHARE	x	x	x	x
5. ASSISTED LIVING	31	38	19	20
6. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/SUBS ABUSE/GAMBLING/HOARDING	121	36	110	21
7. BENEFITS CHECKUP	34	7	31	13
8. CHORE/HOMEMAKER/FRNDLYVISITOR	26	14	31	18
9. COMPANION/LIVE-IN	6	2	1	x
10. CONGREGATE HOUSING	7	7	2	4
11. CONGREGATE MEALS//ENP	7	7	1	x
12. CONNPACE/CONNMAP	10	x	10	x
13. CT HOMECARE PROGRAM	9	4	5	1
14. MEMORY LANE	15	10	6	1
15. ENERGY ASSISTANCE	216	44		216
16. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	16	8	16	2
17. FOOD PANTRY/OTHER	66	20	45	16
18. SNAP	23	7	19	5
19. GERIATRIC ASSESSMENT PROG.	x	x	x	x
20. HEALTH INSURANCE/DENTAL	78	32	51	3
21. HOME REPAIR	11	11	1	5
22. HOUSING	163	31	33	62
23. HOME HEALTH	57	44	14	26
24. INCOME TAX	1	1	1	x
25. LEGAL	18	10	4	8
26. ADVANCED DIRECTIVES	x	x	x	x
27. CONSERVATORSHIP	6	6	2	3
28. POWER OF ATTORNEY	5	4	2	x
29. LONG TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN	x	x	x	x
30. MEALS ON WHEELS	5	4	2	x
31. MEDICARE C	23	8	22	5
32. MEDICARE PART D	26	7	25	3
33. MEDICAID	30	13	22	3
34. MEDICAL CARE/DENTAL CARE	5	1	5	x
35. MEDICARE A, B	12	x	12	x
36. MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM	58	20	54	25
37. MEDIGAP	35	11	27	1
38. STATEWIDE RESPITE PROGRAM	x	x	x	x
39. SKILLED NURSING HOMES	19	17	2	5
40. SOCIAL SECURITY	21	16	15	6
41. STATE SUPPLEMENTAL/SSI	5	2	4	2
42. SUPPORT GROUP/RESPITE	46	25	45	6
43. TAX/RENT REBATE	21	16	5	2
44. TRANSPORTATION	46	32	21	26
45. VETERAN'S PROGRAM	6	4	3	x
46. WEAP	x	x	x	x
47. YOUTH & SOCIAL SERVICES	4	1	1	2
48. *HOME BOUND/WEELLNESS RESPONSE	25	29	x	18
49. NEW MEMBERSHIP	12	3	10	x
50.COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ SOCIAL SERVICE VENDERS	40	24	20	42
51. COMPUTER SEVICES and MAIL	71	13	71	4
TOTALS:				
TOTAL UNITS:	1452	592	774	577
TOTAL UNITS	A&B	2621	C&D	1351

WALLINGFORD SENIOR CENTER ADDITIONAL STAFF

Arrangements were made by the administration of the Wallingford Senior Center for the following staff to supplement regular staff during the calendar year. The following is an estimated value for these services that were provided at no cost to the Senior Center:

• **Elderly Nutrition Program (ENP) Site Manager** **\$ 37,898**

One 20 hour per week position provided by Life Bridge Community Services to oversee the volunteers and overall operation of the Senior Community Café.
(1040 hours @ \$ 36.44 = \$ 37,898)

• **"Tech Connect" Program** **\$11,370**

Matt, Elijah and Connor, 3 "Techsperts" from the Wallingford Public Library's grant funded program provided both one on one and group teaching twice weekly for our members at the senior center.
(312 hours @ \$ 36.44 = \$ 11,370)

• **Quinnipiac University & Wallingford Garden Club Volunteers** **\$ 2,143**

10 Quinnipiac University students came to the senior center in 2024 to assist with the spring cleanup of the Agnes Campos Memorial Butterfly Garden along with 5 Wallingford Garden Club members and the Executive Director. (64 hours @ \$ 33.49 = \$ 2,035)



