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For Caregivers Corner

On behalf of Community Caregivers, I'd like to acknowledge and thank Karen Pellettier for her dedication to the expansion of senior services in Bethlehem. After 32 years of service, including founding the Town of Bethlehem Senior Service Department, Mrs. Pellettier is retiring. Community Caregivers has worked with Senior Services for years and enjoys their partnership.

"I have the greatest respect for Karen's leadership and the programs she has put in place for seniors and their families," said Diane Cameron, Executive Director of Community Caregivers.

Senior Services has grown considerably during Mrs. Pellettier's time and now includes over 200 volunteers and provides services such as transportation, caregiver services, and a food bank program for seniors of Bethlehem.

If you'd like to learn more about Community Caregivers, consider volunteering! Just a few hours a month can make a tremendous difference in someone's life. We have opportunities for volunteers to provide transportation, visit, shop, and provide respite, as well as office positions where volunteers assist with office work and answer phone calls to set up appointments.

Our upcoming spring orientation sessions for prospective volunteers are:

- Wednesday, April 7, at 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, April 15, at 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 5, at 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, May 13, at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 9, at 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, June 24, at 4 p.m.

All orientation sessions will be located at the Community Caregivers office at 2113 Western Ave, across from the 20 Mall.