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FRIENDS OF THOMPSON HOUSE

We at Thompson House wish to express our sincerest thanks to our volunteers for their devotion and many acts of kindness. Your efforts go a long way towards improving the quality of life of our residents and our staff as well. Volunteers, thank you so much for making a positive difference in the lives of folks at Thompson House. Please keep up the good work!

We must not, in trying to think about how we can make a big difference, ignore the small daily differences we can make which, over time, add up to big differences that we often can not foresee.

—Marian Wright Edelman

NEWS FROM THE ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT RECENT EVENTS

This summer, Thompson House residents have been enjoying golf cart rides at Thompson House. What a treat for the residents to enjoy the fresh air and beautiful scenery! Thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make this possible.

Folks at Thompson House took part in a fine, time-honored American tradition by attending the 4th of July Parade in Brattleboro. We held our flags high as the best of Brattleboro proudly marched by. Our thanks go out to all the volunteers who helped with this event.



Numerous members of the community were kind enough to share their talents and skills with Thompson House residents. Once again, our volunteers helped these events to run smoothly and well.

UPCOMING EVENTS

On **Tuesday, August 17** the Westmoreland Town Band will be performing at Thompson House at 7:00 pm. All volunteers are invited to attend. Please bring a folding chair.

On **Friday, September 10**, we will be hosting a fundraiser in the form of a Coffee Break at the Vermont Welcome Center. We need help with baked goods, general legwork, and transportation on the day of the event. If you are interested in helping, please call 254-4977, ext. 242.

On **Thursday, September 16**, we will be celebrating September Fair Month. Please bring in hand-made items or goodies from the garden prior to the event. Here are some examples: handiwork, quilting, flower arrangements, and produce. Please feel free to use your imagination!

On **Friday, September 24**, we will be helping to raise money for the Windham County Humane Society by walking and rolling and cheerfully locomoting. Please come and walk with us if you can.

VOLUNTEER WISH LIST

- ❖ Volunteers to be a friendly visitor
- ❖ Volunteers to read to residents
- ❖ Volunteers to bring magazines and books from room to room
- ❖ Volunteers to bring babies to visit
- ❖ Volunteers to help with holiday/Fall activities
- ❖ Volunteers to sit on the patio on weekends
- ❖ Volunteers to show movies on weekends

SHARING EXPERIENCES

WE ALWAYS WELCOME:

- ◆ small animal visits (pets or farm animals)
- ◆ gallery exhibits
- ◆ a hobby to share
- ◆ a trip to share
- ◆ singers, musicians and performers



WISH LIST



- ◆ current magazines for magazine rack
- ◆ mums for fall
- ◆ ties, baseball hats and gifts for men (second-hand welcome)
- ◆ 2011 Calendars
- ◆ pumpkins in the Fall

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION REMINDERS

- Please wear a name tag
- Please wash your hands often and remember the safety tips we provide
- Please remember to respect the confidentiality of our residents
- Please knock on doors before entering
- Please call us if you feel your health would put our residents at risk

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