



What is the Village Network?

<https://www.vtvnetwork.org>

The **Village Movement** started in 1999 when a few Boston Beacon Hill neighbors sought a membership connection to help them remain independent as needs increased with age. The national network was formed in 2010 to share guidance, resources and support with new members. There are now over 200 open Villages across the country and more than 150 in development (we are one of them).

Nancy Euchner was one of the founders of the **Seacoast Village Project**. In her role as an elder care manager, she found that most people prefer to remain in their own homes and communities as they get older, but lack the practical connections to make it work. She and co-founder Kathy Rockwood gathered a team of colleagues, friends and neighbors to explore local needs and levels of interest. The Seacoast Village Project formally incorporated and elected a Board of Directors in October, 2018.

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How can you help?

- Get involved!
- Share your own talents.
- Make a donation
- Connect us to others who might want to hear more. We are happy to speak with library or church groups, at house parties or at other venues.
- Give us feedback!

Where we are now:

We are now a NH Non-Profit Corporation. Our application for 501(c)(3) designation is pending with the IRS. With a growing group of volunteers, we are working in teams to grow this Village. Stay tuned for more information!



TO RECEIVE NEWSLETTERS, VOLUNTEER, SIGN UP TO BECOME A MEMBER OR TO DONATE, USE THE FORM AT OUR WEBSITE OR EMAIL:

NHSeacoastVillageProject@gmail.com

How you can AGE IN PLACE

with the help of the

Seacoast Village Project

(A NH Non-profit Corporation)



To learn more or join our team:

www.seacoastvillageproject.org

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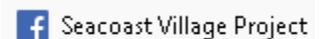
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Mission Statement

We want to make “aging in place” a real option! Our proposed Village provides social connections and meaningful support from members, trusted volunteers and professionals. As a membership organization, we can work together to leverage our consumer power to make change.

Objectives

BE A SUPER-CONNECTOR: Provide links to local organizations already providing helpful services.

PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION: Access social events, appointments, shopping or activities.

PROVIDE A SOCIAL NETWORK: Plan organized activities so members feel welcome. This could include speakers, local concerts or events, luncheons, dinners or other requested activities.

RECOMMENDED VENDORS: Provide a list of outside resources if volunteers are not able to provide the requested service.

OFFER PEACE OF MIND: Give members and their families the comfort of knowing they have local connections, and a safe option to continue living independently.



How does a Village work?

While there are many Village models, the basic premise is the same: members pay a monthly fee to access benefits and services most of which are provided by volunteers.

Examples of member benefits:

- Rides / car-pooling options
- Home maintenance / seasonal tasks
- Cultural & social activities
- Short-term support after hospitalization or illness (non-medical)
- In-home technology assistance
- Support for health care appointments

To provide these benefits, the Village will rely on membership-driven, Board-led teams with volunteer support:

- Administration & Finance
- Fundraising & Business Development
- Programs & Events
- Volunteer Support
- Community Outreach
- Member Services

FAQs

Where is the Village?

It can't be contained in a building! It's not housing or an assisted living facility; it's a community of members and volunteers with a common goal of enabling aging in place.

Is there a typical Village model?

Since Villages are “hyper-local” they're based on local needs and community resources. Many members join as volunteers to help others, and then receive benefits later on when they need assistance. Most provide a social network and help with transportation, chores and other activities.

How much are membership dues?

The national average is about \$50/month depending on the level of service. Corporate sponsors, donors, grants or partners can help defray expenses, which include insurance for drivers, volunteer background checks, recommended vendors and reliable oversight. Our dues will be determined this winter

How could this help me?

You can take charge of your life! You don't know how your circumstances may change, but the Village will help you navigate life's challenges. Share your time and talent with others when able, then when you need help you'll have a team in place to call on.