

Making a Difference



Southington Community Cares

Southington's newest community outreach organization aims to improve the lives of senior citizens and disabled residents in town.

New nonprofit starts in Southington

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SOUTHINGTON — A new nonprofit organization, Southington Community Cares, is looking for volunteers to assist seniors and disabled town residents.

Michelle Puzzo, executive director of Southington Community Cares, said

that the organization came about as a result of funding from the Main Street Community Foundation.

“Our goal is to improve the lives of seniors and disabled residents in Southington,” she said. “Southington Community Cares is dedicated to assisting Southington residents who are 70 years of age

and/or physically disabled adults, ensuring they can safely, independently, and comfortably remain in their homes.”

Puzzo said that residents who want to lend a helping hand in Southington can help their neighbors with household chores, yard work, companionship, and transportation.

“We match volunteers with individuals who are lonely and isolated,” she said. “Volunteers who want to be friendly visitors to older disabled residents can play games, talk to people, or teach them technology. We’re also looking for volunteers to take a furry friend for a walk during post-surgery recovery,

provide medical transportation for follow-up appointments, or whip up a comforting meal.”

Puzzo said that Southington Community Cares is looking to collaborate with more Southington town departments, faith and nonprofit organizations and the business communi-

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Foundation hopes to support their work serving our neighbors in need.”

The Center partners with New Britain Emergency Medical Services, Community Mental Health Affiliates, Neighborhood Housing Services and others to provide access to these resources. Those seeking services can

arrange an appointment by calling 211 or stop by the center during its open access hours, which are Monday through Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Friendship Service Center’s executive director Caitlin Rose said, “It is an honor to have American Savings Foundation invest in this project, which is in the community for the

community. Having the opportunity to intervene early in someone’s homelessness trajectory is a privilege, and we are so thankful for the ongoing support.”

The Foundation said it expects to award \$3.25 million in 2024. Applications are currently being accepted for various funding opportunities.

