

POUND RIDGE RECREATION

**NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR
FRIENDS OF FELICE HONOREES
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Nadine and Ian Ashby

Nadine and Ian are the type of neighbors we all want. They saw a need and jumped in to assist a senior neighbor with day to day tasks and more. Going out of their way each day they deliver mail to their neighbor's kitchen table and help with other chores when requested. For some seniors this type of support is invaluable and allow them to stay in their homes in Pound Ridge knowing they have someone to call when needed. Nadine has also thrilled our seniors with her beautiful artwork on Valentine cards and the delivery bags we have prepared for the luncheons. When not helping neighbors, Ian is an avid sailor and a talented builder who is originally from England. Nadine's many talents include being an artist, writer, and producer in education, theatre, film and television. In addition to helping her human neighbors, Nadine is passionate about helping our animal friends and is coordinating a special fundraising effort for them. The Ashbys have lived in Pound Ridge for 12 years and love this town.

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Vickie Dey

When asked why she volunteers Vickie responded “it’s never been a question, it’s just something you do. I am happiest when helping others.” Vickie has lived in Pound Ridge for 31 years with her husband Bruce and raised her three grown children here. She has been involved with Neighbor to Neighbor for 25 of those years. Vickie has “adopted” many seniors in town and brings them soup, pies and other treats throughout the year to brighten their days. She checks on all her senior friends when bad weather approaches and when needed she gets her husband involved. Vickie grew up in Sleepy Hollow and when not helping seniors she is a substitute teacher at BCSD

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James M. Dodge

James, better known as “Sam” is seen most days staffing the Pound Ridge Fire House. Always there to respond to those in need. Sam has lived in the Pound Ridge area his entire life and feels it is important to give back to the community he grew up in. Besides servicing the community in the important role of volunteer firefighter he has taken on the responsibility of supporting individuals in town who are in need. He was one of many wonderful neighbors who befriended Lisl Steiner and helped when needed. When neighbors help neighbors, it allows people to stay living in their homes when otherwise they might need to move for more support. Sam lives with his wife Veronica and works in the IT field.

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Stacy French

Stacy has lived in Pound Ridge for 7 years with her husband Jon and 17 year old son Greyden. She says that volunteering “feeds her soul” and she felt welcomed into the Pound Ridge community from day one. She feels that “when the community builds together, it creates a strong, fulfilling bond, growing the next generation”. Stacy has “adopted” a few seniors in her neighborhood who she checks on frequently, especially during bad weather. N2N knows they can call on her to give those seniors extra help when needed. She grew up in Port Jefferson Village on Long Island and worked in the village and volunteered there for many years before moving here. Getting involved with all parts of the community when she moved to town she joined N2N, PRHS, PR Partnership, FLMS PTA, Fox Lane Ski Club, and much more. She is currently is the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer of the village of Irvington.

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Sally Semonite Green

“A picture is worth a thousand words”. You might not know Sally but you most likely have seen her amazing photographs of many events in our wonderful community. She documents fun times in Pound Ridge for everyone to see. Sally has a special place in her heart for the seniors and has spent much of her time enjoying the company of Lisl Steiner and taking care of her, allowing Lisl to stay in her home to enjoy life. Many times Sally welcomed Lisl into her home for overnight stays when needed and sometimes just to have fun. Sally has been involved with N2N for 15 of her 33 years in Pound Ridge. She raised her two sons, Jack and Kevin in Pound Ridge and has taught them the importance of helping others. When she is not helping seniors or taking pictures, she is an attorney.

