

## What is the Village Network?

The Village Movement started in 1999 when a few Boston Beacon Hill neighbors sought to strengthen connections and help each other stay in the community they loved as needs for support increased with age. The Village to Village Network was formed in 2010 to share guidance, resources, and support with those who were forming new villages. There are now over 200 villages across the country, and more than 150 in development. We are one of them.

Nancy Euchner was one of the founders of the Seacoast Village Project. In her work as an elder care manager, she knew that most people prefer to remain in their own homes and communities as they get older, but many lack the practical connections to make it work. She and co-founder, Kathy Rockwood, gathered a team of colleagues, friends and neighbors to explore local needs and levels of interest. The Seacoast Village Project formally incorporated as a New Hampshire Non-Profit Corporation in October of 2018. We received our 501(c)(3) approval from the IRS in June of 2019.

## How you can help...

- Get involved!
- Share your own talents.
- Make a donation.
- Connect us to others who might want to hear more. We are happy to speak with library and religious organizations, at house parties, and at other venues.
- Give us feedback!

#### WHERE ARE WE NOW?

We are now a NH Non-Profit 501(c)(3) Corporation. With a growing group of volunteers, we are working in teams to grow this Village. Stay tuned for more information.

## TO RECEIVE NEWSLETTERS, VOLUNTEER, BECOME A MEMBER, OR DONATE...

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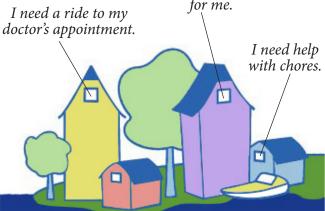
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Seacoast Village Project

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I need someone to go grocery shopping for me.



# It's not a place... It's a network!

Local volunteers providing helpful services that allow people to remain in their homes as they age.

To learn more or to become a volunteer or member:

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A NH Non-Profit 501(c)(3) Corporation



### Mission Statement

We make "aging in place" a real choice. Our village network provides social connections and meaningful support services from trusted volunteers and professionals so older adults can remain in their homes as they age.

## **Objectives**

**PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION:** Access social events, appointments, shopping, and activities.

**PROVIDE HELPFUL SERVICES** that you need in your home.

**BE A SUPER-CONNECTOR:** Provide links to local organizations already providing helpful services.

**PROVIDE A SOCIAL NETWORK:** Plan organized activities so members feel welcome. This could include speakers, local concerts and events, luncheons, dinners, or other requested activities.

**RECOMMEND VENDORS:** Provide a list of outside resources if volunteers are not able to provide the requested service.

**OFFER PEACE OF MIND:** Give members and their families the comfort of knowing they have local connections and a safe option to continue living independently.

## How does a Village work?

While there are many Village models, the basic premise is the same. Members pay a monthly fee to access benefits and services most of which are provided by volunteers.

#### **EXAMPLES OF MEMBER BENEFITS:**

- Rides/Carpooling options
- Home maintenance/Seasonal tasks
- Cultural, educational and social activities
- Short-term support after hospitalization or illness (non-medical)
- In-home technology assistance
- Rides to healthcare appointments

To provide these benefits, the Village relies on membership-driven, Board-led teams with volunteer support:

- Administration and Finance
- Fundraising and Development
- Programs and Events
- Volunteer Support
- Community Outreach
- Member Services

## Frequently Asked Questions

#### WHERE IS THE VILLAGE?

It's not a place! It's not housing or an assisted living facility. It's a network of members and volunteers with the common goal of helping each other stay in the homes and communities they love.

#### IS THERE A TYPICAL VILLAGE MODEL?

Because Villages are "hyper-local" they're based on local needs and community resources. Many members join as volunteers to help others, and then receive benefits later on when they need assistance.

### **HOW MUCH ARE MEMBERSHIP DUES?**

The national average is about \$50 per month depending on the membership level. We are committed to keeping dues affordable through our active fundraising efforts. Our dues structure will be finalized in the coming months.

#### **HOW COULD THIS HELP ME?**

You can take charge of your life! You don't know how your circumstances may change, but the Seacoast Village Project will help you navigate life's challenges. Share what you can, ask for what you need, and together we can work to build a stronger community.