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Thank You, Hayley Ackers, for Your Volunteer Work With Person-to-Person

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Thank you, Hayley Ackers, for your volunteer work year after year with Person-to-Person.

—This article is part of a series of daily articles profiling the volunteers recognized in May at the Darien annual [volunteer recognition luncheon](#) organized by the [Community Fund of Darien](#).

Hayley Acker's Efforts With Person-to-Person

Hayley has been a volunteer of the Person-to-Person since 2013, contributing over 1,300 total volunteer hours.

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Hayley currently serves on Person-to-Person's Programs Committee, volunteers one day a week in reception, as well as countless hours in our Darien office helping with paperwork.

In addition to her time dedicated to Person-to-Person, Hayley volunteers with The Community Fund of Darien as a grant panelist.

As a 15-year resident of Darien, Hayley enjoys being involved in the community, frequently involving herself with local businesses and events.

Person-to-Person is fortunate to have Hayley as a volunteer, someone who consistently has a smile on their face, and is always willing to step in whenever needed.

—*Marie Cartagena*

Here's the Full List of Volunteers

Each of these volunteers was recognized this year and will be profiled in this series:

Shyamla Menon (A Better Chance);—Nina Miller (At Home in Darien);—Rochelle Charnin (Building One Community);—Frank Huck (Darien Arts Center);—Darien firefighters, including Fire Chiefs Vic Pensiero, Shaun Volin & John Hessmer (Darien Board of Selectman);—Pam Miller (Darien Book Aide Plan);—Cheryl Williams (Darien Chamber of Commerce);—Pat Parlette (Darien Community Association);—Tiffany O'Connor (Darien High School);—Anne Lise Brown (Darien High School Parents' Association);—Carolyn McGrath (Darien Historical Society);—Janet Cling (Darien Land Trust);—Kathy Larkins (Darien Human Services);—Peter Eder (Darien Library);—Mike Wheeler (Darien TV79);—Scott Overbeck (Darien YMCA);—Jennifer Geddes (Domestic Violence Crisis Center);—David Ball (Family Centers);—Shelly Skoglund (League of Women Voters);—Andrea Huntington (Mather Homestead Foundation);—Katie and Emily Wiley (Norwalk Grassroots Tennis);—Hayley Ackers (Person-to-Person);—Margaret "Annie" Slaughter (Silver Hill Hospital of New Canaan);—Reeve Boeckmann & Elizabeth Hall (The Carver Foundation of Norwalk);—Jill McCammon (The Community Fund of Darien);—Bryne Pozzi (The Darien Foundation);—Donna Collins (The Darien Nature Center);—Kathy Arrix (The Depot, Darien Youth Center);—Annie Arrix & Lily Kosnik (Thriving Youth);—Stephanie O'Malley (Tokeneke PTO);—Katie Murphy (Darien Youth Commission).

Sponsors of the 2019 Recognition Luncheon were the Darien Community Association, Brown Thayer Shed and Halstead Real Estate.

About This Series

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- The profiles in this series were presented at the 2019 volunteer recognition luncheon held at the [Darien Community Association](#) and recorded (in [this video](#)) by Darien TV79.
- Darien runs on volunteers — from our churches to our town government, schools, political parties, sports teams, three fire departments and our local nonprofits. They're the largest part of what makes this town a community. We should all encourage them and thank them.
- Darienite.com is running this series now, while more people are thinking about whether they want to volunteer in the upcoming year.
- Each article presents the description provided about that volunteer (or sometimes more than one) as provided by an organization that benefited from that person's efforts.