

ANNUAL REPORT



JULY 2018–JUNE 2019



THANKS TO ALL FOR A SUCCESSFUL FIRST YEAR

A message from Vet to Vet Maine's President of the Board, Lynn White

As we close in on our first year as Vet to Vet Maine, we have accomplished all that we set out to do and more.

Importantly, we received our 501(c)(3) tax exempt status... many thanks to Verrill Dana law firm and especially to attorney (and now superyacht captain) Chris Monroe. Many thanks, also, to Volk Packaging Corp. for the office space, phone, Internet, copying, and warm welcome; to Jones, Rich & Barnes Funeral Home for the fundraising events; and to Custom Communications for establishing and maintaining our website. And thanks go out to all of our donors for their support. We have also received a grant from UNE for a pilot project that will help demonstrate how our work improves the lives of our fellow veterans.

Our first training session was held in July for 14 new veteran volunteers and another training session is scheduled for September. This will increase our volunteer count to well over 70!

With funds from a Cumberland County Block Grant, we just welcomed aboard Dawn Brennan-Daly as our program director and volunteer coordinator. She will work closely with executive director Susan Gold, board members, and all of our veteran volunteers to manage and grow Vet to Vet Maine.

And we thank our Directors Emeriti Daniel Bancalari, Carol Rancourt, and Richard Sproul for their work as board members to help form and successfully launch Vet to Vet Maine.

Finally, and most importantly, the Board and I would like to thank all our great veteran volunteers for the time, compassion, and friendship that you extend to fellow veterans.



A Bright Future Ahead!

- **New volunteers**
- **More visits to veterans**
- **Paid staff**
- **Expansion to other Maine locales**
- **Connections outside Maine**

The coming year promises to be a busy, productive one for Vet to Vet Maine. In the first month we have already trained 14 new veteran volunteers, with much thanks to the Maine Veterans Home in Scarborough, whose fabulous staff prepared a delicious supper all three nights of training, supplied a meeting room, and assisted with IT and other duties. Thanks also go to our generous instructors who shared their expertise with Vet to Vet Maine's new volunteers and to the Rotary Club of Saco Bay for their much-appreciated donation toward training costs. A second training will be held in September at the Sanford Vet Center, with another Cumberland County training in the works for next spring.

Our office at Volk Packaging Corp. has a welcome addition with the hiring of Dawn Brennan-Daly, who became Vet to Vet Maine's first paid employee at the beginning of July. She will provide support for our new volunteers and oversee team assignments of veterans in Cumberland County, thanks to a Cumberland County Block Grant.

The board is working hard to complete a five-year strategic plan and develop a comprehensive fundraising program to ensure stability and increase our potential for growth in the years to come. As part of that effort, we are talking with organizations throughout Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont to spread the word about our Vet to Vet initiative.

Veteran volunteers remain at the heart of Vet to Vet Maine, and we are committed to strengthening this organization to allow them to continue to do their good work. Thank you for joining us in that effort!

A message from Vet to Vet Maine's Executive Director, Susan Dudley Gold

Our Mission

VET TO VET MAINE is committed to alleviating social isolation and loneliness among Maine's veterans and linking them to needed services. We accomplish this by connecting trained veteran volunteers with fellow veterans who need a friend. The volunteers visit at least twice a month and provide companionship, offer assistance with benefits, support independent living, and foster friendships and mentoring among veterans.



Vet to Vet Maine's veteran volunteers offer assistance and friendships that can last a lifetime.



Andrea reintroduced her 89-year-old veteran friend Marcia to fishing, a sport she thought she would never be able to enjoy again. They spent the day on Sebago Lake catching no fish but making lasting memories. Marcia and Andrea are already signed up for their next veterans fishing tournament this fall.



Charlene and her veteran friend Vi have gone out for breakfast every Friday morning for most of the three years they've been together. Everyone stops by to say hello to Vi, a 96-year-old US Army Air Corps veteran who served as a nurse practitioner during World War II.



Eric and his veteran friend Vernon have visited 263 times since joining the Vet to Vet program in 2014. Since the early days of their relationship, the two veterans have developed a strong bond of friendship. Says Vernon of Eric, "He's the kind of friend you'd like to see anytime."

Sam's veteran friend, who is 92 and lives alone, called the local fire department 10 times for help after falling before Sam came on the scene. Sam helped put him in touch with the VA and social service agencies that arranged homecare for the veteran six days a week. He hasn't called the fire department since then.

When he learned that his veteran friend Franklin had never been able to see his wife's grave in a veteran's cemetery in the next county, Jeff packed up Franklin's wheelchair and oxygen tanks and drove him there. He wheeled his friend to the gravesite and told Franklin to wave when he was ready to go. Franklin spent time in quiet reflection as he communed with his beloved wife, then signaled Jeff for the return trip home.



