

A Community Built on Caring...



As we head into fall, one of our favorite times of year at Noble Horizons, the campus takes on a special kind of energy. The leaves begin to turn, familiar traditions return, and residents, families, volunteers, staff, and friends gather for the programs and moments that make Noble feel like home.

For more than 50 years, Noble Horizons has been part of the fabric of the Northwest Corner. We have been privileged to care for older adults with the respect, compassion, and quality they deserve, while creating a place where residents can continue to learn, laugh, form friendships, and remain connected to the world around them.

Unlike many senior living communities, Noble Horizons is a not-for-profit organization. We are here for the people we serve, not shareholders. The generosity of our community plays a vital role in helping us maintain the exceptional quality of life and care that have long been the hallmark of Noble Horizons.

We are grateful for every form of support. It is reflected in the time and dedication of our loyal volunteers and Auxiliary members. It is reflected in the talented instructors, musicians, speakers, and community partners who enrich life at Noble. And it is reflected in the financial gifts from families, friends, local businesses, and neighbors who believe older adults deserve to live with dignity, purpose, and joy.

This year's Annual Appeal will help us purchase a second accessible van for Noble Horizons. It is an important investment in the independence, safety, and well-being of our residents. Whether someone is heading to a medical appointment, enjoying lunch with friends, attending a performance, or picking up necessities, reliable transportation helps keep life moving.

On behalf of the entire Noble Horizons community, thank you for believing in our mission and helping us continue the work this community has counted on for more than five decades.

With gratitude,



Bill Pond - Administrator, Noble Horizons

More Than Transportation: A Path to Independence



At Noble Horizons, we believe life should continue to be full of choices, connection, and meaningful experiences. For many residents, transportation is what makes those things possible.

Two years ago, with the generosity of our supporters, Noble Horizons purchased a new accessible van. It has made a meaningful difference, helping residents safely get to vital medical appointments and procedures while also making recreational outings possible.

A lunch or ice cream sundaes with friends. A shopping trip for necessities. An afternoon at the Sharon Playhouse. A local community event. These outings help residents stay connected, try something new, and enjoy the wider community they love.



But one van is not enough. Enjoying a trip to Sharon Playhouse

As our community's needs have grown, we have seen how critical it is to have two vehicles that can safely accommodate residents who use wheelchairs or have mobility challenges. Medical appointments cannot be postponed because the van is already scheduled for an outing. Residents should not have to choose between essential care and the experiences that help them feel engaged and fulfilled.

Our goal is to raise \$125,000 to purchase a second accessible van by spring 2027.

This additional vehicle will give Noble greater flexibility to meet medical transportation needs while continuing to offer the recreational, cultural, and shopping outings residents look forward to. A van may be a practical purchase, but its impact reaches far beyond transportation. It creates freedom, connection, and peace of mind for residents and their families.




*Danielle Bailey
Director of Community Relations*

A New Family, a Fuller Life



Sharon relaxing in her room on Cobble

When **Sharon Hetzel** moved into The Cobble at Noble Horizons in February 2026, she was beginning a new chapter after the loss of her husband. Originally from Chicago, Sharon had made Lakeville Connecticut home since 1976, working for many years in the insurance office of Wagner, Schweikert, and McNeil before retiring.

Choosing Noble Horizons felt right. It was close to the home and community she loved, and a longtime Auxiliary member encouraged her to take a closer look. Sharon had always been drawn to the serenity of the campus. Still, moving into a new community and getting to know new people was not easy at first.

"I was very shy and reserved," Sharon says. "It felt a little like being back in high school and having to make new friends."

Then Jeanette Weir invited Sharon to join her table in the dining room. That simple invitation changed everything.

Sharon began making friends, joining activities, and finding her place in the Noble community. Jeanette, who passed away recently, left Sharon with a meaningful example of what it means to make someone feel welcome. Today, when Sharon sees a new resident, she does her best to be that person for someone else.

"Noble is my new family now!"

For Sharon, the ability to get out into the community is an important part of feeling fulfilled. Noble's day trips have introduced her to new restaurants she might never have tried on her own, outings to the Sharon Playhouse that make her feel as though she is headed to Broadway, and practical shopping trips to Walmart for everyday necessities.

"Now I attend everything I can to make sure I don't miss out on something I might enjoy."

Sharon Hetzel - Noble Horizons Resident



Sharon enjoying a painting class

The outings offer much more than a destination. They bring laughter, conversation, and the chance to share an experience with friends. "The socialization is something I didn't have at home," Sharon says. "These trips are always filled with laughter, and I think laughter is the best medicine."

Transportation also brings peace of mind when it comes to medical appointments and procedures. Sharon appreciates knowing she can safely get where she needs to go without having to burden friends for a ride.

