When I came to campus in 2018, I immediately knew Noble Horizons was unlike any other senior living community I had encountered in my career. It went beyond the beautiful campus, the amazing staff and the unique holistic approach to care and living. What struck me most was the culture and Noble Horizons’ deep connection to the community.

Noble as we see it today began as a solution to a need - to provide moderate-priced rental housing for retired, middle-income people over 65 so “that they may be able to live out their lives in comfort and dignity”. Funded by a bequest from Sharon resident Ethel G. Noble, and overseen by attorney Tom Wagner and his visionary wife, Fran, the Trust provided for the construction of Noble’s original 20 cottages, its first building for congregate living and its community building.

That deep commitment to meeting the needs of our community is infused throughout life on the Noble campus, in the eyes of our volunteers, in the smiles of our residents, in the joy of the many who visit or attend events and in the faces of individuals who give to Noble in countless ways.

For 50 years, generosity has sustained Noble, enhancing its exceptional quality of care and the unique lifestyle on which generations of community members have depended. From donations that funded the construction of our skilled nursing and memory care areas to outright gifts of cottages, transportation vans and even outdoor sculpture, giving has defined our community. Evidence of generosity abounds throughout the Noble campus, on the trails where residents enjoy soothing and continued on page 2

The Art of Community

Steeped in history, a fierce sense of community and the call to help thy neighbor – are what make small town living so magical and all are the foundation upon which Noble Horizons was founded.

Over fifty years ago Ethel G. Noble, a prominent resident of Sharon CT and NYC, saw the need to support seniors in the community which she and her husband John called home for many years.

Upon John’s passing, Ethel created a charitable trust in his honor. Her vision was to offer housing within the reach of retired, middle-income people so “that they might live out their lives in comfort and dignity.” Mrs. Noble’s attorney, local resident Thomas Wagner, directed one of the Trust’s first bequests to Church Homes, Inc. for the purpose of building a senior living community in Salisbury Connecticut. That community is Noble Horizons, named in their honor and after the Noble’s home in Sharon – Blue Horizons.

Tom & Fran Wagner

In addition to overseeing the sale of 64 acres of farm land and their development into the Noble campus, Tom and his wife Fran carried out the philosophy of senior living that was so integral to Mrs. Noble’s vision. Fran was the Chair of the Noble Horizons inaugural committee, overseeing the construction of the original 20 cottages and welcoming new residents personally. In 1975, she founded the Noble Horizons continued on page 2
**Bill’s Message continued…**

Meditative walks, in resident rooms which will soon be renovated, to wi-fi upgrades, and even a bequest that established an on-campus wellness clinic with a nurse who makes house calls.

All made possible by members of our community, many of whom have never used Noble’s services but simply understand the importance of providing for older adults who have contributed so much to our community. We are forever grateful for the numerous acts of generosity that built Noble Horizons and for the community connection that continues to enhance and sustain us.

As we open our doors after 2 long years of isolation – I’m excited to welcome our community family back to campus for picnics, summer music concerts, art shows, and more. Our 50th year celebration isn’t about fancy galas, it’s about reconnecting with those who helped build and create Noble Horizons. As for the future? I’m confident that as the needs of seniors change, so too will Noble services but with your ongoing support, our community will be with us as they always have.

Thank you for your generosity, your financial support, donations and gifts of time – you have made us who we are today.
The Art of Community

In honor of Noble’s 50th anniversary, we’ve uncovered some treasures from the archives. Community has always been and always will be an important part of Noble Living.

Above: Community member for Pet Fair with Noble residents
Right: Residents and community members enjoying a hayride around campus

Above: Intergenerational connections - Salisbury School children and Noble Horizons residents work together to build gardens. Pictured on far right is Noreen Driscoll Breslaur, whose mother later moved to Noble Horizons.

Wanda Houston performing at a Noble Event

1920’s themed Gala
The Black Bottom Speakeasy
For five decades, art has been integral to life at Noble Horizons. Whether creating or viewing it, art elicits joy and inspires the mind and soul; it also has a way of bringing people and communities together. Regular art classes, art exhibits and art displays throughout the campus have been prominent features of Noble since its founding 50 years ago.

