

Newton at Home
2018 ANNUAL REPORT

The Extra Dimension



Dear Friends:

Since its inception eight years ago Newton at Home has evolved from a small service organization to a multi-faceted nonprofit, filling the needs of Newton seniors in ways we never dreamed possible.

In our early days members received services that enabled them to live safe, active, and connected lives at home in their neighborhood and their city. Now, in the true founding spirit of Newton at Home, those members have proactively expanded the organization's activities by sharing their resources and talents with others.

Penny B. offered fellow members tours and tea in her magnificent garden; Jim W. started a reading aloud group to share poetry, short stories, and plays; and Sallie Craig H. encouraged the knitting group to create "comfort shawls" for hospice patients. All of these member-initiated contributions enriched our social offerings and gave enormous pleasure to participants.

Newton at Home is also enjoying increased connections within the greater Newton community. A partnership with the Newton Rotary Club has provided us with teams of volunteer leaf rakers for fall yard cleanups, additional financial resources, and a steady source of new volunteers. A growing engagement with Newton Parks and Recreation encourages our members to take advantage of many of their activities. In addition, a close working relationship with physician practice's Integrated Care Management Program enables us to reach out to high-risk seniors in our community.

But the most powerful marker of our organization's development is an intangible element we call "the extra dimension." Offering depth and color to everything we do, this phenomenon has developed over time in the form of lasting friendships that have grown from simple volunteer interactions.

This report highlights three of those special friendships, but there are many more as well. Not only do they reflect our growing maturity as an organization, they also exemplify the ultimate goal of the entire Village Movement to nurture local communities of care in cities throughout the country.

Of course none of what we have achieved to date would have been possible without the support of our steadfast donors, volunteers, staff, and board. Your contributions to our efforts each day are invaluable, and we are deeply grateful for all you do.

Sincerely,



Maureen Grannan
Executive Director



Stephen R. Logowitz
President

Newton at Home

Statement of Financial Position	Year Ended June 30, 2018
Assets	
Cash and equivalents	64,874
Accounts Receivable	10,673
Equipment (computers and office furniture)	4,005
Total Assets	<u><u>\$79,552</u></u>
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	4,124
Deferred Income	60,809
Accrued Expenses	3,018
Total Liabilities	<u><u>\$67,951</u></u>
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	(22,503)
Temporarily Restricted	34,103
Total Net Assets	<u><u>\$11,600</u></u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><u>\$79,551</u></u>

Statement of Operations	Fiscal Year 2018	
Revenue		
Membership Dues	109,725	40%
Donations	110,066	40%
Sponsorships	21,500	8%
Grants	25,500	9%
Programs, Interest, Other Income	5,709	2%
Total Revenue	<u><u>\$272,500</u></u>	
Operating Expenses		
Payroll	175,269	77%
Accounting and Consulting Services	11,937	5%
Rent	9,600	4%
Printing, Postage, and Supplies	4,335	2%
Insurance	3,559	2%
Programs and Events	13,959	6%
Other	8,741	4%
Total Operating Expenses	<u><u>\$227,400</u></u>	
Net Operating Results	<u><u>\$45,100</u></u>	

Note: The amounts above have not been audited and may not be final.

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Nick and Martha



He sang with one of the leading choruses in the Boston area. She was a soprano with the Boston Symphony Orchestra Chorus. Today they are fast friends who sing together. How did it happen? More than a year ago Nick Kaufman's wife called Newton at Home with an unusual request: Could they find a volunteer to sing with her husband on a regular basis? She thought it might help in his recovery from a recent stroke. Volunteer Martha Golub was more than happy to answer the call. It was a match made in heaven.

"It's terrific fun," Nick says of their weekly singing adventures. Using YouTube to find recordings and visual lyrics, they sing along with some of their favorite artists. One song seems to lead to another. In a recent session they went from "If I Loved You" from the Broadway musical *Carousel* to Joni Mitchell, Pete Seeger, and Bruce Springsteen. Spirituals are also favorites. When the mood takes them, they can get into serious music as well. Recently they tackled the choral finale of Mahler's Second Symphony and plunged into the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's *Messiah*. Choices are spontaneous and the singing is robust. It is clear they enjoy both the songs and each other's company.

"There is something magical about singing together," Martha says. "It creates an emotional bond."

For Nick and Martha this bond runs deep. They talk of many things on these singing visits—their families, politics, and travel. Both are from musical families, so music plays a central role in their conversations—as does humor. "We laugh a lot," says Nick. "It's really an important part of my recovery."

Bob and Eli

They are half a century apart in age, but the generation gap certainly has not impeded their flourishing friendship. It started over chess. Eli was twelve and prepar-



ing for his bar mitzvah, for which he was required to complete a community service project. An excellent chess player, he wondered if Newton at Home could use his skills as a volunteer. It so happened that member Bob Larner was looking for a chess partner. The pair began playing weekly.

Ironically, it was their differences that initially attracted each to the other. "All my interactions at Newton at Home have been with older people," Bob observed. "It was special to have a close relationship with someone considerably younger." It quickly became evident, however, that the pair had several interests in common. They began spending less time on chess and more on conversation.

They exchanged insights on their different religions. They explored politics and current events. But there was one topic that dominated the conversation. A former professor of economics at Brandeis and a consultant specializing in antitrust and business issues, Bob soon discovered that Eli possessed an avid interest in these subjects. With such a receptive audience, Bob engaged Eli in discussions about economics and business and encouraged him to explore accounting, finance, and investment courses in school as he grew older.

