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Middle: Sharon Audubon
Bottom: Noble Horizons, Salisbury Band

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Our Northwest Corner is so fortunate to have many wonderful organizations that serve its residents and visitors, promote its cultural richness, and preserve its natural beauty. It is also home to many public-spirited individuals who volunteer - or who would like to volunteer - their time and talents to work for these organizations. We hope this booklet will help bring these organizations and volunteers together.

We also hope that you will support these organizations by making donations, large and small. They all depend on the support of our community to continue their good work.

You will find this booklet posted on the Salisbury Association’s website, www.salisburyassociation.org, and the Town of Salisbury’s website, www.salisburyct.us. Although the information is up-to-date at the time of printing, some details and contact information will change in the future and will be posted on the websites.

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**vol-un-teer**

**noun:** a person who does something, especially helping other people, willingly and without being paid to do so.

**verb:** freely offer to do something
Camp Sloane YMCA
124 Indian Mountain Rd
Lakeville, CT 06039

Camp Sloane YMCA has offered co-ed resident and day tent camping since 1928. It has all of the great activities that you would expect, but what sets us apart is our foundation of building blocks: cooperation, inclusion, trust, growth, loyalty, and perseverance. We aim to instill these values in our campers and staff in order for them to thrive and grow. We welcome individuals and small groups to volunteer their time with us. Typical projects include spreading mulch, lawn mowing, trail maintenance, and office work. Every April we host our Annual Volunteer Weekend when more than 100 volunteers help us get ready for the summer. They help set up the platform tents, sweep the campus of winter debris, get the camp store ready, and make our camp look great!

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Chore Service
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Salisbury, CT 06068

Since 1992, Chore Service has been committed to building a healthy community in the Northwest Corner of Connecticut. We are a leading resource for non-medical, in-home services for seniors and disabled residents in our community, helping them to remain safely and independently at home. Our program also provides income for local part-time workers. They provide companionship and perform light housekeeping, laundry, cooking, yard work, minor home repair, and transportation. Clients contribute toward the cost of services based on federal income guidelines. Chore Service employs approximately 40 local and caring people providing 13,000 hours of care annually to our 200 clients and families. We welcome volunteers.

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Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation’s compassion, unselfish caring, patients and just plain loving one another.
- Erma Bombeck
The Corner Food Pantry
80 Sharon Road
Lakeville, CT 06039

Our goal has been to provide nutritious, healthful food in a friendly environment for those in need for more than 20 years. A wholly volunteer organization based in Lakeville, CT, our food pantry serves individuals and families in the tri-state region. By becoming a donor or a volunteer, you can ensure that members of our community are not left hungry each week. Clients receive three days of food for each family member; no financial information is requested. Donations of non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the Pantry on Friday mornings or at LaBonne’s, local churches, and banks; a list of needed items can be found on our website. Volunteers stock the shelves and distribute the food to clients on Fridays and Saturdays. If you would like to help, we’d love to have you!

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EXTRAS
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EXTRAS (Extended Time for Recreational Activities in Salisbury) is a state-licensed childcare program housed at Salisbury Central School on Lincoln City Road in Lakeville. Our primary purpose is to provide a safe, stimulating, nurturing, and educational environment for elementary school-age young people after school, during holidays, and over the summer. Volunteers are helpful in programming and fundraising activities and essential in serving on our Board of Directors. Teacher candidates must meet state qualification requirements.

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As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands - one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.

- Audrey Hepburn
Friends of Scoville Memorial Library
38 Main Street
Salisbury, CT 06068

Created in 2003, the mission of the Friends is to promote the Scoville Library by increasing awareness of this wonderful community resource and by raising funds to supplement the operating budget so that the Library can respond to the needs and the interests of the community. Our grants to the Library support subscriptions, acquisitions, streaming accessibility, and public programs for adults and children. In addition, the all-volunteer Friends sponsor the Little Free Libraries for area residents and visitors, organize Library book sales and other special events, and offer an on-line book selling site.

