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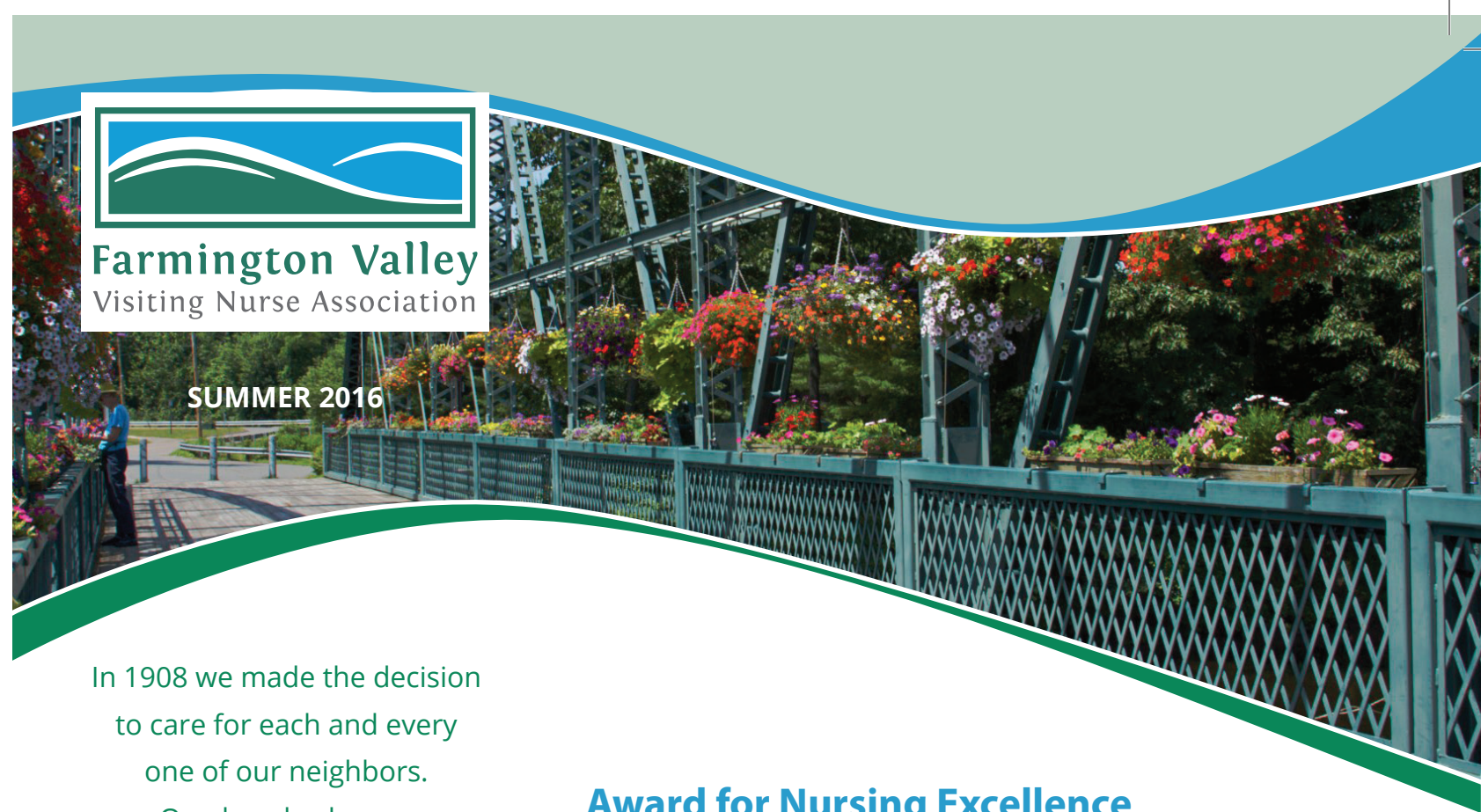
The Farmington Valley VNA serves the following communities: Avon, Burlington, Canton, Collinsville, East Hartland, Farmington, Granby, Hartland, North Canton, North Granby, Simsbury, Tariffville, Unionville, Weatogue, West Granby, West Hartland, West Simsbury, and portions of Barkhamsted, Bloomfield, East Granby, New Hartford, and West Hartford.

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In 1908 we made the decision
to care for each and every
one of our neighbors.
One hundred years
later, we haven't
stopped.

Award for Nursing Excellence

Farmington Valley VNA Registered Nurse Jacqueline Coveney was among the nursing professionals recognized at the 14th Annual Hartford Regional Nightingale Awards for Excellence in Nursing Gala on May 5, 2016.

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A New Initiative

We are pleased to announce the creation of our Pet Therapy Program! This new initiative was implemented to support our Hospice patients' well-being and quality of life through positive interactions with therapy animals. Hospice patients who choose to participate will receive visits from dogs who have animal therapy certification through a national or locally recognized certification program. The pets' handlers must complete our agency's rigorous volunteer screening process and extensive Hospice volunteer training program. For more information, please contact Pamela Gordon, our Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, at 860-651-3539.

Yulee, a 2 ½ year old Leonberger, poses with his handler, Vic Neumann, and VNA Executive Director Nancy Scheetz. Yulee's father, Vikhan, is a certified therapy dog, and Yulee is being socialized with the goal of obtaining future therapeutic certification.

