# We've come a long way... OUR PAST OUR PEOPLE OUR PASSION

## Geer Nursing & Rehab Center Celebrates 50 Years!



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## **OUR PEOPLE**

#### **Kathy Pollard**

Kathy Pollard has worked at Geer for 32 years! She started as a Candy Striper in high school



and worked her way up to the Director of Nursing. Now Kathy helps residents transition home and monitors quality assurance. Kathy enjoys making a difference in people's lives and working with others that have the same mission.

The Robert C. Geer Memorial Hospital Incorporated opened and served the tri-state area as a general hospital until about 1945. The Hospital was initially funded by two sisters in memory of their late brother Robert C. Geer.

#### Tammy MacDonald

Tammy MacDonald has worked at Geer in various d e p a r t m e n t s for 33 years! Currently Tammy



is at the Lodge in the Recreation Department, but has spent the majority of her time at the Adult Day Center, after starting out at the Nursing Center as a C.N.A. Tammy is proud of working at Geer and is motivated by teaming up with other caring staff to make a difference.

#### **Mike Mangini**

Mike Mangini has been the Director of the Outpatient Physical Therapy office since 1997. While working at



Geer, Mike received his Doctorate Degree in Physical Therapy and has never stopped learning. Mike also holds specialty certifications in Trigger Point Dry Needling.

1997

Geer Adult Day Center (originally named Gateway) opened, as an alternative to more expensive home care, in response to the growing number of elderly individuals in need of care during the day when their caregivers were at work. Geer Physical Therapy was made accessible to the public.

#### 1930-45

#### 1970

Geer Memorial Health Center (now Geer Nursing & Rehab Center) opened as a 120-bed, a state-of-the-art nursing facility. The new facility quickly established itself with physicians and professional caregivers as a premier provider of skilled nursing care.

1978

1980

Geer Dial-a-Ride began to address the isolation of elderly and disabled individuals living in a rural area

without public transportation.

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## **OUR PAST**









Geer Pharmacy opened, a nonprofit retail pharmacy giving residents, employees, and family of Geer campus employees access to prescription drugs below retail prices.

Geer expanded Beckley House to 10 additional units of low-income housing.

Covid-19 Pandemic forced the permanent closure of the Geer Adult Day Center.

2020

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2003

2004

2012

ened Beckley House, a 34rtment residence for limited seniors.

Geer Lodge opened (originally called Geer Village) - an independent, assisted living residence and regional gathering center. The Lodge includes a fullservice YMCA available to the residents, employees and community.

Geer Nursing & Rehabilitation Center achieve a perfect score on the annual State Survey Inspection and achieves a 5-star CMS score.

2018

#### **Charlie Page**

Charlie Page has been Geer's of Director Pharmacy since 2002. With а trained eye, Charlie



checks medication regimens for appropriate indication, dose, and interactions. Charlie is driven to provide the best possible experience for patients and to optimize their health because he believes in the sanctity of life at all ages.

#### **Brenda McGhee**

Brenda McGhee has worked at Geer for 41 years. Brenda started as a C.N.A. and is now the Nursing



Secretary helping to keep things moving in the office. Brenda is an advocate for the staff and helps to make sure they have what they need to deliver care. She is motivated by keeping the facility safe, it is her second home!

#### **Gina Gates**

Gina Gates has been working as a C.N.A. at Geer for 17 years. Gina finds her work very rewarding,



especially when she sees a resident smile. The residents become like family and they bring her a lot of joy.

## **OUR PASSION**

Geer Village Senior Community is a community of healing professionals whose principal mission is to console, treat, strengthen, and refresh the bodies, minds, and spirits of the elderly and disabled residents of the tristate area.

At Geer we focus on what really matters, caring for our friends, family and neighbors in the northwest corner of Connecticut. We have no distant corporate office to report to. Our patients, families, employees, management and board of directors all focus on what is best for life here in our community. That's our promise, our passion.

## **CORE VALUES**

We, the Geer Team, emphasize respect, integrity, compassion and forgiveness in our interactions with staff and are stewards in the continued support of the values as we offer the full continuum of care to the senior community.

## **OUR FUTURE**

#### We are still growing!

#### Spring 2021

Anticipated ground-breaking for a new Geer Nursing & Rehabilitation Center



#### 2025

Anticipated remodel of the old Nursing & Rehabilitation Center into low income supportive housing for seniors





