

Staying Put in New Canaan Welcomes New Director of Member Services

A new face will be greeting seniors when they enter the offices of Staying Put in New Canaan. Nicola Holzberger has joined the non-profit organization, which helps seniors stay safely in their homes as they age, as the Director of Member Services. Holzberger, a public health professional who has been a New Canaan resident for 20 years, will oversee support services for Staying Put's 300 members, including transportation, consultations, member recruitment, and community outreach.

"Nicola is a great addition to the Staying Put team," said Board President Judy Bentley. "She brings a wealth of experience advocating for diverse age groups and populations. Her natural friendliness, warmth and enthusiasm make her a perfect fit for our seniors."

Holzberger earned a B.A. from Wesleyan University, a Master's in Public Health from Columbia University, and a Nursing degree from Norwalk Community College. She has been an active participant in addressing global health issues for three decades. She worked at the United Nations, where she developed health-related programs in New York and oversaw international conferences. At Save the Children, she managed a USAID-funded grant program and facilitated training of field staff. She also taught English in Zaire, Africa while in the Peace Corps.

In Holzberger's most recent role as a Public Health Promotion Health Specialist in the Greenwich Health Department, she worked directly with the public to raise awareness of health issues, particularly those facing vulnerable populations, including seniors. Her work focused on prevention, wellness and maximizing community resources.

"Nicola's extensive experience as a public health professional will be critical to Staying Put's success as we continue to address the changing needs of the seniors in our town," said Executive Director Barb Achenbaum. "And her passion for helping others is clear from the minute you meet her. We are thrilled to have her."