

Granby Social Services

Since 2017, the Friends of Holcomb Farm has been pleased to include the Granby's Social Services Department (Social Services) as one of our *Fresh Access* program's "institutional partners." Our institutional partners are the organizations that help us get the food we grow to people who might not otherwise have access, using funds provided by our members, donors and grant making organizations. The focus of Social Services is to coordinate federal, state, regional, and local services; to increase community awareness of these services; and to develop new programs to meet the needs of Granby residents. In other words, our partnership with the Town is a perfect fit!

In 2022, as part of the new Lease and Use Agreement between the Friends and the Town of Granby, the Friends committed to continue to provide 15 half-CSA shares to Granby families and 2,800 pounds of produce to the Senior Center. Thanks in part to the continued annual support of the Granby Community Fund, we are confident in our ability to do so.

This is how the two programs work.

Senior Center: Beginning in mid-June and continuing through early November (for 22 weeks), each Thursday the Senior Van picks up the week's allocation and drops it off to the dynamic volunteer team led by Patty Sansone and Donna Snyder. They assess the quantities available and divide it up for registered Senior Center members. Last year, the drive-up distribution had cars lined up from the Senior Center all the way down the driveway to West Granby Road. If you aren't a participant and would like to be for the summer of 2023, please contact the Senior Center.

CSA Families: Each year, Social Services reviews its clients to identify those who might benefit from the opportunity to participate in the CSA, including picking up their own food from the farm each week. The opportunity for these families to actively participate in selecting their weekly share, including picking fresh berries and flowers, can be transformative. We receive so much positive feedback regarding not only the food, but the experience. If you or someone in Granby you know could benefit from this program, please contact Granby Social Services.