

Volunteer Spotlight



Anne Downey

The Shippan Point Association would like to congratulate **Anne Downey** for being selected as the Spotlight Volunteer this month. Anne has been a resident of Shippan for 47 years! Her home is part of the ALC Association (Auldwood, Lanark, Chesterfield). She loves the diversity and sense of community there and considers it a microcosm of Shippan and Stamford as a whole.

After a career in sales and marketing, Anne pivoted and decided to earn a Masters Degree in Education. She then spent 17 years with Stamford Public Schools as an assistant principal at Toquam and Rogers, and as principal at Springdale School. During her tenure at Springdale, she earned praise from both teachers and families, as well as a county-wide award for academic gains.

When she retired in 2014, Anne put her impressive skills and experience right to work by joining the boards of The Stamford Public Education Foundation (SPEF) and Building One Community (B1C.) SPEF's mission is to bridge the gap between needs in the Stamford Public schools and resources in the community. They offer tutoring, mentoring and other programs that enable students to graduate high school prepared and inspired to be productive members of society. Anne serves as the Chair of the Programs Committee, focusing resources on four areas: College and Career Readiness, Enrichment, Family Engagement, and Kindergarten Readiness. Anne is especially proud of the work they are doing during the COVID-19 pandemic. They have created a new program called "Here To Help" that serves

as a clearinghouse of information for parents of what resources are available to families during this challenging time.

At Building One Community - The Center for Immigrant Opportunity, Anne has helped grow and professionalize the organization, which now has over 300 active volunteers and countless programs that educate, employ, empower and engage immigrants and the broader community. Anne currently serves as Board Chair and is focused on ensuring that BiC's programs meet the most pressing needs of the community such as programs for English Language Learners and for Workforce Development, providing skills training in a variety of fields.

Anne's contributions to the Stamford community do not stop there. She also has been highly involved with Our Lady Star of The Sea Parish in Shippan. She taught faith formation for five years and currently serves on the fellowship committee and as a Eucharistic Minister. Anne also helps prepare meals for the New Covenant Center.

We are incredibly proud to have a woman of Anne's talents and compassion in our community.

The Shippan Point Association is proud to highlight Shippan residents who generously commit their time and talent to local non-profit or government organizations. Each month we will select one resident to profile. Residents are encouraged to submit nominations for outstanding volunteers who show a high level of commitment to helping others. Email info@shippan.com and include specific reasons/information on why you are nominating this person.