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Clinton, NY 13323

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## Your Neighbors, Inc. Speakers' Bureau is Available

Your Neighbors, Inc. is continually seeking volunteers and one method of recruitment is to involve our Speakers' Bureau. We welcome the opportunity to come before your congregation, civic or social club to spread the word about the important services that we provide to people in need in our community. If interested, please contact Cindy Shepherd and she'll arrange for a presentation which may lead to a new group of dedicated volunteers.

Currently, our areas of volunteer need are in transportation, preparing and delivering meals, friendly visitations and special event fundraising. Please consider donating your time to a very worthy cause!!



# Your Neighbors News



A Neighbor's Independence is in Our Hands!!

Spring 2016

**Your Neighbors, Inc.**  
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315.235.7149

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## President's Message Randy Wilson

Spring is coming and with it warmer weather, a time of change and growth. Your Neighbors, Inc. is also evolving as we seek to be more easily accessible to our clients, community sponsors and service partners. To do so, we plan to begin distributing our quarterly newsletter via e-mail to those who prefer this method.

In addition, YNI will soon have a social media presence in order to expand our ability to reach out with our message of volunteerism and community service. Watch for our debut and "like" us on Facebook!!

Posters and announcements about our upcoming Annual Garage Sale are forthcoming. This year's sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7 at Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Utica. Spring cleaning is an opportune time to set items aside like furniture, small household appliances in working order, jewelry, knickknacks, etc. For your convenience, Your Neighbors volunteers are available for pick up of your donations. Please remember that we do not accept clothing.

Our Annual Chicken Barbecue is planned for Saturday, June 25 at Zion Lutheran Church, New Hartford. We welcome volunteers willing to assist in cooking, bagging and distributing half chickens to those picking up their orders.

Advance planning is getting underway for our 4th Annual GrandFriends & Grandparents event scheduled for Sunday, September 18 at Harts Hill Inn, Whitesboro from Noon to 2:30 p.m. Save the date!!

Before closing, I'd like to repeat our email request: Please send your e-mail address to Program Coordinator, Cindy Shepherd, [cshepherd@lutherancare.org](mailto:cshepherd@lutherancare.org).

Best regards,

Randy Wilson, President  
Your Neighbors, Inc. Board of Directors



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Please remember that our volunteer drivers don't go out in inclement weather and when the schools are closed. In that instance, it is best to reschedule your appointments.

Your Neighbors is community volunteers dedicated to serving the frail, elderly and those with limited independence in the greater Utica area.

Our volunteers offer: Welcome companionship, medical & personal transportation, friendly assistance, healthy home-cooked meals and so much more.

YNI is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Your contributions are very much appreciated and tax deductible.

Please call us at 315.235.7149 to learn more about our services

## Program Coordinator's Message Cindy Shepherd

Happy Spring,

Along with Spring comes rebirth and that's exactly what we are doing with the Your Neighbors Program. First of all, I want to welcome four new Board members to Your Neighbors: Jim Cook, Patsy Glista, Betty Abel-Jellencich and Jackie Howard. I look forward to working with them as we move forward in the new year.

We were very busy this past year. In 2015, volunteers delivered 4,247 meals to homebound individuals and made 446 volunteer calls/visits including 341 medical transports. None of this would have been possible without the help of our very dedicated core of volunteers. Right now, our volunteer base is very small as many go to warmer climates for the winter, prefer not to drive in inclement weather or are recuperating from health issues. If you have ever thought of volunteering, please consider volunteering for Your Neighbors. You will meet some wonderful people, serve a need in the community and reap the rewards of helping the elderly and homebound who rely on our program for their quality of life.

In addition, please mark your calendars for our upcoming events: The Garage Sale on May 6th and 7th, Chicken BBQ in June and the Grandparent/Grandfriend event in September. Donations for the Garage Sale may be dropped off at Our Saviour Lutheran Church on Genesee Street in Utica beginning May 2nd.

If you would like more information on our organization, volunteering or on our special events, please feel free to contact me at 235.7149.

Cindy Shepherd

Program Coordinator

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