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Geer Village/YMCA
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Geer Village Senior Community is a non-profit organization that provides a wide range of services for seniors at any stage of their lives. These include independent living apartments, assisted living, memory care, skilled nursing and rehabilitation, outpatient physical therapy, pharmacy services, adult day care, dial-a-ride, low-income housing, and community gathering spaces that are all located on our beautiful campus. In addition to our services, you will also find the Canaan branch of the Northwestern CT YMCA and activities open to the community, such as lectures and concerts. Volunteer opportunities are available to assist and enhance the activities provided to residents. We do require a screening process for volunteers.

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Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth.
- Mohammad Ali
Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Connecticut
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Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Connecticut was founded in 1991. Using mostly volunteer labor, we build affordable single-family homes for families that would not otherwise qualify for a conventional mortgage. Our single biggest consideration in selecting a Partner family to work with is need. This affiliate also provides Partner families with a zero-interest mortgage, saving the family thousands of dollars over the life of the mortgage. We look at what we do as “a hand up, not a hand-out,” and we see our mission as one that facilitates the ability of families to grow and thrive in our area – a necessary element of maintaining a vibrant community. Please contact us to volunteer!

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Housatonic Child Care Center
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The mission of the Housatonic Child Care Center is to provide the highest standard of care for children between the ages of 12 weeks and 6 years whose families reside in Salisbury or, space permitting, surrounding towns. We promote school readiness and socialization among our children, provide financial assistance when necessary to ensure quality child care is available to all working parents, support our staff in their development, and reflect well on the town of Salisbury whose public support makes our program possible. Volunteers serve on our Board, help with fundraising, read to the children, and share their talents with the children, such as cooking, art, or a trade.

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Volunteers don’t get paid, not because they’re worthless, but because they’re priceless.

- Sherry Anderson
Housatonic Heritage
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The Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area (Housatonic Heritage) illuminates the diverse, rich identity of the Upper Housatonic River Valley region and works to preserve and promote its historical, cultural, and natural resources. We promote a regional approach to conservation and preservation issues and facilitate collaboration among organizations for the benefit of both residents and visitors. We offer a variety of activities, such as the Annual Housatonic Heritage Walks and the Housatonic River paddling trips, along with many publications and trail maps. Housatonic Heritage promotes active volunteerism, assists partner organizations to promote volunteer options, and connects volunteers with suitable opportunities.

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Housatonic Youth Service Bureau
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Since 1991, the Housatonic Youth Service Bureau (HYSB) has provided mental health counseling and programs that reduce stress and build confidence for young people from kindergarten through high school. Many youth in the Northwest Corner live with the daily challenges of substance abuse, family disruptions, financial insecurity, and emotional pain. HYSB is one of the few places where young people and their families can seek help at no charge. Our staff of highly experienced, licensed clinicians work in partnership with the elementary schools, HVRHS, and other mental health service providers to create a community in which all young people and their families are equipped to face life’s challenges and truly thrive. Contact HYSB to refer a young person for counseling or to volunteer.

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*The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.*
- Mahatma Ghandi
The Lakeville Community Conservancy
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The Lakeville Community Conservancy Inc. has been formed to improve and maintain public spaces, combat community deterioration, enhance economic opportunities for the village of Lakeville, and promote public service. We are an all-volunteer organization that acts independently or in partnership with other civic organizations and local government. The Conservancy has undertaken, as part of its mission, the creation of three public gardens, begun a restoration of a 6-acre community park, and installed 14 large planters. Our projects are professionally maintained, and we seek to employ local businesses and individuals.

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Lakeville Hose Company
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The Lakeville Hose Company was officially organized in 1905 after a lightning fire destroyed two-thirds of the Salisbury business district. Its mission is the pursuit of Life Safety, Incident Stabilization, and Environmental/Property Preservation of the citizens we serve. The all-volunteer organization serves as the Town of Salisbury’s only fire protection agency. We respond to residential and commercial fires, brush fires, motor vehicle accidents, rescues on the Appalachian Trail and local lakes, citizen assistance calls, and we provide low- and high-angle rope rescue. We also provide and are part of the local mutual aid to our surrounding communities in the tri-state area. Firefighter One Class is 212 hours long. Additional training can be from 6 to 30 hours depending on topic. The Department has both male and female members and a Junior Firefighter program.