Four years later the friendship is stronger than ever. “Bob was an inspiration for my becoming an entrepreneur,” says Eli who recently started a business called MentorBuddies. “Knowing him was and still is a great experience.”

Bob feels the same way. “It’s been a real blessing to meet and know Eli, he says. “Also, he’s a much better chess player than me. It’s like getting free lessons.”

Louise and Dorothy

“Each of us has a keen admiration for the other that has only deepened as our friendship has grown,” says



Newton at Home volunteer Dorothy Anger. A weekly grocery shopper for longtime members Louise and

Vital Statistics

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

Number of Members: 199

Completed Service Requests: 2,926

Completed Transportation Requests: 1,108

Percentage of Requests Filled by Volunteers: 99%

Volunteer Hours: 8,673

Program Attendance: 1,135

Severyn Bruyn, Dorothy has developed a special bond with Louise that goes far beyond the services she provides.

“Louise is so gentle on the outside, but that softness belies a steely core that is indestructible,” she says. A woman of conviction and courage, Louise undertook a 450-mile solo walk from Boston to Washington, D.C. in 1971 to protest the Vietnam War. Four years later, three months before the U.S. pulled out of South Vietnam for good, she picketed the U.S. embassy in Saigon to, in her words, “show the Vietnamese people that many Americans still actively opposed the war.”

For her part, Louise finds much to admire in Dorothy, especially her independence as a woman living alone and her familiarity with so many of the topics they regularly discuss on her visits. “I’m not just working with a workhorse,” she says. “I’m learning from someone who is much more knowledgeable than I am in many areas.”

Dorothy says she has realized new ways of being from observing the gentle love and patience Louise shows her husband, now 90 years old. Both are still deeply in love after nearly 70 years of marriage. He writes her love songs and she adores him. “Every day he warms my heart,” Louise says. “It’s something to see,” Dorothy adds. “It’s really quite magical.”

NAH Volunteers

Julia Abbott	Marla and Gabby Cummins	Talia Keren	Lisa Porter
John Adkins	Lauren Dale	Jill Kroger	Bob Read
Jordana and Mikayla Alford	Hope Dauwalter	Sylvia Landy	Dan Reilly
Carl Alsmeyer	Paul Davis	Susana Lannik	Eli Richmond
Dorothy Anger	Carol Dawson	Robert Larner	Brenda Roberts
Jacque Arbuckle	Sigalit Dekel	Martha Lawler	Michelle Roover
Maria Beatriz Arvelo	Dubs Dickey	Tom Lawrence	Andrew Russell
Julie Auclair	Eddie Dolan	Linda Leffert	Jonathan Sachs
Jane Baier	Miriam Drukman	Ben Leikind	Agi Sardi
Steve Baier	Portia Durbin	Anna Coll	Masha Senderovich
Cynthia Baker	Ron Faccenda	Allen Lieberman	Ken Sheiffer
Joanne Baker	Deborah Fogel	Coral Lin	Elizabeth Simons
Shirley Baker	Elliot Gabriel	Evan Lipchin	Carole Slattery
Simon Ball	Laurie Gaines	Stephen Logowitz	Fred Slyva
Wayne Bandini	Stanley Gao	Susan Lyon	Nancy Smith
Tom Battillo	Arthur Glasgow	Jacob and Tim Mahoney	Richard Snider
Jessica Barton	Kristen and Brian Gleason	Julie Plaut Mahoney	Connie Spillane
Don Batting	Max Goldsmith	Karen Maini	Evelyn Stein
Mark Bauer	Martha Golub	Anne and Andrew Martin	Linda Sweeney
Loretta Belsky	Leslie, Hannah and Matthew Gonzalez	Steve and Andrew Mazzolla	Julia Terry
Penny Benjamin	Ryan Grannan-Doll	Norman Meltz	Paula Thompson
Dorothea Black	Bonnie Greenberg	Emily Meyer	Gwendoline Thornblade
Tamara Bliss	Margie Gundersheim	Rae Mintz	Garrow Throop
Ellen Block	John Haas	Rita Moerschel	Maria Truslow
Allen Boemer	Barbara Heller	Michael Murphy	Anwell Tsai
Eric Brodie	Leslie Hitch	Hanni Myers	Barbara Turner
Fred Brustman	John Hodgkin and Joe Nobrega	Barry Nelson	Laura Unflat
David Buchsman	Dana Holland	Miriam Newman	Joe Verdone
Pat Burdick	Doug Huber	Ana Nieto	Serene and Mike Victor
Barbara Butterworth	Sallie Craig Huber	Joe Nobrega	Alex Vogel
Ann Buxbaum	Meeno Jain	Carole Noveck	Jim Wagner
Joan Callahan	Helen Jordan	Janet Paraschos	David Wallace
Lital Carmel	Rachel Kagno	Mindy and Gabe Peckler	Karen Wasserman
Christine Carpino	Ellen Kaplan	Cynthia Pill	Angela Weiss
David Chosiad		Herb Plovnick	Josh Weiss
Catherine Clement			Debbie Jackson Weiss
Carolyn Cogswell			Ed Wertheim
Naomi Cohen			Bonnie Westfall
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