

OXBOW SENIOR INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM, INC.

ADULT DAY SERVICES

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Report to the Town

For 30 years, Oxbow Senior Independence Program's Adult Day Services has been serving elderly and adults with disabilities from Bradford, Corinth, Fairlee, Groton, Newbury, Ryegate, Thetford, Topsham, Wells River and beyond.

Who are we? OSIP is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization with an important mission for its Adult Day Services: we promote the greatest possible level of health and independence for our participants, while providing relief for their families and caregivers.

We're an all-volunteer board, so every penny donated goes to the program.

Where are we? Montebello Hill Apartments, at the north end of Newbury Village.

Why are we here? We know that it's very difficult to keep loved ones living at home, especially if they have serious medical conditions. It's hard to go to work each day if you're not sure whether or not your loved one will be safe. And even if you are able to stay home most days, sometimes you need time to run errands, do work around the home, or just to reenergize. That's why we're here!

What do we do? (This is the important part.) We provide a safe and happy place for frail elders or adults with disabilities. Our friendly and wonderful staff plans activities that stimulate minds and exercise bodies. We sing songs and socialize. Our RN and LNAs monitor participants' health and medical conditions, and our certified chefs cook healthy and delicious meals on site, so that the smell of home cooking fills the air at lunchtime.

This past year, we provided over 11,000 hours of direct-care service. More than 1,500 hours of uncompensated services were donated by our volunteers, staff, and board. We are available to the residents of Fairlee.

When do we do all this? Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Why do we count on Town support? Although we are State-certified and regulated; budget cuts have taken away nearly all of our State funding. We must raise our operating costs through individual donations and Town funds.

Thank you for your support!

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