

About Our Organization

What is The Westerly Village?

- A new organization designed to help provide practical support for older adults residing in Westerly to enable them to remain in place in their homes and community
- A network of neighbors helping neighbors with direct individual and household support and with broader social and resource connections
- Comprised of members receiving these services and volunteers providing these services --- and some people who do both!

Is The Westerly Village part of a larger network of villages?

- Westerly is the fourth Village of the Village Common of RI
- In addition to our Village, the non-profit Village Common provides support and guidance for Villages in Providence, Barrington, the Edgewood section of Cranston
- Part of a national movement in a Village-to-Village Network of more than 250 open villages and more than 100 in development, spanning 43 states
- The closest local network Village to Westerly currently in Rhode Island is Cranston, and in Connecticut is Branford

How does the Westerly Village fit and work with other service providers?

- Partners with a wide array of individuals, groups, and organizations that provide helping services to Westerly residents
- Complementing --- not competing with or replacing --- those helping resources
- Supplementing and tailoring our services to the unique needs of our members and the talents and availability of our trained and fully vetted volunteers

What makes us unique and flexible?

- Member-focused: on the unique individual and overall needs of our members
- Volunteer-tailored: to the unique individual talents and interests of our volunteers, who are trained and fully vetted (background checks, safe-driving records)
- Flexible: not driven by set schedules or protocols, but matching when possible each specific member request with an able and available volunteer