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May 11, 2017

## Meet the donor who made the transplant happen

By Ralph Villers



Patti feels much better since her successful kidney transplant surgery Tuesday. And any successful transplant needs a live donor.

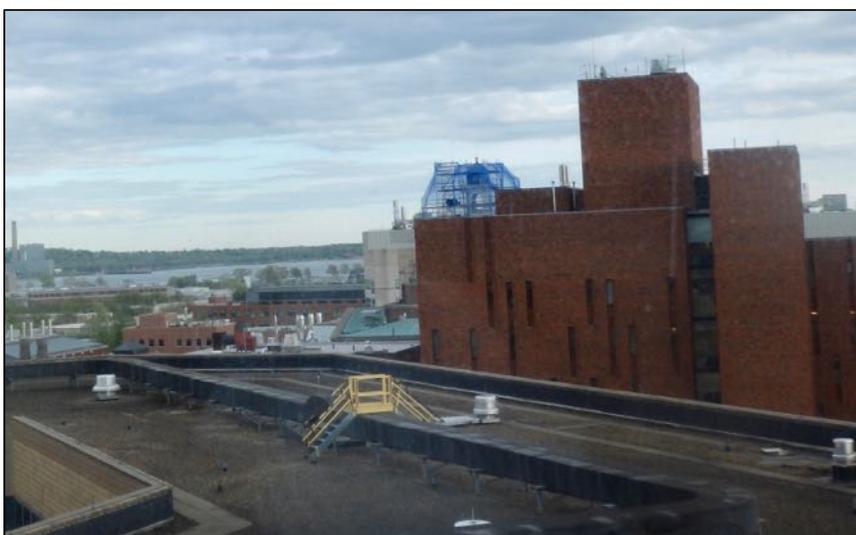
In April, Patti *recounted* how my younger sister was a match and she generously offered to donate a kidney.

This set into motion a selfless and life affirming event.

Who is this person? Her given first and middle names are Suzanne Marie, she was born in Queens NY and is the sixth of the seven Villers children. Sue is a mother, grandmother and astute businesswoman - and so generous and kind.



She lives in central New Hampshire but was so committed to making the donation happen, she made the 400+ mile trip to Yale-New Haven Transplantation Center for testing. As it turns out, Patti did not receive her kidney, but one from another live donor through their donor exchange program. Sue's went to another recipient . So two kidney transplants took place because someone kindly wanted to help her sister-in-law. We love you Sue and cannot thank you enough for your kind sacrifice.



### The patient's perspective

The kidney transplant was a success, Patti looks, sounds and more importantly feels better. So much better that we brought her a camera to her ninth floor room at Yale-New Haven Hospital for two urban landscapes.

Patti's photos are a mainstay of the Valley-Voice newsletter, so we have have two views of the Elm City from her (current) vantage point...

*Photos by Patricia Villers*



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## Valley United Way Launches 7<sup>th</sup> Harvest House

SHELTON - Valley United Way’s Corporate Volunteer Council (CVC) is holding its biannual Harvest House event Sept. 21.

Part of the CVC’s Annual Week of Caring, the first Harvest House was built in 2005 along the Riverwalk in downtown Shelton. The 400 sq ft house contained more than 100,000 non-perishable food items.

As it was from the beginning, local corporations will conduct food drives. On the first day, students from Emmett O’Brien Technical High School will assemble the house at the Riverwalk pavilion.

The next day corporate, community and youth group volunteers will stock the shelves with the donated food.

Five area food pantries will collect the food and distribute to Valley residents in need.

Patricia Tarasovic, VP Community Engagement, is hoping the community will come together once again to repeat the success of past Harvest House events. “The number of Valley families in need of food is escalating.”

Anybody interested in donating food or helping to build Harvest House? Contact Pat Tarasovic, VP Community Engagement, 203-926-9478 or visit their website at [www.valleyunitedway.org](http://www.valleyunitedway.org)

### About Valley United Way

United Way supports and creates initiatives addressing youth, families, and people in crisis. for the Valley towns of Ansonia, Derby, Oxford, Seymour and Shelton.

### About The CVC

The CVC is a network of public and private corporations formed in 1995. Its goal is to promote a partnership between area businesses, charitable agencies and the community at large .



Photos taken at Harvest House 2015



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