Veteran volunteers learn about benefits & services at Vet to Vet Maine's 9-hour training course.



With deep gratitude to the Maine Veterans' Home, Scarborough, for providing space and three wonderful meals.

From October to June, 53 Vet to Vet Maine Volunteers spent more than 2,500 hours with 59 Veterans who needed a friend. Vet to Vet volunteers have helped their veterans:

- Enroll in VA system
- Obtain VA benefits/services
- Access other services (e.g., Meals on Wheels)
- Move to better housing
- Install safety bars
- Enroll in Adult Day Centers
- Get to medical appointments
- Visit wife's grave
- Transfer rehab and obtain VA stipend
- Get better health care
- Learn about respite care program
- Obtain electric wheelchair/scooter
- Mow lawn and do other yard work
- Fix minor problems with car
- Attend church services every Sunday
- Get respite for spouse/family during visits
- Record their autobiography
- Publish their stories
- Research assisted living facilities
- Plant a garden
- Go out for coffee/lunch
- Visit the Maine Military Museum
- Visit other veterans
- Plant and harvest their garden
- Go grocery shopping
- Find a friend and be a friend

Vet to Vet Maine's volunteers meet and share stories and advice at bimonthly Case Reviews



Thanks to Martin's Point, Scarborough, for providing a spacious meeting space and to Al's of Scarborough for the delicious lemon pie and to Subway of Scarborough for the tasty sandwiches!



And
eat!



VET²VET
MAINE
HONORS CEREMONY

It Was a Ver

Our gratitude to Lee Humiston & the Maine Military Museum for hosting our Honors Ceremony in June.



Cake Courtesy of SMAA



Very Good Year



With thanks to Jones, Rich & Barnes for the fabulous Beer & Wine Tasting fundraiser for Vet to Vet Maine





Thank You to Our Supporters!

Our Benefactors & Sponsors

Volk Packaging Corporation
Verrill Dana Law Firm
Jones, Rich, & Barnes Funeral Home
Custom Communications

GRANTS

(to be awarded next fiscal year)

Cumberland County Block Grant, \$13,500
University of New England Pilot Project, \$7,500

MATCH SPONSORS: \$1,000

\$1,000 funds one match of veteran volunteer to veteran who needs a friend for an entire year

Robert “Sam” Kelley, MBI Trailers
Knights of Columbus Council #9782,
Wells, ME

HONOR CEREMONY SPONSOR

Custom Communications

VOLUNTEER TRAINING SPONSORS

Maine Veterans’ Homes, Scarborough
Rotary Club of Saco Bay

Our In-kind Donors

FOOD & VENUE DONORS:

Al’s of Scarborough
Lee Humiston and Maine Military Museum
Martin’s Point Health Care—Scarborough
Ruth’s Reusable Resources
Southern Maine Agency on Aging
Starbucks—Saco & Scarborough
Subway—Payne Road, Scarborough
Subway—Route 1, Scarborough

OTHER IN-KIND DONORS:

Brian Cashin
John and Susan Gold
Craig Rancourt
Shirl Weaver
Lynn White

Our Donors

\$500 to \$999

\$500 funds the Honors Ceremony appreciation lunch for up to 75 volunteers and veterans

The Gold Room Comedy Club and Jim Grattelo
Hannaford Supermarket—Scarborough
Jeffrey Reinold
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Old Orchard Beach
Memorial Post No. 7997

\$300 to \$499

\$350 pays for training materials for 15 volunteers

Antiques USA
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Windham Post No. 10643

\$150 to \$299

\$200 covers the cost of one case review for up to 30 volunteers

Connell Limited
Donald Endrizzi in memory of Santo Endrizzi
Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly, Wells
& Kennebunk Councils
Rotary Club of Saco Bay
Rosie Wohl

Up to \$149

\$100 funds interviews for three veterans who need a friend

Paula Agopian
American Legion Auxiliary Post 91
American Legion Post 91
American Legion Post 26, Biddeford
Michelle Bisson

Up to \$149

(continued)

Janet Brennan

John Butler

David Chute

Combat Veterans Motorcycle
Association member (anon)

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John and Teresa Fay

Forty & Eight Grande Voiture

Du Cumberland County

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Bob & Trudy Harris

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Susan Hubley

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Rick and Linda Lund

Ernest Merritt III and Gail Merritt

Priscilla Miller

Samuel and Colleen Morrison

Sylvia Most

Sharon Prosser

Melodie Provost

Carol Rancourt in honor of Susan Gold

Richard Robichaud and Joan Boggis

Dick Sproul

Robert & Rose Spulick

Charlene and Roger Vaughan

in honor of Viola Palmacci

Veterans for Peace member (anonymous)

Shirl Weaver

Everett White in honor of all veterans

Lynn White





Financial Statement

Vet to Vet Maine
 Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statement
 Year Ending June 30, 2019

Vet to Vet ME's complete nonprofit financial report is available upon request.

