



HOLTON HOME

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Bradley House

Formerly known as Hilltop House, Bradley House is our sister facility, just across town on Harris Ave. They are facing many of the same challenges Holton Home faced some years back, including a beautiful but tired and outdated building. We feel strongly that Brattleboro's elders and their families need both Bradley House and Holton Home and so, when they asked for help, we said Yes.

In July, the Boards of both homes signed a 6-month management agreement. Holton Home's Executive Director, Cindy Jerome, will be spending the majority of each day at Bradley House, returning later in the afternoon to her desk at Holton Home. All other Holton Home staff will stay put.



We have, however, hired someone new to cover many of Cindy's responsibilities while she's out of the building.

Mike Mrowicki of Putney, Vermont has joined the staff as Site Director at Holton Home until January 2016. He brings his years in Human Services and non-profit work to now serve the residents of Holton Home. In 2006, during his 12 year tenure as Director of Putney Family Services, Mike extended his advocacy work for Human Services by being elected to the Vermont House of Representatives. Since then, he has served on the House Human Services Committee, which has heightened his awareness of issues related to our aging population.



The Legislature is in session only from January to May. Other times of the year, Mike looks for temporary work and it is our good fortune that he is available for the duration of our commitment to Bradley House. While his background is a good match for our needs, it's Mike's friendly and gentle nature that made him our first choice.

Please stop by and introduce yourself!

We'll keep you posted about our new relationship with Bradley House, what's happening there, and what the future holds for the sister homes.



Staff

Félicité Adjoua, *Resident Assistant, Per Diem*
Morgan Aldrich, *Resident Assistant*
Julie Ball, *Activities Assistant*
Tracy Bartella, *Activities Assistant, Temporary*
Nancy Bonneau, *Licensed Nursing Assistant*
Pam Boyd, *Cook*
Chris Clark, *Maintenance Director*
Sherri Deyo, *Licensed Practical Nurse, Per Diem*
Cindy Downs, *Licensed Nursing Assistant*
Julie Emery, *Resident Assistant & Housekeeper, Per Diem*
Rose Gerry, *Licensed Nursing Assistant*
Joshua Hart, *Chef/Manager*
Linda Hastings, RN, *Resident Care Administrator*
Abi Healey, *Gardener*
Cindy Jerome, M.A., *Executive Director*
Ruth Kibby, *Licensed Nursing Assistant, Per Diem*
Carol Killay, *Resident Assistant*
Robin Lindsell, *Licensed Nursing Assistant*
Lynn Miner, *Licensed Nursing Assistant*
Shirley Morrill, *Housekeeper*
Kelly Morse, *Resident Assistant*
Mike Mrowicki, *Site Director*
Wendy Parent, *Senior Licensed Nursing Assistant*
Karen Penson, *Licensed Nursing Assistant*
Kree Rinfret, *Executive Assistant*
Chelsea Saber, *Resident Assistant, Per Diem*
Ashley Squires, *Housekeeper*
Ellenka Wasung-Lott, *Activities Director*

Board of Directors

Jill Brehm, *Visiting Committee*
Paul Dedell
Marion Dowling
Vern Grubinger
Allan Hansell, *Vice President*
Lee Madden
Kris McDermet
Joe Meyer
Andy Reichsman, *Treasurer*
Linda Rice, APRN, *President*



Birthdays

Residents celebrating birthdays in August include:

- ◆ Ruth Bernard on the 13th
- ◆ Walter Schwarz on the 25th



Board News

The Home's Board of Directors recently welcomed three new members. Let's let them introduce themselves.

Lee Madden

I moved to Newfane from Maryland in 1974. I have lived in Brattleboro since the late 1970s. I am a professional book seller dealing in antiquarian, collectible and scholarly books and ephemera.

I previously served as the financial officer for Chroma Technology Corp. and before that as the Vice President of Tree Spirit woodenware company.

Currently, I am serving as Justice of the Peace in Brattleboro and am a long-time Brattleboro Town Meeting Representative. I have previously served on the River Gallery Art School Board, the Brooks Memorial Library Board, the Town Finance Committee, the BUHS Board, and a number of other local and state boards and committees.

