



# SUE HANLON

## IN THE LYME LIGHT MAY, 2021



Re-emerging from a strange year of ever-changing COVID safety protocols, a committee of selfless volunteers got to work. This team was innovative, organized, and flexible, building on years of experience and engaging the community in the new way 2021 called for. They coordinated Lyme's Day of Service, an uplifting day of community volunteerism, that went off without a hitch! With impact far beyond the Day of Service, thanks to her enthusiasm, endless energy, and crackerjack project management skills, **Sue Hanlon is in the Lyme Light!**

Starting with a project to create CCL's first annual report to the community, Sue has been a steady and valuable part of the CCL team, contributing in lots of different ways. She has served on the board of directors, helped coordinate an early fundraising effort, and now concentrates her support on the personnel committee and Day of Service teams. She is always helping neighbors, involving her whole family, and making connections to get services and support where it's needed most. An inspiration!

Sue has helped with the Day of Service since the beginning, and quickly became a core member of the coordinating team, which she appreciates as a cohesive and fun group that can collaborate and reach out to one another for support. Sue feels the Day of Service is important: "I think there are so many people that need help with things they can't do. If you're not able to rake or paint, who do you ask? You might not have family around, or perhaps they're already stretched thin. That need was there and we are able to fill it, starting with this one day where we make it easy for folks to ask for help, because others are too ... and it's such a fun day to volunteer."

Sue is passionate about volunteering: "It just feels so good. You walk away with a big smile on your face, because you were able to help a neighbor. It's a mutually beneficial great thing – a feeling I don't often get in other ways. I've gotten to know the people I volunteer for on the Day of Service, because I've gone for so many years. They show me pictures of their grandchildren, and I've met their children. And I've been able to help them whenever they may need it. When COVID hit, I was able to check in on my own to see if my Day of Service friends needed any help.

"If you just take those couple of hours and go do it, it's remarkable the way it feels. And everyone who helps other people ... what comes around goes around. When you need help (and we all will!) then other people are there for you. We take care of our people and our neighbors. It really builds on itself once it gets going. I hope everyone will join in."

Sue offered one last note: "I want everyone to know CCL is a fantastic organization." The feeling is mutual, Sue!

*Our Mission: To build on Lyme's heritage as a warm, welcoming and service-oriented community, by building partnerships, embracing new ideas, and designing systems that improve our individual and collective sense of well-being, as we help transform health and healthcare in our town and beyond.*