Where Our Funds Come From

REVENUES

	Budgeted 2018-2019	Actual 2018-2019
Fundraisers	4,000	4,113
Businesses	2,000	2,600
Organizations	2,000	2,850
Individual Donors	3,000	2,274
Municipalities	4,000	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	15,000	11,837

GRANTS

Cumberland County Block Grant—
 \$13,500
 University of New England Pilot
 Project—\$7,500
 Grants awarded (to be paid out in next
 fiscal year)

In-kind Contributions

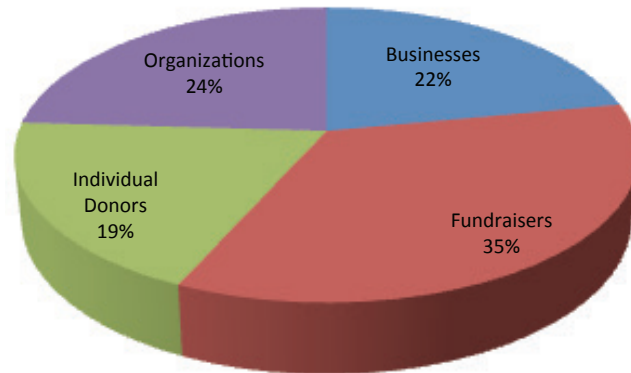
TOTAL VALUE \$48,190

VALUE: PRICELESS

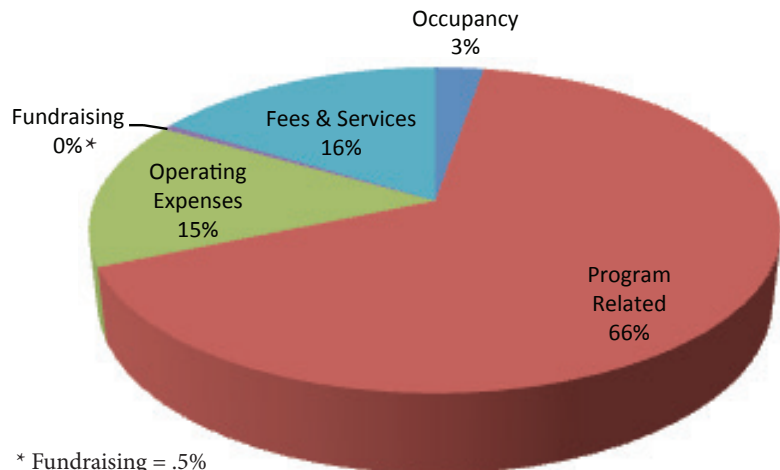
Hours put in by Vet to Vet
 Maine volunteer visitors
 October 2018-June 2019:
 2,574 hours

Other volunteers spend
 countless hours doing many
 needed tasks: photography,
 setup and cleanup, data entry,
 food delivery, e-newsletters,
 interviewing veterans,
 fundraising, and serving
 on the board.

Revenue Sources July 2018–June 2019



Expenses Including In-Kind Contributions



* Fundraising = .5%

Thank You, Volunteers
 & Donors!

Financial Statement

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How We Spend Our Funds



EXPENSES	In-Kind Value	Actual Expenditure
Occupancy	1,500	0
Volk Packaging Corp. office space/conf. room	1,500	0
Program Related	36,500	2,090
Case Reviews/Education		519
Donated Food & Venue	800	0
IT/Software		
Volunteer software		219
Website design & content	5,200	0
Printing & Outreach (Recruitment)		562
Graphic design	2,000	0
Video/web work	2,000	0
Program Administration		
Staff (want ad)		40
Executive Director/Coordinator	24,000	0
Program-related supplies		238
Volunteer Recognition (Honors Ceremony)		327
Donated Food	300	0
Venue	200	0
Workshops & Meetings		155
Operating Expenses	1,690	4,450
Internet & landline phone	1,080	0
Photocopying	300	0
Cell phone (equip&serv)		258
Website registration & hosting	310	30
Insurance		3,399
IT/Software (Quickbooks)		160
Office equipment & supplies		439
Board meetings		71
Membership		100
Bank online service fees		23
Office Manager	2,000	0
Fundraising	200	95
Grant registry		75
Photocopying/supplies	200	20
Fees and Services	8,300	705
Accounting	300	0
Legal Fees and Filings		705
Legal Services	8,000	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		7,340
VALUE OF IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS	48,190	
YEAR-END BALANCE		4,498

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