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Barbara K. Kanner

Barbara and her husband Brian moved to Pound Ridge 18 years ago. She enjoys many activities including playing the flute and piccolo, cooking, traveling, reading, hiking, kayaking, sewing, camping and visiting her grandchildren in Switzerland. She is a retired chef with many other past careers: stockbroker, picture framer, furniture restorer and teacher. But somehow with all these interests, activities and past careers she has found time to make a difference in people's lives. During the first annual Project Cupid she was just supposed to deliver cookies to a senior couple but ended up staying with them for a few hours enjoying wine and cheese. They had not had company in their home for years and were so happy to entertain her. Another time she made 80 quarts of applesauce with a senior to give to other seniors at the N2N luncheon. She finds volunteering helps you meet new people and helps both of you be better people. She was raised in New City and her mom demonstrated volunteering to her. Barbara and her husband have two children.

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The Puccio Family

A family affair! The Puccios all work together to help others and they feel that volunteering brings their family closer together. This family of four includes Cindy, Justin, Mia and Nick. N2N does not call them for help... they call N2N and asks whose day needs brightening and then bake cookies or arrange flowers and deliver to a handful of appreciative seniors. We are sure to hear from them when Mia is home from Dartmouth and Nick is home from Northeastern, because that is what this family does during their vacation time! When someone is in need, they go above and beyond to help make an impact on other's lives. They find it invaluable when they build relationships with their neighbors. When not helping others, Cindy is a developmental psychologist and professor & Justin works in IT.

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Natasha Seery

Natasha has lived in Pound Ridge for 9 years with her husband Adrian and three children. She grew up in England and is writer and producer of Mad Things. Natasha was one of many Pound Ridge Neighbors who went above and beyond over the past few years to help the town's well loved Lisl Steiner continue to live in her home. In addition to helping N2N, Natasha is one of the wonderful PRVAC members who helps others every day.

When asked why she volunteers she said "because there is a need" and specifically helping Lisl was an "enormous pleasure and privilege."

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John Bush

Josh Bush was born and raised in Pound Ridge, NY. He graduated from Fox Lane High School and Concordia College. John currently works at Spectrum Designs. Not only has he worked at our Day Camp but he has spent endless hours volunteering for our flag football program and special events. John's drive to volunteer comes from his love for helping others and meeting everyone in the community.

Words of Wisdom from John Bush:
"Work as a team to get it done!"

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Greg Ackner

Greg grew up in Mahopac and went to Lakeland schools. He was born in New York City moved up here in his early years. Greg works in the freight and logistics industry for 20+ years. Greg has helped the Recreation Department transform their flag football league. Greg loves volunteering because of his love for competition while also seeing the kids learn and get better at whatever sport they choose. Greg is big believer that being active and competition are part of a well rounded childhood and important for later in life.

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Darryl Shazier

Darryl Shazier was born and raised in Virginia, went to college in Central Pennsylvania at Bucknell University, then spent a year in Belfast, Northern Ireland before landing in NY and calling it home for the last 13 years. Currently, Darryl serves as the Chief Revenue Officer for a recruitment firm called Jopwell and sits on the board of Sport Changes Life, a non-profit organization based in the UK. Darryl has spent the last 3 years helping the recreation department build their basketball program.

Words of Wisdom from Darryl Shazier:

"I volunteer because I enjoy giving back to the community. Initially, I got involved because we were new to town and were looking for ways to integrate ourselves. Basketball was a natural outlet and opportunity for me. Regarding words of wisdom, we're all busy with our professional and personal lives; however, life is ultimately about impact and relationships, and for me, there's no better way to have impact and build relationships than through volunteering. There will always be an excuse for why you can't do something, but I'd encourage folks to step out and do it - especially by way of giving back."

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Christeen Dur & Family

Christeen moved to Pound Ridge in 2008 with her husband Urs. Christeen grew up volunteering with her Mom who worked and volunteered for various nonprofit organizations. Her Dad was a NYC fireman and served in the Air Force's Air National Guard so service to others was always a focus in her family. She continued to volunteer while at Loyola College, MD and NYU's Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. She made the transition in her career from finance to the nonprofit sector in 2001 and now works for our Town as Grants Coordinator and Administrator. She strives to volunteer with her 2 daughters, Clare and Ursula whenever possible for Town events and she volunteers at PRES whenever she can.