"I love the drivers, and I feel safe in their hands."

At Noble, Sharon has also discovered a love of trying new things. She takes part in Painting and Acoustics classes and fills her room with artwork she has created. Though she had always been interested in art, she never considered herself an artist. Now, she attends as many activities as she can because she does not want to miss something she may enjoy.

A second accessible Noble Horizons van will help more residents experience that same independence, connection, and sense of possibility. It will mean more room for residents using wheelchairs or managing mobility challenges, more opportunities to participate in community life, and reliable transportation for the medical care that cannot wait. For Sharon and so many others, a van is not simply a vehicle. It is a way to stay connected to life beyond campus, make memories with friends, and continue saying yes to what comes next.

More Opportunities to say "YES!"

For many older adults, transportation is closely tied to independence. A ride to the grocery store, a lunch outing, a visit to the lake, or an afternoon in the community may seem simple, but for residents who no longer drive, those opportunities can have a meaningful impact. They offer a change of scenery, a sense of autonomy, and the freedom to remain connected to the wider world. "I have been told firsthand by residents how important the van is to them," says **Charlotte Durr, OTR/L, Rehab Director**. "It boosts morale and provides opportunities for community access that many other facilities do not offer."



Transportation also supports residents' medical needs, helping them get to physician appointments, treatments, and follow-up care. An additional accessible van would give Noble Horizons more flexibility to meet those needs while creating even more opportunities for residents to enjoy outings and experiences beyond our campus.

*A second van is an investment in the spirit of Noble Living:
helping residents stay active, supported, and connected to the community they call home.*



Reliable Rides, Meaningful Connections

For **David Robertino**, a typical day may include two or three trips, transporting residents to medical appointments in Sharon, Torrington, and throughout the region. On any given day, he may help three to five residents get where they need to go safely and on time.

But the job is not just about the destination. "My favorite part of working at Noble is the conversations we have on the way to appointments," David says. Those rides offer a chance to connect, share a laugh, and help residents feel comfortable and cared for.

Reliable transportation is essential. When one of Noble's current vans is being serviced, schedules overlap, or winter weather creates challenges, having a second accessible vehicle would give the team valuable flexibility. It would help ensure residents can continue getting to important appointments while Noble maintains the high level of support families count on. A second van would also make it easier to offer the outings that residents enjoy, from shopping trips to lunch with friends and visits to favorite local places. For residents, the van means access and independence. For David, it means being able to help people get where they need to be, one meaningful ride at a time.

Auxiliary Highlights

The dedication of Noble Horizons Auxiliary members, along with the generosity of our community, helps create activities, celebrations and special moments that bring joy to residents throughout the year.

This spring, **Barns Abound** brought neighbors together to enjoy local artwork while supporting the Auxiliary's work. In August, the Auxiliary hosted its beloved **Lobster Fest**, treating residents, cottagers and staff to a delicious luncheon. The annual **Book & Tag Sale** was also one of our most successful ever, thanks to generous donations, volunteers and shoppers.

The Auxiliary continues to sponsor **Cottage Clubhouse Socials**, giving cottagers a welcoming place to gather with friends and neighbors. We are also looking forward to our **Holiday Market** on December 4 and 5, featuring festive shopping and seasonal treats, many prepared by residents.

Your support makes these traditions possible and helps us create new opportunities for Noble Horizons residents. We invite you to consider joining the Auxiliary. New members are always welcome. For more information, contact me at 860-671-1174 or teriaitken2000@gmail.com. **Teri Aiken, Auxiliary President**





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Noble's AMAZING events!



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Upcoming Events at Noble! Open House



 **Date:** October 17, 2026
 **Place:** Noble Horizons
Dining Room
 **Time:** 2pm - 4:30pm

Holiday Market



 **Dates:** December 4 & 5, 2026
 **Place:** Noble Horizons
Community Room
 **Time:** 10am - 4pm

Housatonic Camera Club Annual Photography Exhibition



 **Dates:** Exhibit Opening Friday, January 15
Exhibit Continues Saturdays and Sundays through February 28
 **Place:** Noble Horizons Learning Center
 **Time:** Opening night, 4pm -6pm. Saturday & Sundays 11am-4 pm

Free Health & Wellness Weekly Classes

MOVE • BREATHE • CONNECT
WEEKLY CLASS SCHEDULE



Gentle Tai Chi
Seated or Standing
Tuesdays 10:30-11:30
Learning Center



Balance Class
Wednesdays 10:30-11:30
Community Room



Chair Yoga
Thursdays 10:30-11:30
Learning Center



Zumba Gold
Saturdays 10:00-11:00
Community Room



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