

The Getabout
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For over 30 years, the Getabout has been the recipient of both operating and capital funds from the New Canaan Community Foundation/Neighbors United and its predecessor, the United Way.

Starting May 1981, the United Way provided "seed money" as well as critical vocal support in the community that led to the founding of the Getabout.

The financial support has continued without fail through the attrition of its Board members who have recognized the importance to our community of having a service in place to provide safe and dependable transportation for our seniors and those with special needs.

As the ridership of the Getabout has grown over the years, funding by the Foundation allowed the service to expand from a one van operation in the 1990's to the current fleet of five vans.

Since 2000, NCCF grants have funded the purchase of three new vans at the cost of \$75,000. In addition, the Foundation and its predecessor has supplied \$172,000 in operating funds, including it's recent grant of \$25,000 in 2012.

Getabout currently provides 12,000 rides annually for New Canaan residents and because of the town's growing senior population, over 50 percent of the ride requests are to medical facilities, many to hospitals in Norwalk and Stamford. Our service is critical to those who do not drive or have access to transportation.

The New Canaan Community Foundation has had a major impact on the Getabout and its success as a viable community asset allowing hundreds of residents to fully participate in the community.

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