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Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more.

- H. Jackson Brown, Jr.
Lakeville Hose Company Ladies Auxiliary
4 Brook Street
Lakeville, CT 06039

The mission of the Lakeville Hose Company Ladies Auxiliary is to support the fire fighters of the Lakeville Hose Company in their pursuit of Life Safety, Incident Stabilization, and Environmental/Property Preservation of the citizens they serve. We pursue our mission through activities such as bringing food and water to a scene, staging a dinner for our members and mutual aid companies at our firehouse after a call, supporting fundraising efforts, and creating and collaborating on events that bring our community together to enjoy each other’s company or help a fellow citizen in need. We are dedicated to assisting our fire department and our fellow community members any way that we can—we welcome volunteers!

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The Little Guild
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The mission of the Little Guild is to rescue, love, and heal homeless dogs and cats and help them find the forever homes they deserve. We also serve the broader community through such programs as reduced-cost spay/neuter and vaccination clinics, a free pet food pantry, and pet-related education events. Founded in 1960, our current facility comfortably accommodates 16 dogs and 25 cats at any time. We rely on the help of many volunteers to help us provide the best possible care for our animals and welcome help with a large variety of tasks here at The Little Guild.

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Not only must we be good, but we must also be good for something.
- Henry David Thoreau
Music Mountain
225 Music Mountain Road PO Box 738
Falls Village, CT 06031 Lakeville, CT 06039

Located in the foothills of the Berkshire Mountains, the Music Mountain Summer Music Festival presents classical music and jazz concerts from June through September. We also host music students from all over the country. **Volunteer** opportunities include greeting patrons and distributing programs at concerts, helping at summer program orientation sessions, distributing brochures and posters, helping at our Painting Music Community Event, and participating in a gardening project. Please contact our Executive Director to volunteer!

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Noble Horizons
17 Cobble Road
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Noble Horizons is a 5-star, non-profit, continuing care, senior living community founded in 1972. We offer independent senior living in cottages and hotel-style accommodations, in-patient short-term rehabilitation, out-patient rehabilitation, skilled nursing, and memory care. We are well-known for the many free programs to which we welcome the community, such as lectures, art exhibits, concerts, exercise classes, health and wellness classes, workshops, and assistance with programs for seniors. **Volunteers** can help at special functions, such as movie nights and birthday parties, by serving and helping residents that need assistance. They can read, reminisce, and play cards and board games with residents or help with clerical duties or grounds maintenance. Pet Therapy volunteers visit with their canine companions. We have opportunities for volunteers of all ages.

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*Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for a kindness.*

- Seneca
Noble Horizons Auxiliary
17 Cobble Road
Salisbury, CT 06068

The mission of The Noble Horizons Auxiliary, organized in 1975, is the fostering of community interest in the Noble Horizons retirement community and the funding of special projects and programs for the benefit of our residents. Events such as the Festival of Trees, Holiday Fair, and Book and Tag Sale provide funding for our ongoing support of Noble. Dollars raised by these events pay for a range of annual expenses such as free WiFi, entertainment costs, and pet therapy. Larger donations have been used to renovate the chapel with a new organ, renovate the hair salon, and purchase a Ford Escape to help transport residents. We welcome new members and volunteers to keep our organization energized and committed to our mission—join us!

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Northwest Music Association
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The Northwest Music Association sponsors four concerts in July and August at St. John’s Episcopal Church. In recent years, we have featured The New Baroque Soloists, under the direction of Doug Myers. These are top-level professional musicians who perform Baroque chamber and orchestral works. Many are internationally-known as soloists and ensemble players. Following the concerts, we host a wine and hors d’oeuvres reception where the audience can mingle and chat with the musicians. Volunteers serve on our Board of Directors.

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Our nation will succeed or fail to the degree that all of us - citizens and businesses alike - are active participants in building strong, sustainable and enriching communities.

- Arnold Hiatt
The mission of the Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission (SAHC) is to facilitate and promote the creation of affordable housing in the Town of Salisbury. Our Town has three main organizations dedicated to the creation of affordable housing: Salisbury Housing Committee, Salisbury Housing Trust, and Habitat for Humanity. The board members of SAHC are appointed by Salisbury’s Board of Selectmen and support all of our town’s non-profit housing organizations. **Volunteers** who are interested in helping with the issue of affordable housing in our community are urged to contact our Coordinator.

