

SilverSource Receives Two Grants to Support Medical Transportation

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STAMFORD, Conn. -- SilverSource Inc., a Stamford organization that supports older adults, has received \$20,000 in grants from First County Bank Foundation and Purdue Pharma L.P.

The grants will allow the nonprofit to continue providing rides its clients with rides to and from medical and dental appointments, said its executive director, Kathleen Bordelon.



SilverSource Inc. received \$20,000 in grants from First County Bank Foundation and Purdue Pharma L.P. Photo Credit: *Contributed*

Bordelon, citing data from the National Caregiver's Library, said that there are 8.4 million older adults who depend on others for transportation. And, she said, it has been estimated that the number of older adults will more than double by 2030.

The statistics underline the importance of programs such as SilverSource's "Rides to Wellness," Bordelon said.

“Access to transportation is important for health,” she said, thanking First County and Purdue Pharma for their help.

First County has also helped fund the “Get Around” program in New Canaan, said Karen M. Kelly, vice president of the bank’s charitable foundation.

“Providing access to reliable medical transportation improves our collective wellbeing,” Kelly said.

“Getting people to their health service appointments has ripple effects,” said Diana Lenkowsky of Purdue Pharma L.P.

Preventative health care cuts down on the number of “unnecessary hospital readmissions decrease” and can head off further health issues for those with chronic conditions, Lenkowsky said.

“All of these factors reduce healthcare costs, something we at Purdue Pharma take seriously, and we are proud to support the ‘Rides to Wellness’ program,” she said.

For further information about SilverSource, visit www.silversource.org, or call (203) 324-6584.

The organization is located at 2009 Summer St., Stamford, Conn.

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