During the 40 years that I have lived in Brattleboro and Newfane I have often heard glowing accounts of Holton Home. Recently I spent some time assisting my late mother in a rehabilitation facility in Northern Vermont and I came to appreciate how very important a professional, competent and caring facility is and determined I should do what I can to insure we maintain our great facilities and add more when possible. I was very pleased when the opportunity to serve the Holton Home arose.

Kris McDermet

I moved to Vermont in 1986 with my husband Stewart and our animals to restore an old brick cape in Dummerston. In the meantime we fell in love with the community of Brattleboro. I went to work as an Occupational Therapist for the VNA of Vermont and New Hampshire, retiring after 22 years. I had patients at Holton Home and clients through Brattleboro Area Hospice over the years and came to admire the staff, residents, and philosophy of Holton Home care. Now I volunteer with Brattleboro Area Hospice, The Drop in Center, and The West Brattleboro Association.

I've also begun a part time business of Rug Hooking and Braiding and travel the country teaching these skills to others. I'm an active member in Brattleboro West Arts and The Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild.

I am excited to be part of the Holton Home board during what promises to be an exciting time.

Vern Grubinger

I came to Vermont in 1990 to work for the University of Vermont. I am an Extension Specialist serving commercial vegetable and berry farms across the state. I also coordinate a USDA grants program in sustainable agriculture research and education for 12 northeastern states. I've served on a variety of boards including the Brattleboro Food Coop and the Vermont Land Trust.

Since 1992 I've lived in Dummerston with my wife Tracey Devlin, and we've raised two sons here. My mother Eva moved to the area 8 years ago; about 3 years ago she moved into Holton Home. We are all so glad she did! I have been very impressed with the care, the environment, the leadership and the mission of Holton Home. It was an honor to be asked to serve on the board and I look forward to contributing as best I can to assuring a bright future for Holton Home.



VISITING COMMITTEE NEWS

Just the other day, I took a hard look at the art deco coffee and tea pot set passed to me from my parents. We've never used it, our children aren't interested in it, and there it sits, taking up space, in a cupboard. Realizing that it might catch the discerning eye of a collector, my husband and I have decided to donate the set to the Holton Home Porch and Yard Sale planned for October 17, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Sale will be hosted by the Visiting Committee and proceeds from the event will be used to enhance the experiences of the residents that are not included in the budget.

If you have small antiques or valuables in good condition that you no longer use or wish to hold onto, the Visiting Committee asks that you consider donating to the October Porch and Yard Sale. Items such as new or old jewelry, old tools and fishing lures, old toys in their original boxes or in good condition, pieces of china, pottery or sterling silver, collectible books (comics especially), antique perfume bottles, any works of art, old trunks, old photos or prints of Brattleboro are merely suggestions to get you thinking. We cannot accommodate furniture that is larger than one person can lift nor are we looking for typical yard sale items.

If you decide to make a donation and wish to have the item returned to you if it fails to sell, please let us know ahead of time. Otherwise, we will save it or donate it to another worthy cause. You may wish to suggest an asking price. We are able to store items for the Sale in the basement.

Please contact Jill Brehm at 603-363-2706 if you have an item you'd like to donate to this worthy cause.

Around the Halls of Holton Home

Robin, our wonderful LNA and member of Holton Home's *Happy Committee* came up with yet another brilliant idea this spring. So this summer, we started our first round of monthly barbeques and, as you can imagine, they have been wonderful. Chris brings out tables and chair and sets up the sun canopies, Josh and Pam grill delicious food—shrimp, chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, boil corn, make salads, including a broccoli one that *everyone* raved about, and perhaps the best part is that we all sit down and eat together. The conversations are special, just as eating al fresco is, feeling warmed by the sun and appreciating the light breezes blowing through the leaves, looking out at our amazing gardens, fruit and flowers growing and blooming. We all can appreciate Holton Home from another vantage point, eat with different people, laugh a lot and appreciate summer!

Ellenka Wasung-Lott, Activities Director



Chuckle Corner

Little Johnny asked his Grandma how old she was. Grandma answered, "39 and holding."

Johnny thought for a moment, and then asked, "How old would you be if you let go?"