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**Salisbury Artisans Group**

We are a loose-knit group of local artisans who make jewelry, clothing, pottery, skincare, woven home goods, accessories, stationary, leather goods, pillows, art work and more – all handmade locally. We share information about potential markets, contacts, and resources in the area. We also sponsor three or four juried crafts markets during the year and strive to make donations to local non-profit groups after each show. We are always happy to add new artisans to our volunteer group.

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*Everyone can be great because everyone can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t even have to make your subject and verb agree, to serve...You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love.*

- Martin Luther King, Jr.
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Salisbury Association
24 Main Street
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Salisbury, CT 06068

Founded in 1902, the Salisbury Association’s mission is “to promote the best interests of the town and to preserve and develop its natural attractions.” It follows three guiding principles: protect Salisbury’s natural resources, celebrate Salisbury’s local history, and organize events to bring us together. We accomplish our goals through the programs and activities of three committees: Land Trust, Historical Society, and Community Events Committee (see next page). The Academy Building, located in the center of Salisbury, is home to the Association. Built in 1833, the building has served as a school and a courthouse. Volunteers are vital to the success of the Association as they serve on the Board of Trustees, create exhibits and programs, maintain properties and trails, research history, organize events, and much more.

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Salisbury Association Land Trust

The Land Trust conserves and preserves the rural character and natural resources of Salisbury through ownership or conservation easements on ecologically significant lands, including forests, farmland, public vistas, and special habitats. We manage and monitor conserved properties and provide environmental education through exhibits, programs, tours, and publications. On owned land, we provide hiking trails for the public to enjoy. More than 3,000 acres of Salisbury’s beautiful landscape are currently protected by the Land Trust. Volunteers play a vital role in all these activities.

Salisbury Association Historical Society

The Historical Society records and preserves Salisbury’s historical heritage through art and history exhibits, lectures, school programs, publications, and walks and educational markers at historic sites. We maintain and display our collection of local historical artifacts, documents, and an archive of more than 3,300 digitized photos. More than 375 interviews from the Salisbury Oral History Project are available on the Association’s website. The Historical Society also mentors and sponsors local student entries in the National History Day academic competition. We rely on volunteers for all our activities.

Salisbury Association Community Events

The Community Events Committee sponsors the annual Independence Day celebration at Town Grove, a Victorian Christmas concert, and the publicity for the Salisbury Fall Festival. We co-sponsor lectures with the Scoville Memorial Library and support the Salisbury Summer Jobs program for our youth. Special funds help finance the planting and care of trees and flowers by the Tree Committee and the Beautification Committee, as well as special projects at Town Grove. New initiatives include the publication of the Volunteer Handbook. Volunteers are always welcome.

Wherever you turn, you can find someone who needs you. Even if it is a little thing, do something for which there is no pay but the privilege of doing it. Remember, you don’t live in the world all of your own.

- Albert Schweitzer
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Salisbury Band
PO Box 220
Salisbury, CT 06068

Since 1928, the Salisbury Band has been performing at concerts-on-the-green and other community events. We are a non-profit organization of amateur players dedicated to bringing traditional band music to the Northwest Corner and are one of the very few remaining town bands in Connecticut. The season runs from rehearsals in March to the last concert at the end of August. Some members of the Band form the Senior QuickStep HotShots, who play background music for outdoor events, and the Salisbury Band Christmas Brass and Hot Chocolate Society, who play at Christmas tree lightings and carol sings. We welcome volunteers of all ages who have an enthusiasm for music!

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Salisbury Central School PTO
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Through fundraising activities and events, the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) supplements the Salisbury Central School’s program and materials, striving to make a positive impact on the day-to-day life of the school. All the money raised is used to fund mini-grants to teachers for enrichment activities or other items not in the school budget. At our monthly meetings, we brainstorm and plan our course of action and special events. Volunteers, who are parents, grandparents, or guardians of current or past students, are welcome to contribute as much time and energy as they can.