Thanks to recent donations from longtime gallery owners Tino and Susan Galluzzo, Noble’s extensive art collection has been generously enhanced. “The art shows at Noble Horizons have always been sensational,” says Susan who with her husband Tino, owned Lakeville’s White Gallery for 20 years. “For years we wanted to collaborate and do a show at Noble with the gallery, but time got away from us and we never did. After we closed the gallery in 2019 to enjoy some retirement, we had quite a few pieces of art that joined our personal collection and we both knew it was time to reach out to Noble and bring some joy to their residents and leave a legacy for the community.”

Tino and Susan felt that spark of giving when they were going through their gallery inventory and came upon a beautiful Andrew Wyeth lithograph. Susan knew immediately the piece belonged at Noble and it prompted them to donate many others in their collection to Noble Horizons.

“Art is like medicine in so many ways – it has a healing effect on those who appreciate it,” says Tino. “We are thrilled the art from the White Gallery and our private collection will be staying in our hometown. Many of the artists are local and leaving our legacy to our community, knowing it will be enjoyed and appreciated by so many for years to come is special.”

Susan went on to say “Life isn’t over when you transition to a community like Noble Horizons – in fact it can be an amazing starting point. Life isn’t meant to be generic – it isn’t corridors it should be enriching and fulfilling just as it was when you were younger. Noble has that history and culture, and we are both very glad to be a part of it. We hope our contribution brings joy to not only the residents of Noble but to the community for years to come.”

Art is displayed throughout Noble Horizons, much of it donated by renowned artist Ralph McLellan and his wife, who were cottage residents in the 1970s.

Noble Horizons has added to its art collection over the years, and is grateful for the many gifts of art donated by generous artists and donors. For many years, our 110-acre campus was the site of annual outdoor sculpture shows, several pieces of which grace the Noble grounds.

Noble Gallery Opening
Join us May 6, 2022 from 5-7 pm
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Right: Auxiliary members at Noble’s Country Store.
Everyone at Noble Horizons has a story about Len Stewart and his partner Ken Frederick. For over 40 years they volunteered at Noble, charming residents and staff with their contagious joy, endearing humor, and infectious, positive outlook. Once residents of England, they followed jobs to the Northwest Corner of Connecticut where they were widely known for their many contributions to local non-profits.

Ken passed away in 2016, but Len continued to volunteer at Noble, with a particular devotion to the chapel program. Shortly after Len’s death in 2021, Noble Horizons received notification of his remarkable bequest benefiting the chapel program and Employee Scholarship Fund. Through his bequest, Len has ensured that Noble residents long into the future can count on a flourishing chapel program, while Noble team members can find the financial support needed to expand their education, augment their careers and enhance their care of Noble residents.

It all began with a request

Len came to Noble’s campus as a volunteer via Eileen Mulligan, Noble Horizons’ first administrator, hired in 1973. They met at St. Mary’s church in Lakeville, struck up a conversation about Noble’s St. Luke’s Chapel and the need for eucharistic minister volunteers – Len, a devout Roman Catholic said yes to Eileen’s request and the rest, as we say, is history.

The Chapel at Noble became Len’s passion and mission – he made sure the clergy clothing and linens were just right, the hymnals were just so and that everything ran like clockwork. “For Len and his partner, the chapel was all about bringing people together, to celebrate life,” says Danielle Bailey, member of Noble Horizons’ recreation and Pastoral Care Departments. “Len was very particular and passionate about the chapel and wanted to make sure the services and programs were the best of the best – right down to the tiniest detail.”

Len enjoyed anything musical and had a special relationship with Deidre Broderick, the chapel organist. “He always enjoyed the musical productions, bell choir, Songs for Smiles, the Sheffield Singers, and our annual visiting cellist,” said Deidre. “We would do shows in the community room – our favorite by far was the Wizard Oz. We enticed him to be the Mayor of Munchkinland. Of course, he agreed and took his role seriously. He went the whole 9 yards by curling his hair and dying it with food coloring...”

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Ken Frederick, Nancy Hodgkins, and Len Stewart in St. Luke’s Chapel
for the part – he was the star of the production!”

After his partner’s passing in 2016, Deidre and Danielle took it upon themselves to watch over Len. They would sneak off campus to the Boat-house Restaurant in Lakeville for lively lunches that often included singing with the wait staff. At least once a year, Len would take his sassy red sports car – a 1930’s MG, out for a stroll. “He loved that car, and it was a treat and privilege to get a ride in it,” said Deidre. “We would put sunglasses on, act like movie stars and stroll around town – it was magical and so much fun!”