• **Program Assistance** **\$ 4,856**

Students from Lyman Hall High school Italian Club played bocce and cornhole with WSC members in the fall (24). The Lyman Hall Chorus and string ensemble performed for the annual holiday party (75). Three Choate students volunteered to help break down for the annual Holiday Fair (10). The Chika Wie family string ensemble performed for Fine Arts, Flowers and Verse and also performed for the members during the holidays (10). A High School Student played the piano in the Great Room weekly for members throughout the summer (26).
(145 hours @ \$ 33.49 = \$ 4,856)

TOTAL VALUE OF ADDITIONAL STAFF = \$ 56,267

WALLINGFORD SENIOR CENTER VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

Members of the Wallingford Senior Center, the Wallingford Committee on Aging, Inc. and volunteers from the community-at-large contribute their time, talents and skills to enable us to provide a wide spectrum of services and activities. The tasks they perform are as varied as the volunteers themselves.

The following is an estimate based on actual records and reports of staff for hours and rates based on those provided by "Independent Sector" (2023 CT Average = \$36.44; 2024 National average = \$33.49) for the value of volunteer time.

- **WALLINGFORD COMMITTEE ON AGING, INC.**

The Board of Directors of the Wallingford Committee on Aging meets monthly to establish policy and oversee the finances and personnel of the Senior Center, weekly check signing by the Treasurer and monthly planning meetings with the president and Executive Director. Sub-committees (i.e., Finance, Personnel, Policy, Nominating, Fundraising, and Long-Range Planning) meet periodically to prepare reports and recommendations to the Executive Director and Board.

Estimated Value (15 Board Directors): 970 hours @ \$36.44 per hour = **\$ 35,347**

- **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM SHS, LHHS, BENHAVEN & ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS**

Community service volunteers, assisted in the ENP cafe area with serving and table clearing, transportation assistance, office work and with the Memory Lane Program.

Estimated Value 120 hours @ \$33.49 per hour = **\$ 4,019**

- **AARP TAX VOLUNTEERS**

AARP Tax volunteers come to the center annually (Feb. – Apr.), to provide free, simple tax return calculation and filing for both our members and the public.

Estimated Value 420 hours @ \$36.44 per hour = **\$ 15,305**

- **MEMBER VOLUNTEERS**

Wallingford Senior Center members assist with the Memory Lane program, reception, office, and clerical tasks; serve as group leaders, greeters, class instructors, trip captains, hospitality services, kitchen assistants and dishwashers. Also, many assist staff with fundraising, program planning, community service projects, donations to the community and membership registration.

Estimated Value: Approximately 20,572 hours @ \$33.49 per hour = **\$ 688,956**

TOTAL VALUE OF VOLUNTEER HOURS = \$ 743,627

TOTAL VALUE OF VOLUNTEER HOURS & ADDITIONAL STAFF = \$ 799,894



RECEIVED
MAYOR'S OFFICE
25 MAR 17 PM 4:21

March 12, 2025

Mayor Vincent Cervoni
45 South Main Street
Wallingford, CT 06492

Dear Mayor:

I am writing to request \$4,000 to assist in funding MidState Arc, Inc. for the fiscal year 2025-2026. This funding will be used for our Wallingford Group Homes to ensure the landscaping matches the neighborhood standards. As you are aware, MidState Arc, Inc. provides services to many families and individuals in the town of Wallingford. MidState Arc Inc. has been providing services to citizens in Wallingford since 1952.

Additional funding will assist MidState Arc in helping people with developmental disabilities live, work and play in their community; become contributing members of their community and give back to others.

Midstate Arc would like to thank Wallingford for their continued generosity.

Sincerely,

Pam Fields
Pamela Fields
CEO

PF/dc

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February 27, 2025

Mayor Vincent Cervoni
Town of Wallingford
45 South Main Street
Wallingford, CT 06492

Re: Request to Support Wallingford Citizens Transportation

Dear Mayor Cervoni,

Kuhn appreciates the financial assistance the Town of Wallingford has provided on behalf of Wallingford's citizens with disabilities who attend Kuhn. The Town of Wallingford's gift helps alleviate the barrier of transportation so that residents with disabilities can participate in employment opportunities.