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What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good.
- Aristotle
Salisbury Community Dog Park
107 Long Pond Road
Lakeville, CT 06039

The Salisbury Community Dog Park is a fenced-in area where dogs can play together off-leash. Our mission is to provide a safe and secure environment where owners may exercise and train their dogs off-leash, thus providing effective socialization opportunities for people and their dogs. We promote responsible dog ownership in the community through educational and recreational activities, demonstration projects, and training opportunities. The all-volunteer Friends of the Salisbury Community Dog Park ensures that the park is kept clean, mowed, plowed, landscaped, and necessary supplies purchased.

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Salisbury Democratic Town Committee
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The Salisbury Democratic Town Committee works with District and State Committees to bring progress to our school boards, our town, and across Connecticut to reaffirm our commitment to rebuild prosperity and restore opportunity for all. We work to recruit and elect Democrats with our values at the local, state, and federal levels, and we help to get out the vote. Join us...volunteers are always welcome!

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I always wondered why someone didn’t do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody.

- Lily Tomlin
Salisbury Fall Festival
Main Street
Salisbury, CT 06068

The annual Salisbury Fall Festival attracts hundreds of visitors to the Northwest Corner in the autumn for three days of fun-filled events and activities offered by community organizations, churches, school groups, and merchants. Visitors can wander down Main Street and enjoy a quilt show, bake and book sales, exhibits, local artisans, food tents, live music, and much more. Children of all ages can enjoy pumpkin painting, magic shows, games, hayrides, and a pet parade. Volunteers are essential for the festival’s success. Every participating group needs volunteers to plan and staff their booth, food tent, or activity during the weekend. Other volunteers help with publicity, sponsorships, awards, and special events.

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Salisbury Family Services
30A Salmon Kill Road
Salisbury, CT 06068

Salisbury Family Services was founded in 1930 to offer support for residents of Salisbury. Our mission is helping those people in our community experiencing difficulties; our goal is helping people help themselves. All assistance and communications are confidential. SFS’s Director of Social Services coordinates referrals to various state and local service organizations and offers transportation assistance, housing and fuel assistance, day care and educational assistance, summertime camp scholarships, and distribution of holiday food and gifts. We assist with utility payments, provide food vouchers, and have a small food pantry. Volunteers serve on the Board and help with fundraising events.

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The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.
- Oscar Wilde
The Salisbury Forum
PO Box 61
Salisbury, CT 06068

The Salisbury Forum, an all-volunteer organization, was founded in 2005 as a free lecture series open to the public. Our mission is to bring nationally recognized expert speakers and documentary films to Northwest Connecticut and surrounding communities. We hope to engage and inform our audience about topics in the news and on our minds. We offer about six programs annually as well as one documentary film. Programs are held in one of our three local high school auditoriums or in a Zoom webinar format. There is always a Q&A period at the end of the presentations. Videos of past speakers and information about upcoming events can be found on our website.

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Salisbury Housing Committee
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The Salisbury Housing Committee (SHC) is a non-profit organization that is committed to securing and managing affordable rental housing in the Salisbury area since the 1970s. We own and oversee 33 units in Sarum Village on Cobble Road and Faith House at East Meadow. Connecticut Real Estate Management provides excellent oversight at both complexes. Volunteers serve on our Board.

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We cannot live only for ourselves. A thousand fibers connect us with our fellow men.

- Herman Melville
Salisbury Housing Trust
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Salisbury, CT 06068

The mission of the Salisbury Housing Trust is to promote affordable home ownership in the towns of Salisbury. In the past years, the Housing Trust has built or renovated 14 homes, now owned and occupied. We use a threefold strategy: raising funds, primarily through local donors; seeking sites on which to build or homes to renovate; and seeking qualified applicants. The Housing Trust subsidizes the homes, making them affordable; retains ownership of the land; and enters into a contract with buyers to maintain affordability when the homes are resold. The all-volunteer Board raises funds; works with applicants to find, renovate, and subsidize homes; assists with banking and real estate transactions; maintains contact with other town and regional organizations; keeps in touch with Housing Trust home owners; and oversees property maintenance.

