



Independent and Assisted Living in Woburn, MA

NEW RESIDENT

Ray DiPirro, Suite 477, joins us from his home in Melrose. He grew up in Somerville and graduated from Boston College High School. Ray was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1952 and served for two years, specializing in radar repair.



This father of eight children had a long career with F.W. Webb Company as the sales manager for the heating division. Ray's travels have taken him across the United States, with Chicago, Miami, and Hyannis named among his favorite destinations. These days, he especially enjoys watching old movies.

CONNOR'S KINDNESS PROJECT

New Horizons recently had two special visitors who shared the inspiring story of Connor's Kindness Project. In 2021, the organization's namesake, Connor, and his nana, Sharon Marrama, started creating COVID care packages filled with activities and comfort items and delivering them to local children who were sick or isolated. This has evolved into the regular delivery of Kindness Kits in an effort to improve the well-being of children dealing with serious medical issues, family crises, or poverty.



Last year the project distributed 6,353 kits across seven states. To assist in this year's effort, New Horizons residents gathered at a site in Cummings Park to help assemble Kindness Kits.

Pictured above, **Sharon** and **Connor** display a Kindness Kit, which contains items such as games, cards, play-dough, a coloring book and crayons, and stickers.



Above (l to r) are residents **Ellen Rowe, Ron Simonds, Toulia Wouralis, Eunice Wilson, Gerry Muphy**, executive director/nana **Sharon Marrama, Victor Skowronski, Lucile Cashin** and **Ray Pothier**.

A HEARTWARMING TALE



In 2004, a lovely woman named Ida Gillotte (pictured left) resided at New Horizons. During her 11-year residency, we met many of her family members and friends. One frequent visitor was Ida’s sister, Bev Connolly (pictured below), who Ida referred to as “my kid sister.”

Fast forward to 2025, Bev inquired about residency for herself. The magical part of this story is that Bev now lives in the same apartment that her sister lived in for all those years. With a thankful heart, Bev noted, “it makes me happy to feel my sister’s presence in the apartment she once called home.”



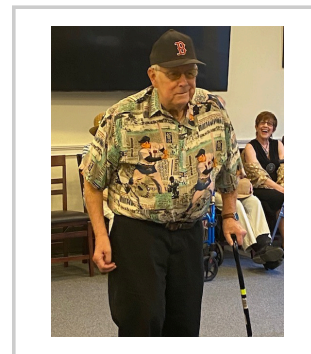
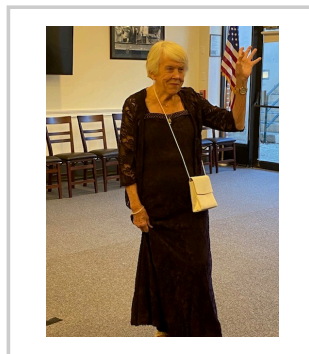
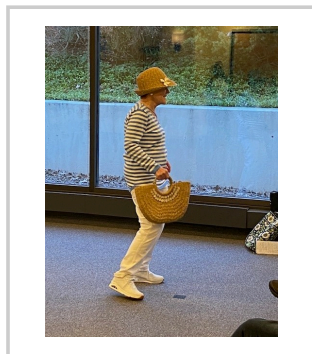
AN EVENING OF KINDNESS, JOY, AND COMMUNITY

In honor of Woburn's Kindness Day, celebrated each year on March 18, New Horizons hosted a fashion show.

This wasn't just any fashion show—the event was held in cooperation with St. Vincent de Paul Society of Woburn, which assists individuals and families experiencing crises or poverty. Among their good works, society volunteers run a thrift shop located on Summer Street here in Woburn.



Thirteen of our kind-hearted residents modeled outfits from the thrift shop for an audience of more than 100 people. From sportswear to formalwear, these brave souls strutted their stuff to the enjoyment of all attendees, receiving resounding applause. Pictured above is **Pam Amidon**, and below, left to right, are **Carole Mills**, **Louise Sorabella** and **Peter Gailis**.



Under the direction of **Barbra Graham**, several dress rehearsals were held prior to the big night, making this most enjoyable evening a huge success. Our now-famous models include **Pam Amidon**, **Eva Boice**, **Nancy Brucklier**, **Pauline Foley**, **Peter Gailis**, **Carole Mills**, **Ray Pothier**, **Ellen Rowe**, **Mike Sheridan**, **Victor Skowronski**, **Louise Sorabella**, **Eunice Wilson**, and **Toula Wouralis**.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Saturday, April 1 - Passover begins (at sunset)**
- **Sunday, April 5 - Easter**
- **Monday, April 20 - Patriots' Day**

IN MEMORIUM: We are deeply saddened by the loss of **Mae Tarlton**, who resided at New Horizons for 10 years, and the unexpected death of **Ann Skladany**, whose cheerful attitude inspired residents and staff alike. We send heartfelt condolences to their families and friends in their time of grief.



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