



# NEUSE NEIGHBORS NEWS

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## Helping Our Members Age in Place



### From the President

As I reflect on our birthday, I'm reminded of the two years of work that preceded our official opening. What stands out are not the 501(c)3 filings, the procedures that had to be built, the systems that had to be mastered, but the spirit of community which inspired NNN. A small group came together and imagined a better way to age in the little community we call home. They saw a problem and envisioned a community where neighbors helped neighbors through a new organization run by and for its members. To all of the many people who shared ideas in those early days, and all who worked tirelessly through those first two years, I say "look how far we've come!"

**BRAVO and JOB WELL DONE!**

## NNN IS 3 YEARS OLD!

It's our birthday this month and we have lots to celebrate! On April 1, 2019, NNN officially opened its doors with a small group of individuals dedicated to helping seniors with basic tasks that would let them age in place for as long as possible. In just three short years, NNN has grown to 125 Members served by eighty-six volunteers. We've launched a successful Sponsorship Program to help Members needing financial assistance, and we have established a solid financial foundation, thanks to the generous support of local individuals and organizations. NNN looks forward to contributing to a stronger, more caring community now and in the future!



## We Love Our Volunteers!

Volunteers are the heart and soul of NNN. Since our founding, they have provided over 550 distinct services.

200 of them have been rides - many to medical appointments in New Bern. Our dedicated Help Line staff has logged over 3000 hours, ensuring that Members have access to needed assistance. Our Members rave about the help they've received and in our three years of operations, no qualified service request has gone unanswered.

**The following volunteers deserve special mention.**

**Each has contributed more than 20 services!**

**Caroline Parham Ramsey, Jean White, Dennis Humenik, Elaine Creel, Lida Widdecombe, Denise Meng, Sharon Foreman, and Candy Noto.**

**THANK YOU!!**

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**"As we get older,  
we don't lose  
friends.**

**We just find out  
who the real  
ones are."**

**- anonymous**