

Stay **Connected**  
Stay **Lively**  
Stay **Healthy**  
Stay **in Charge**



“I encourage every senior in town to become a member of Staying Put because it is true: There is no place like home.”

*Kay Luff*

Staying Put IN  New Canaan

“Staying Put in its thoughtful grass-roots approach of ‘seniors helping seniors’ provides ways for friendships and community involvement to brighten our extra years after retirement and make them valuable.”

*David S. Brown, MD*



▲ Long-time Staying Put Members David S. Brown, MD and his wife Charlotte Brown, MD.

▼ Hiking the Mianus River Gorge are Susan Petit Ponte, Anne Saunders, and Staying Put President Tom Ferguson.



# Staying Put in New Canaan is...

a 501c3 non-profit, volunteer-supported organization dedicated to helping senior residents live their lives to the fullest in their own homes as they grow older.

# Just one call to 203-966-7762 provides...

a personal link to practical services that make living safer and easier at home, and social programs that promote friendships and involvement outside the home.

Staying Put is supported by a professional staff and more than 100 volunteers.



# Practical Benefits

With one phone call, Staying Put members get assistance that makes living at home safer and easier:

- Rides to medical and other appointments and Staying Put events
- Grocery shopping, pharmacy pickup, other errands
- Technical help – computer and cell phones
- Home safety assessments
- Odd job help: rearranging furniture, hanging pictures, changing ceiling light bulbs
- Reduced rates for home care through state-of-the-art local health care agencies
- Links to more than 50 pre-screened professionals such as heating service, plumbers, painters, electricians, and snow plowers
- Reassurance for your family and friends
- Warm personalized, confidential service and assistance when needed



“I love the comfort and availability of help when I need it.”

*Maisie Kohnstamn*



▲ Volunteer Jim Hollyday is ready to drive Member Tish Frothingham.

▼ Peggy Bull (left) and Helen Risom Belluschi (right) know their parents Henny and Jens Risom are in good hands with Staying Put.



“How lucky we are to have loving, caring people happy to help our families.”

*Dr. Sherman and Peggy Bull*

“With help from one another, we can all stay put in New Canaan.”

*Muriel Kilbride*



▲ The “Lunch Bunch at Mead Park” gets together on Fridays in the summer for “the best lunch value in town.”

▼ A group visits printmaker Don Axelroad’s studio to look at some of his recent work.



“A few of my friends tell me they don’t need Staying Put now and they’ll join later. They don’t realize how many services Staying Put provides that they can use right now!”

*Judy Schurman*

# Social Benefits

Each year, Staying Put members can choose from more than 70 different social events and cultural activities that maintain old friendships and build new ones.

- Group tickets to concerts, opera, theater
- “Lunch Bunch” lunches out
- Monthly dinners in restaurants
- Speakers: financial and tax updates, history, insurance, authors
- Boat rides and hikes
- Holiday wreath making
- Private tours to museums and art shows
- Visits to local artist studios
- Private garden tours
- Exhibits of members’ own art work and collections
- Healthy aging seminar series in conjunction with local organizations
- Birthday party for Staying Put with entertainment
- Annual meeting with fun and refreshments

Members and volunteers keep in touch through our website, quarterly newsletters, friendly phone calls, and home visits.



# Volunteers

While you may think, “I don’t need Staying Put yet,” you can get to know us right now as a volunteer.

More than 100 volunteers provide some of our most frequently requested services. As a volunteer, your participation will be matched to your interests and geared to fit your schedule. You can choose from a variety of ways to help such as driving, assisting in the office, helping with a computer or TV remote, making friendly visits in a member’s home, or doing handyman jobs.

Your volunteer support today will help sustain Staying Put as a kind of insurance policy when you—or your parents or friends—do need it down the road.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jane Nyce, Executive Director at 203-955-7762.



“New Canaan is truly a special place, and so many of us, whether we’re 40, 60, or 80, look forward to many more years of living here.”

*Tom Ferguson*



▲ Member Joe Liska enjoys a visit with neighbor and Volunteer Shonah Drakos.

▼ Interns Kristin Ehrlich and Allison Coombs from Sacred Heart University help with home assessments on home safety for our members.



“It’s one of the most gratifying things I do. I love helping seniors, and I know someone will be there for me when I need it.”

*Judy Bentley*

“I love having someone take the bother out of making plans, getting tickets and driving to events, and meeting new people in the process.”

*Anne Kniffin*



▲ More than 120 members, friends, and guests joined the festive celebration of our first birthday party.

▼ Member Libby Granfield gets a hand with her grocery shopping from Volunteer Paula Hannon.



# History

Staying Put in New Canaan was founded in 2007 by a group of local residents. It is part of a national movement enabling adults over 50 to stay securely independent as they grow older.

It is a member-driven organization. Members serve on the board, volunteer, and shape the future direction of services and programs.

Membership dues cover only 40% of our expenses. We purposely set our dues low in order to be accessible to all, and we provide special memberships for those with financial limitations.

Private contributors, local agencies, members, and volunteers have contributed to our successful fundraising campaigns. We are confident that we can continue to meet our operating expenses and to set aside funds to guarantee our future.



# Board Members

Tom Ferguson, *President*

Judy Bentley, *Vice President*

Lyn Chivvis, *Secretary*

Dan Ward, *Treasurer*

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Lee Barnes

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Jeannie Hart

Jim Hollyday

Barbara Johansen

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Jane Nyce, *Executive Director*  
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“We are committed to helping make a difference for our seniors – bringing them together and keeping them safe and protected.”

*Jane Nyce, Executive Director*



▲ Members enjoy good food and company at a holiday party Judy Bentley hosted for Staying Put.

▼ Volunteers Kim and Kevin Campbell remove brush to spruce up a member's property.



“Now we can continue to enjoy our home and friends of the last 40 years and not worry about joining a new retirement community. Staying Put has made retirement so easy.”

*Jim Sweeney*

“I like the ease of getting names of tradespeople, knowing that they will be screened, reliable, and good workers.”

*Barbara Gilderdale*



▲ Meeting with State Representative John Hetherington (second from left) before his financial seminar are Members Cathy Irwin, Judy Bentley, and President Tom Ferguson.

▼ Staying Put members enjoy themselves on a group trip to the PepsiCo Donald M. Kendall Sculpture Gardens.



“Thanks so much for all you’ve done for my mother. Staying Put has made a big difference in her life and mine.”

*Ray Ivers*



# Membership Application

Become a member and enjoy all of our services. Membership is \$360 a year for an individual, \$480 a year for a couple, and is open to all New Canaan residents 50 years of age and over.

Please ask about special memberships for those with financial limitations.

Please complete this form and mail with your check. Online payment is available on our website using PayPal.

Yes, I would like to be a member of Staying Put in New Canaan.

- Enclosed is a check for \$360 for a one-year individual membership
- Enclosed is a check for \$480 for a one-year couple membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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