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THRIVING AT HOME IN DARIEN

Dear Friends,

We keep Darien seniors connected to the community and engaged in our wonderful town. We provide services that not only assist seniors to remain living in their own homes as long as possible, but that also allow them to flourish and thrive.

This annual report highlights how your involvement and contributions have touched the lives of so many. Your care and support has allowed us to provide transportation, help around the house, and information to make a difference. More than 1,000 different households have called upon us for assistance in one way or another – from seniors, to adult children, to neighbors and friends. There is no charge for our services, and when you've celebrated your sixtieth birthday, you're automatically a member of **At Home In Darien**.

We depend on, and deeply appreciate, our generous donors and our dedicated volunteers. We invite you to join your neighbors in supporting **At Home In Darien** to help seniors remain at home in Darien.



Anne Rodriguez McGuire
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President of the Board of
Directors of At Home In Darien



Gina Z. Blum
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Executive Director of
At Home In Darien

our mission: Helping Darien seniors live independently, comfortably and with dignity in their own homes and the community as long as possible.

OUR NEW HOME

In the summer of 2014 we left our old office and moved to the new Mather Center, adjacent to Town Hall. Come visit! We are conveniently located next to the main gym. We can be easily accessed by using the ramp entrance in Town Hall's main circle, or through the new Senior Programs entrance of Mather Center (9am to 3pm) and then taking the stairs or the elevator to the second floor. The At Home office is open Monday through Friday 9am to 4pm.



My father lives with us, and my wife and I both work and have kids to take care of too. Being able to rely on **At Home In Darien** to take my father to all of his medical appointments is a huge relief!" - **Ted P.**

FACT

One in every **seven** Americans, or **13.7%** of the population, is over age **65**.



OUR NEW WHEELS

Everyone in Darien couldn't help but notice the old "Gallivant" our 12 passenger bus, but in 2014 we retired it and replaced it with a new handicap accessible Toyota Sienna minivan. It provides a much more comfortable ride, is more discreet, and has lots of style!

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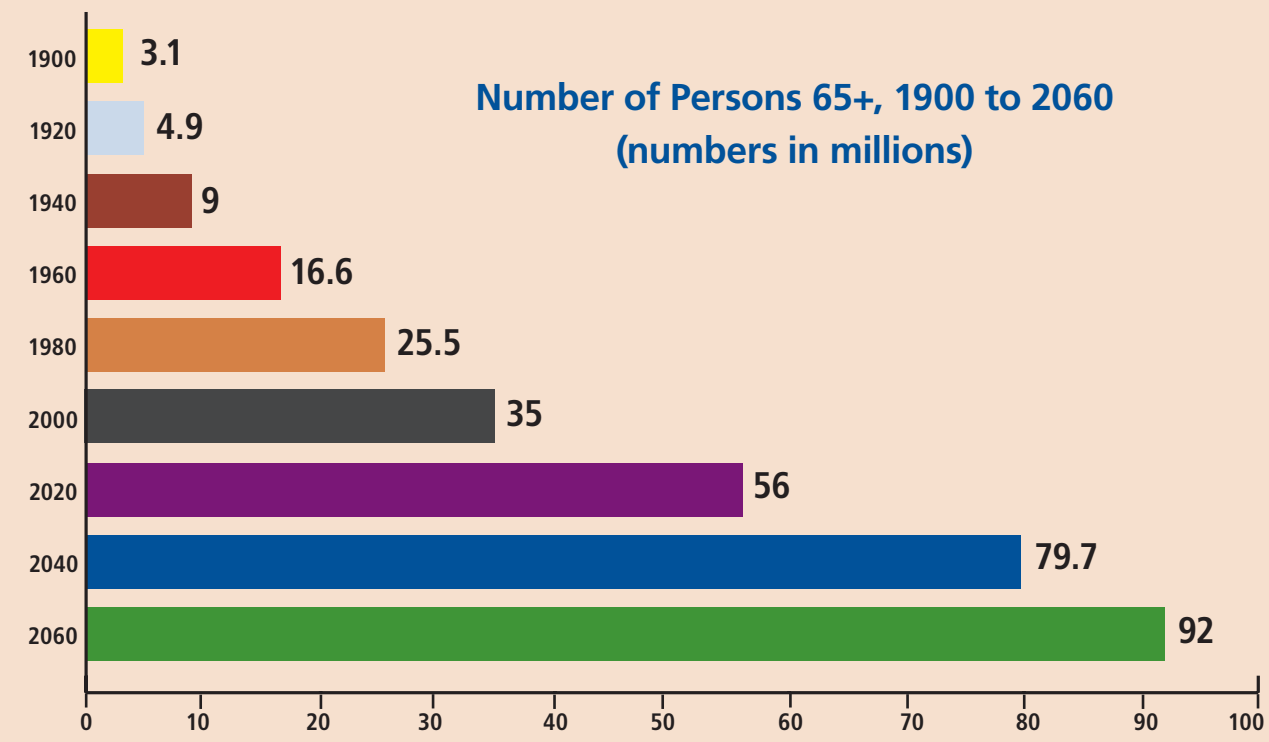
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IN DARIEN
CONNECTING SENIORS TO COMMUNITY