“Beyond passion for the Chapel, Len deeply cared for the staff and became quite close with many of them,” said Mary Ellen Baldwin who worked as a nurse at Noble for 40 years and is a current Chapel volunteer and also sits on the Employee Scholarship Committee. “Len was always encouraging staff members to go back to school to further their education and follow their dreams. It was no surprise to me that he remembered the Employee Scholarship Fund in his legacy gift to Noble – he was such a generous and caring man and we will see the impact of that generosity for years to come.”

Danielle, Deidre and Mary Ellen are especially grateful that Len’s gift allows them to touch resident and staff lives in the same way that he did. They are united in their will to extend the legacy of his warm spirit, irresistible cheer and deep commitment to improving lives around him and we are honored to be able to carry on his rich legacy.
In September of 1975 at the first meeting of the Noble Horizons Auxiliary, the interim constitution stated that the Auxiliary would foster interest in Noble Horizons and render financial aid and volunteer services. At that first meeting the assembled members then agreed to purchase a subscription to the New York Times for the residents, one of the many contributions the Auxiliary continues to make more than forty-five years later! Enhancing the experience of life at Noble by providing “extras” through financial support and providing volunteer services remains our mission.

Due to safety issues our ability to fundraise has been severely restricted in the past two years, but the Auxiliary remains active at Noble. Noble’s library has been open for most of the past year, managed by two Auxiliary board members who volunteer many hours to keep residents supplied with good books, and “the bookies”, Noble’s popular book club, has been meeting all along.

The Country Store has also been open, with new, carefully selected merchandise on the shelves, and with Auxiliary members and volunteers on staff, making it possible for residents to have a happy shopping experience even in the midst of the pandemic restrictions. Recreation programs, special activities, funds (i.e. pet therapy fund, employee scholarship fund, residents’ supplementary fund) to which we contribute annually have been continued throughout the year.

Board members wanted to do something at Noble for the holidays even though our usually well attended Holiday Fair and Festival of Trees were not possible. With the blessing of administration, and the creative energies of board members, we were able to present a holiday basket raffle, the traditional “loving tree”, and a mini Festival of Trees silent auction in the reception area at Noble in late November. It brought some holiday spirit to the residents and staff at Noble, and gave the Auxiliary a chance to shine.

Our best chance to shine this past year has been the decision to provide a $25,000 gift to Noble to help support their WiFi upgrade. For those who live and work at Noble and those who have a family member or special friend in residence, the WiFi upgrade has been and will continue to be a huge benefit.

This year Noble is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of its founding in 1975. The Auxiliary was established just three years later! At its first meeting plans were made to have a November 15th bazaar, a fundraising activity we have carried out every year, but one, since that time. The Auxiliary has been involved with and supported the residents of Noble all these years since its beginning.

Thanks to the loyal and wonderful people on our Board, and the many friends, volunteers, and supporters of the Auxiliary who make it possible for us to continue our mission. Please come and join us - go to the Noble website for information about the Auxiliary and how to join.

Judy McKernon
Noble Horizons Auxiliary, Board President
Giving of their time and talents - Noble Volunteers

Since its founding, volunteers have been an integral part of Noble Horizons. They have touched lives in countless ways and their contributions enrich the Noble community daily. We can thank Auxiliary volunteers for the Festival of Trees and Holiday Fair among many other cherished events; others offer art programs, perform concerts, or play games and read with residents. Volunteering is one of Noble’s proudest traditions and we thank our dedicated volunteers for the indelible imprint they have on life at Noble Horizons.

Above: Nicky Noble and the beginning of Pet Therapy here at Noble Horizons.

Left: Noble’s Pet Therapy volunteers Mary Fordyce and Rae Schwarz

Above: Noble Auxiliary Festival of Trees Holiday Cast

Left: Pearl Replogle and Mary Barton at an annual dinner for volunteers
Save the Date!

**50 Years of Volunteers**

*A Recognition Event*

**Date:** April 28, 2022  
**Time:** 5-7 pm  
**Place:** Noble Horizons  
**RSVP:** 860-435-9851

For 50 years, volunteers have brought kindness, friendship and special talents to Noble Horizons. In recognition of the exceptional impact they have had on life at Noble, we invite all volunteers over the last half century to join us for a special recognition event on April 28 at 5 pm.

Please RSVP at 860-435-9851