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Salisbury Recreation Commission
Town Hall
Salisbury, CT 06068

The Recreation Commission provides recreational opportunities to the community, including youth sports, adult sports and exercise classes, and other recreational activities. We need volunteers to serve as officials or coaches for youth sports, including baseball, basketball, softball, lacrosse, and soccer. They volunteer for 1-10 hours per week for 6-8 week sessions. Instructors are needed for adult exercise and other classes, including arts and crafts.

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How wonderful that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.
- Ann Frank
Salisbury Republican Town Committee
PO Box 221
Salisbury, CT 06068

The Salisbury Republican Town Committee is composed of Republicans from across the ideological spectrum. Our mission is to make the Republican party a viable political institution in Salisbury. We reject the anger and divisiveness that has for too long infected national politics. We focus primarily on local, state, and congressional elections where our voice can make a difference. Volunteers are welcome.

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Salisbury Rotary Club
PO Box 287
Salisbury, CT 06068

The mission of the Salisbury Rotary Club is to improve the lives of citizens in our communities and communities around the world. Our motto, Service Above Self, signifies our willingness to place the needs of others over our personal needs. We provide monetary gifts to our local, national, and international communities as well as “boots-on-the-ground” support. We also offer scholarships for Region 1 students, for men and women from the area to continue to improve their health care industry skills, and for students who want to enter the workforce immediately but who need some additional technical or vocational preparation for their chosen field. We welcome volunteers.

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Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.

- Author Unknown
Salisbury Senior Services
Town Grove Recreational Building
Ethan Allen Street
Lakeville, CT 06039

The Salisbury Senior Services provides information and referral resources for senior citizens and their families. Available resources include federal and state programs, as well as local organizations in our community. We also offer a wide variety of programs and activities, such as exercise classes, blood pressure screening, social events, and trips. The Lakeville Nutrition Program offers hot, nutritious lunches during the week. Volunteers are very important to our program. They can help seniors by running errands or providing transportation to doctor appointments. AARP tax aid volunteers, AARP safe driver instructors, and CHOICES Medicare counselors are always needed, and we will provide any needed training.

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Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service
8 Undermountain Road
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The Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance provides emergency medical service to the Town of Salisbury, 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. SVAS has been serving our community since 1971 and receives no state or municipal funding. Our all-volunteer Squad responds to more than 400 emergency calls a year, provides stand-by services for countless community and private events, and trains continuously to ensure that citizens can count on the very best emergency services available. Because of the rugged terrain of the area, Squad members also perform mountain, water, and rope operations. Volunteers, who must be certified MRT, EMT, or EMT-I, provide EMS coverage for specified shifts, depending on each volunteer’s availability. Certified drivers are also welcome.

Contact:
Emergency: 911
Non-emergency telephone: 860-435-0058
Website: www.salisburyambulance.org

I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

- Mahatma Ghandi
Salisbury Winter Sports Association
80 Indian Cave Road
Salisbury, CT 06068

A Salisbury tradition for over 90 years, Salisbury Winter Sports Association (SWSA) has fostered the exhilarating sport of ski jumping among all ages and generations. The mission of SWSA is to acquaint our nearby communities, especially the children, with Nordic ski jumping and cross-country and Alpine skiing and to teach them the skills necessary for their enjoyment and lifelong pursuit. We host the Eastern National Ski Jumping Championships on Satre Hill – an exciting event in Salisbury every year. We also sponsor fundraising events and a Ski and Skate Swap that benefits Salisbury Central School’s downhill ski program. Volunteers are essential for the success of all our events!

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Scoville Memorial Library
38 Main Street
Salisbury, CT 06068

Established in 1803, the Scoville Memorial Library was the first in the United States open to the public free of charge. Its Romanesque 1894 building was donated by Jonathan Scoville, a local philanthropist, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Library has a wide variety of books in print and ebooks, from bestsellers to indie favorites to classics for all ages, along with other publications and CDs. From the website, you can stream videos and audios and sign up for emails about library news, events, and the latest items. Every month we offer special programs, from lectures to book groups to a wide variety of events for children. Volunteers help with children’s programs, special events, and the Friends of the Scoville Memorial Library.