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"When I began needing help doing my own grocery shopping, I called At Home In Darien for assistance. I was matched with my Volunteer Shopper who is always there when I need her." – **E. B. S.**

FUTURE SENIOR GROWTH

The older population will continue to grow significantly in the future. Growth slowed somewhat during the 1990's because of the reduced number of babies born during the Great Depression of the 1930's. We expect the older population will burgeon as the "baby boom" generation beings to reach age 65.



FACT

The National Aging in Place Council, Connecticut Commission on Aging, and Southwestern Connecticut Agency on Aging all agree that it costs **less** for someone to age in their home than to go into a care facility. **At Home In Darien** reduces costs to the Town of Darien and the State of Connecticut by providing resources and services that assist seniors to live in their homes and communities as they age. Local policymakers and leaders recognize the benefits of providing services that allow people to stay in their homes and communities and are supportive of our efforts.

"At Home In Darien coordinates outings to take advantage of local community events. I enjoy getting picked up by a Volunteer Driver and going to see a show at the High School. It's great to stay involved in the community!" - Pearl F.

"I love being a Volunteer Visitor and spending time with seniors. It is extremely gratifying, and has produced very special friendships." - Carol R

COLLABORATION

At Home In Darien values partnerships in order to attain shared goals that strengthen our community.

- We work closely with organizations at the town, county and state level to provide programming and services to meet senior needs.
- The Town of Darien is a key collaborator and we work with the Town's Human Services Department and the Senior Activities Program at Mather Center to deliver a broad range of community resources to Darien seniors.
- We work with a network of local service providers and professionals including assisted living facilities and home care agencies.
- We also provide outreach to houses of worship and medical offices that provide services to the community.
- We serve as a central source to consolidate information from many organizations regarding opportunities, events, and news, and then disseminate it to Darien seniors on a regular, monthly basis.

OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS



KEY SERVICES

Current programming, provided free of charge, which assists seniors to age in place, includes:

Transportation

We provide door-to-door transportation for Darien seniors and the disabled either in our 4-passenger sedan or our 5-passenger handicap-accessible minivan within Darien, Stamford, New Canaan and Norwalk, every weekday between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Seniors are transported by professional drivers to and from medical appointments, shopping, or to social events – anywhere they want to go!

Volunteers

Our trustworthy volunteers assist seniors in a number of ways.

- Friendly Drivers provide transportation to and from towns we don't service, at hours we don't operate, or when someone needs to be accompanied to an appointment.
- Friendly Visitors make home visits to Darien seniors, providing ongoing companionship and support.
- Friendly Shoppers run errands or grocery shop for homebound seniors.
- Friendly Helpers take care of small tasks in a senior's home, like changing a light bulb or replacing the battery in a smoke alarm.