The average cost of transportation per person is estimated at \$5,300 annually. The State funds approximately 70% of the annual cost.

This year we have 7 Wallingford residents that will participate in transportation services under this arrangement. We are requesting consideration that \$900 per person be budgeted, for a total of \$6,300. This will help to cover close to 16% of the expected transport cost. These requested funds are for operating costs to provide the required door-to-door transportation services that individuals with disabilities require to maintain successful employment.

Please do not hesitate to contact Sabrina Hoisington, Executive Assistant at Extension 111, for any additional information. I thank you for your attention and consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Beth Fisher,
Chief Executive Officer

Cc: Sabrina Hoisington, Executive Assistant
Accounting

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February 28, 2025

Mayor Vincent Cervoni
45 South Main Street
Wallingford, CT 06492

Dear Mayor Cervoni:

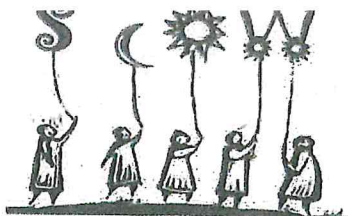
This letter is to request that you include in the FY 2025-2026 \$15,000 for the Wallingford Historic Preservation Trust.

We will forward the usual information to the Town Council in advance of the budget workshops.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Jerry Farrell, Jr., President
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March 14, 2025

Hon. Vincent Cervoni
Mayor
Town of Wallingford
45 South Main Street
Wallingford CT, 06492

Dear Mayor Cervoni,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing on behalf of Comunidad Hispana de Wallingford, Inc., also known as Spanish Community of Wallingford (SCOW), that has been a nonprofit organization in Wallingford for 53 years dedicated to empowering and supporting the community through guidance, education, and cultural sharing. Our programs focus on three key areas: health and wellness, workforce development, and education, with a significant emphasis on responding to community needs through our Emergency Basic Needs Program. I am writing to request your support of \$50,000 to be considered for SCOW in the town budget for FY2025-2026 to continue SCOW's mission of responding to the needs of the community.

At SCOW, we are deeply committed to ensuring that our services offer opportunities for individuals to successfully integrate into the community and thrive. Approximately 70% of our constituents are Hispanic/Latino, while 30% are non-Hispanic. Every year, we provide over 30,000 services to community members and collaborate with various local agencies and town departments. Additionally, we host workshops, educational events, and cultural activities to foster learning and connection within our diverse community and neighbors.

As we continue to offer vital services, the town's contribution will play an essential role in ensuring the success and sustainability of these programs. Your support would help us continue offering crucial guidance, education, and services that directly impact Wallingford individuals and families in need.

We are excited to invite you to our 13th Annual Latino Winemakers Wine Tasting Fundraiser, scheduled for Thursday, September 25, 2025, at The Farms Country Club. This event serves as a critical opportunity for us to showcase our programs, share updates, and connect with the broader community in support of our mission.

In addition to our fundraising efforts, we remain proactive in securing grant funding and have successfully obtained support from The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven, United Way of Meriden and Wallingford, Ulbrich Stainless Steel and Special Metals, Inc. (Ulbrich Philanthropic), and Hartford HealthCare. We are also in the process of working with our State Representatives to advocate for the reinstatement of funding in the state budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

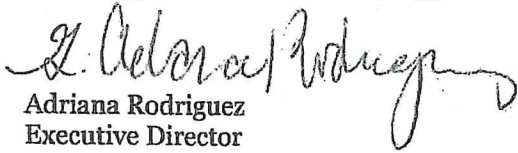
"Our mission is to respond to the needs of the Latino Community by assisting them to succeed in U.S. society, and to enable Latinos to maintain and share their rich varied cultures with the broader community."

We would be happy to discuss this request further or provide additional information. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 203.265.5866 or arodriguez@scowinc.org.

Thank you for considering this request. We look forward to continuing working together to ensure we bring essential programming and services to the community.

We thank you for the Town's continued assistance and support for SCOW!

Sincerely,

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Adriana Rodriguez
Executive Director