

LeadingAge Connecticut offers a strong and distinct voice for our members from across the continuum of aging services, supports and housing. Together with our members we work to expand the world of possibilities for aging. The following highlights from the past year demonstrate our mission to inspire, serve and advocate.

The Power of Membership: Our 56th Annual Meeting welcomed special guest, Katie Sloan, the President and CEO of LeadingAge. Members experienced an enjoyable evening of networking while later participating in the annual business meeting of the association. The LeadingAge Connecticut awards ceremony honored Distinguished Service Award recipient Michael Kennedy, Humanitarian Award recipient Ronald Dischinger, and Rick Wallace Award of Merit recipient David Bordonaro. The Chair's Award was presented to Grace Martha Giannini, and Sue Culshaw was honored with the Volunteer of the Year Award.

The Power of Advocacy: LeadingAge Connecticut's legislative and regulatory advocacy remained strong as we continued to lead with a legislative agenda aimed at shaping the future of aging services in Connecticut. Together with our excellent advocacy team of Wiggin and Dana our legal counsel, Robinson & Cole our lobbying firm, and Blum Shapiro our reimbursement consultants, we provided exemplary representation on behalf of our members in the halls of the State Capitol and in the offices of our state agencies.



The Power of Information: This year our nursing home members received comprehensive guidance to assist in the implementation of Phase 1 of the CMS Final Rule, our housing members received complimentary fair housing education, and our home and community based service providers were able to actively engage in the state's transition plan for implementation of the CMS HCBS Settings Rule. All LeadingAge Connecticut members were kept up-to-date on our advocacy efforts, regulatory actions and current events through the member-only "Capitol Line" weekly e-newsletter, our timely alerts, and a comprehensive legislative year end summary prepared by our legal counsel, Wiggin and Dana.

The Power of Representation: LeadingAge Connecticut members, staff, and consultants were active participants in various state task forces and committees including those charged with assisting in the transformation and rebalancing of the Medicaid program, the Money Follows the Person Steering Committee, and the Long Term Care Advisory Committee. We also maintained appointments on the Council on Medical Assistance Program Oversight, the Nursing Home Financial Advisory Committee, the DSS Continuing Care Advisory Committee and the Governor's CON Task Force.



The Power of Leadership: LeadingAge Connecticut Leadership Academy graduated a fourth class of bright and eager fellows who experienced a year-long leadership development program modeled after the LeadingAge national academy. Our Leadership Academy graduates were recognized at LeadingAge Connecticut's October Annual Meeting. In January, a new class of fellows will be entering the fifth class of this statewide Leadership Academy facilitated and coached by our state and national Leadership Academy alumni.

The Power of Community: LeadingAge Connecticut members were inspired at the Annual Expo and Tradeshow in the spring which featured keynote speaker Marcus Engel and a full exhibit hall of supportive vendors. Other highlights of the day included the annual Aging Services Awards of Excellence, the Dementia Live Experience, and a "Being the Difference" member showcase. *Save the date of May 24th for Expo 2017!*

The Power of Knowledge: Timely educational programs on topics of relevance to the entire aging services landscape were held throughout the year, many offered as a benefit of membership. And the LeadingAge Connecticut's Board of Directors meetings which are open to the membership on a bimonthly basis, featured valuable information, updates and discussion.

The Power of Group Purchasing: Savings opportunities continued for members as they were able to access group purchasing program, **Value First**, which provides excellent pricing on products focused specifically on the needs of aging services and senior housing providers. **Start saving today!** For more information, just contact Denis Miciletto, our regional Value First Sales Liaison at dmiciletto@leadingageny.org or (518) 867-8383 ext. 160.

2016 Member Moments