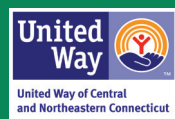


Jacqueline Coveney, RN

Jacqui was unanimously nominated by the VNA's Management Team because of her key insight into her patients' needs, ability to advocate on their behalf, and her approach to the care she provides. As a Hospice nurse, she works in

tandem with family members, caregivers, and the agency's Interdisciplinary Team to ensure that her patients' needs are being met. Her humorous and no-nonsense approach has earned her accolades from multiple sources.

Congratulations to Jacqui on this prestigious honor!



The Farmington Valley Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. is a non-profit, State-licensed and Medicare-certified home health agency and hospice, which has been serving the Farmington Valley community with compassionate care since 1908. A comprehensive program of health care, Hospice services and illness prevention services are available to any individual or family in need, regardless of ability to pay or other hardship. The Agency does not discriminate in its service delivery or operational practices on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, gender, sexual orientation or any other legally protected status. Please contact us if there are any errors in your name and/or address, or if you do not wish to receive future mailings.

Employee Service Awards

At the 17th Annual Employee Service Awards Ceremony, Executive Director Nancy A. Scheetz presented 9 staff members with awards to commemorate their 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 year milestones. The following employees were personally recognized for their years of service and their individual contributions to the agency:

5 YEARS

Jessica Brunelle, RN

Kendra Beaudoin, Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant

10 YEARS

Barbara Cocomo, CNA

Danielle DePietro, CNA

Shelley Fecteau, Physical Therapist

Jessie Smith, CNA

15 YEARS

Karen Janowetch-Moore, School Nurse

20 YEARS

Robin Baker, RN, Manager of Nursing Services and Clinical IT

25 YEARS

Theresa Leduc, School Nurse



STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT

Kendra Beaudoin, Shelley Fecteau, Robin Baker, Nancy Scheetz, Theresa Leduc

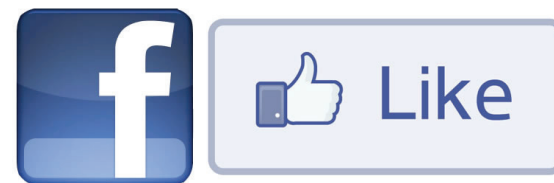
SEATED, LEFT TO RIGHT

Karen Janowetch-Moore, Danielle DePietro



Red Nose Day

Like our new look? Our staff happily participated in "Red Nose Day" on May 26th, a national incentive to generate awareness about the issue of childhood poverty.



"Like" Us On Facebook

We are pleased to announce the launch of our agency's Facebook page! Find out where we're holding free blood pressure screenings, read articles of interest, and learn about our latest events. Please "like" the Farmington Valley VNA's Facebook page the next time you're online!

Welcome New Board Members

We are delighted to welcome the following professionals to our Board of Directors:

Dennis Chapron
Medication Safety Pharmacist
Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center

Paul Cialfi
New England Territory Manager
US Chemical and Plastics Division
of Valspar Automotive

Denise Grant
Vice President of Finance and Control
Ensign-Bickford Industries, Inc.

Dr. Atique Mirza, Partner
Central Connecticut Cardiologists, LLC
and Consultant Cardiologist
Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center

Stephanie F. McGuire, APRN, NNP-BC
Midlevel Practitioner, Neonatal ICU,
Connecticut Children's Medical Center

John J. O'Connell
Assistant Vice President and Senior Counsel
The Hartford

Colleen O'Connor
Tax Collector
Town of Simsbury

Special thanks to Joan Leach, RNC, MSN, ME for her many years of service on our Board of Directors.

Welcome New Staff

Christine Santa, School Nurse
Jessica Guitard, Assistant Supervisor,
Home Health Dept.

Justine Stagon, Medical Social Worker

Katherine Allen, CNA

Margaret Campbell, School Nurse

Maria Stanizale, Reception

Molly Porter, Registered Nurse

Nancy Frodermann, Clinic RN

Pamela Gordon, Assistant Hospice
Volunteer Coordinator

Rachel Hsu, Per Diem Clinic Nurse

Traci Tefft, School Nurse

Our Valued Volunteers

It is always a pleasure to recognize our volunteers for their selfless commitment to our programs and services!



Granby Food Bank Volunteers

LEFT TO RIGHT: Susan Tokarz, Kristen Wortley, Betty Maus, Steve Wortley, Evelyne Morin, Anne St. John, Rebecca Malley, Maureen DiPietro, and Ann Marie Royer

The Granby Food Bank Program is completely overseen by a team of dedicated volunteers who pick up donations from area businesses, replenish supplies, and assist participants with their weekly grocery pick-up. Our Hospice volunteers may spend time with patients, offer respite to caregivers, run errands for families, arrange and deliver bereavement baskets, and assist with fundraising events. Community Programs volunteers provide support for our nurses at seasonal Flu Shot Clinics, and the Simsbury Town Associates assist with mailings and serve as ambassadors for the agency in the communities we serve.



Hospice Volunteers

STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT
Cheryl Wickham
Sandra Cross
Ruth Rosenfield
Gail Fairbairn

SEATED, LEFT TO RIGHT
Bonnie Antarsh
Caroline Vo
Pamela Gordon

*It doesn't take a lot of time to make a big difference!
Call us at 860-651-3539 to inquire about
opportunities for volunteering.*