Advice and Resources for Seniors

We field calls for advice and assistance. We help seniors and their families get the answers they need and connect them with the right resources.

Vetted Service Provider Referrals

We provide free referrals to reliable and affordable tradespeople, and many of them offer discounted rates to seniors. That's peace of mind for seniors to be able to trust someone to come into their home and do a good job at a fair price, and it takes away the worry that someone might be taking advantage of them.

Senior News

We reach out to thousands of people across Darien to keep seniors, and those who care for them, informed about events and resources available to them.

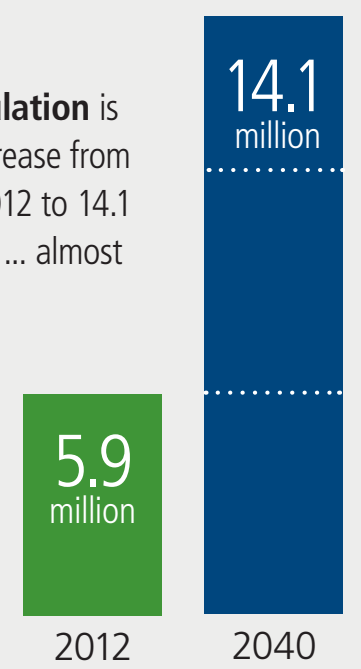
- Our *Out & About* Newsletter, delivered to every Darien mailbox three times per year, highlights local senior services, upcoming events, health tips and ideas for living safely at home.
- Our monthly calendar of events highlights local events and services of interest to seniors and is mailed or emailed.
- Our website, www.AtHomeInDarien.org is an up-to-date source of information.

Senior Activities and Programs

We provide social, cultural, educational and wellness programs in collaboration with other organizations, specifically designed for seniors and those who care about them.

FACT

The 85+ population is projected to increase from 5.9 million in 2012 to 14.1 million in 2040. ... almost tripling in size.



"It is comforting to be able to rely on At Home In Darien for transportation to my medical and physical therapy appointments each week. The staff and drivers are always attentive and kind." - James R.

My vision isn't what is used to be and I appreciate receiving the monthly calendar of events in large font from At Home In Darien. It's so helpful to see all the programs of interest to us seniors organized in one place." - John G.

OUR FINANCES

At Home In Darien's

financial condition remains healthy and stable. The majority of our funding comes from private donations from members of the Darien community. We thoughtfully and responsibly spend funds to provide free services and assistance to benefit Darien seniors so that they can continue living independently at home.

2014 REVENUE		2014 ALLOCATION OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
Contributions	\$193,942	Programs \$150,206
Transportation Contributions	\$4,327	
Grant Income	\$2,000	
Business Contributions	\$5,425	
In-kind Contributions	\$12,000	
Interest Income	\$412	Management and General \$32,674
Total	\$218,106	
Contribution for new vehicle	\$49,221	
		Fundraising \$16,550
		Total \$199,430

OUR VOLUNTEERS

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- St. Thomas More Youth Group of Darien
- Church of Latter Day Saints Youth Darien Ward
- Boy Scout Troop 35
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Stamford
- Darien Youth Hockey Squirt A Team
- Darien Y Adventure Guide and Princesses

Become a Friendly Volunteer, the rewards are amazing – strengthen our community, give back and make a difference!

OUR STAFF

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- Gina Z. Blum
Executive Director
- Sandi Kornblum
Office Coordinator
- Valerie Freund
Transportation Assistant



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| Satya Akula | Rick Tymon |
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“Kathy and I are fortunate not to need all the At Home In Darien services at the present time, but we do call upon them for referrals to vetted service providers who are qualified and trustworthy when we need a home repair. We contribute to **At Home In Darien** so that services can continue to grow and will be available as we need them.” - **Peter E.**

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“Donating to At Home In Darien makes sense. It’s all about helping our neighbors and making our community a better place to live.”
– **Lisa H.**