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Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.
- Elizabeth Andrew
Sharon Audubon Center
325 Cornwall Bridge Road
Sharon, CT 06069

The Sharon Audubon Center is an education center and nature sanctuary situated on 1,147 acres of mostly forest and includes 11 miles of trails and two ponds. The main Visitor Center building houses a hands-on natural history museum, the Audubon Nature Store, and the Children's Adventure Center. The grounds include raptor aviaries, a pollinator garden, a butterfly house, and a working sugarhouse. The center runs a Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic, and naturalists are on duty to answer questions. We offer events and programs for adults and children throughout the year. Volunteers are an integral part of our success, and there are many exciting opportunities such as working on the gardens, grounds and trails; animal care; or helping with education programs, projects, and special events.

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Sharon Hospital
50 Hospital Road
Sharon, CT 06069

Sharon Hospital is part of Nuvance Health, a family of award-winning, non-profit hospitals in the Hudson Valley and western Connecticut – plus multiple primary- and specialty-care physician practice locations, including The Heart Center, a leading provider of cardiology care, and two urgent care offices. Nuvance Health combines highly-skilled physicians, state-of-the-art facilities and technology, and compassionate caregivers dedicated to providing quality care across a variety of clinical areas. Volunteers are a valued and essential part of the care we give, and we are grateful to the men, women, and students who give their time to make a difference to patients, families, and hospital staff. We offer a range of volunteer opportunities that meet different needs and skill-sets.

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You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give.
- Winston Churchill
Lakeville Hose Women’s Auxiliary

Lakeville Hose

Noble Horizons

Salisbury Association Land Trust

Salisbury Artisans

Noble Horizons
Sharon Playhouse
49 Amenia Road
Sharon, CT 06069

The Sharon Playhouse is a regional, non-profit theater producing high-quality performances with Broadway caliber actors as well as talented local community members. Our mission is to entertain the community of Northwest Connecticut and beyond, while also serving as a teaching theater to encourage aspiring actors and other theater professionals of all ages to develop their craft. Our volunteers are the backbone of the Sharon Playhouse. We rely on dedicated volunteers to handle many responsibilities, such as sewing costumes, taking tickets, ushering, assisting audience members, selling refreshments and souvenirs, and directing parking.

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Silver Lake Conference Center
223 Low Road
Sharon CT 06069

Silver Lake hosts young people for summer camp and retreat participants September through May. Founded in 1957 by the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ, we welcome all individuals and groups regardless of their church or civic affiliation. We seek to provide a safe environment of acceptance for all children. Volunteers play a very important role at Silver Lake. In the summer, volunteer counselors help run our summer program after a vigorous vetting and training program. Most of our Fall-Winter-Spring volunteers do site work, such as grounds clean up, helping in the garden, splitting wood, and carpentry projects. We run two work-weekends a year, one in fall and one in spring, open to anyone.

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The purpose of life is not to be happy, but to matter - to be productive, to be useful, to have it make some difference that you have lived at all.

- Leo Rosten
SOAR
PO Box 593
Salisbury, CT 06068

SOAR (Seek Originate Aspire Reach) is a community funded and directed organization dedicated to providing enrichment programs to the students of Salisbury Central School. We are committed to providing high-quality programs at a reasonable cost to those who can pay and free-of-charge to those who need assistance. Our goal is to foster and build a life-long love of learning and engagement by promoting the self-discovery, talents, and interests of every child. We implement our mission through after-school programs, in-school assemblies, teacher grants, and community-building events. SOAR has long benefited from the efforts of volunteers who serve on our Board and our Program Committee, teach workshops, and help with fundraising events.

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Sunday in the Country Food Drive
PO Box 789
Millerton, NY 12546

It started in 1992 with the delivery of two Thanksgiving turkeys to families in need and has grown to over 1,200 turkeys being delivered in Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. Sunday in the Country Food Drive collects funds to provide local food pantries with holiday food baskets that feed hundreds of families in the area. Along with turkeys, we supply non-perishable items donated by local vendors or purchased from local stores. The baskets provide families with enough food for multiple meals. Volunteers help prepare the baskets and distribute them to the local food pantries in nearby CT and NY.

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Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, What are you doing for others?
- Martin Luther King, Jr.
Taconic Learning Center
PO Box 1752
Lakeville, CT 06039

The Taconic Learning Center (TLC) is a non-profit membership organization providing the opportunity for lifelong learning to adult residents of the Northwest Corner and adjacent communities. We offer a wide variety of academic subjects taught by volunteers, all experts in their fields. Courses lasting two hours are held once a week at one of our two conveniently located venues during the fall, winter, and spring. Subjects range from opera to literature to foreign policy to language...and much more. Attendees are free to come and go as they like; there are no exams. Those taking advantage of TLC’s programs rekindle the excitement of learning, expand their horizons, have fun, and make new friends.

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Tri-State Chamber of Commerce
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Connecting Commerce and Community since 2004, the Tri-State Chamber of Commerce is a collaboration of businesses and non-profits located in CT, MA, and NY all working to improve the region’s economy and overall quality of life. Along with holding monthly member networking events, the Chamber organizes a charity golf tournament, as well as two festive wintertime programs that help promote the region’s year-round appeal. Additionally, we support various community events such as the Fall Festival, food drives, and others. Become a member, volunteer, and help make the Tri-State stronger. Members and non-members alike can stay connected with the region’s happenings through the weekly Tri-State Chamber e-newsletter, Facebook, and Instagram.

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I’ve learned that you shouldn’t go through life with a catcher’s mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back.

- Maya Angelou
Twin Lakes Association  
PO Box 99  
Salisbury, CT 06068

The Twin Lakes Association (TLA) was formed in the late 1800’s to preserve and enhance the natural resources, the environment, and the quality and ecology of the Twin Lakes. We promote civic, social, and recreational activities in the area and work collaboratively with other lake associations to ensure that the lakes are managed in a scientifically-based, ecologically-sound manner. For nearly 120 years, the TLA has sponsored Twin Lakes Day in which families of all ages come together for water-focused activities and events. The association membership is open to all individuals with an interest in preserving the lake and surrounding foothills. **Volunteers** work in many areas, including lake management, communications, science, and education.

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Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County  
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Salisbury, CT 06068

Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County, formerly known as Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association (SVNA which was founded in 1904), is a state licensed and Medicare-certified home health and hospice agency. Our mission is to provide advanced, compassionate health and hospice care at home and in the community. **SVNA** is the community’s trusted partner providing reliable, high-quality services for healthy and independent living. Our team of health care professionals provide at-home medical services, rehabilitation, and assistance with activities of daily living. **Volunteers** are needed for our hospice program which provides services such as reading to patients, talking with them, or just holding their hands.

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*Those who can do, do. Those who can do more, volunteer.*  
- Author Unknown
Women’s Support Services
158 Gay Street
PO Box 341
Sharon, CT 06069

Women’s Support Services (WSS), the area’s local domestic violence agency founded in 1981, envisions a world in which everyone can be themselves, have healthy relationships, and live free of interpersonal, relationship violence. Our services include a 24/7 confidential hotline, emergency shelter for those in crisis, counseling and support for victims/survivors, criminal and legal advocacy, prevention education in grades K–12, programming for boys and men, and community education programs. Volunteers are critical to our work. Program volunteers complete a 20-hour certification process enabling them to work in a variety of positions, such as answering the hot line. More than 200 volunteers are needed for Trade Secrets, our primary fundraising event.

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Wononscopomuc Lake Association
162 Millerton Road
Lakeville, CT 06039

The mission of the Lake Wononscopomuc Association is to preserve, protect, and improve the water quality and environment of this Lakeville lake. The all-volunteer association commissions in-depth studies of the lake water quality every two years; results can be seen on our website. The association also maintains a small milfoil harvester to clear beach and dock areas around the lake and provides anti-milfoil mats for the swim lanes at the Town Grove. We provide a boat watch to prevent the infestation of zebra mussels and other invasive species and send educational materials on good lake-management practices to property owners.

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*It’s easy to make a buck. It’s a lot tougher to make a difference.*
- Tom Brokaw
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