

MEET OUR PERSONAL ASSISTANTS



Diane Dalessio joined our Personal Assistants team in Oct., 2015. Diane graduated from Fairfield University with a Bachelors in business and marketing. She also obtained her certificate in medical administration. Diane has an extensive background in customer service and also volunteers with the Ridgefield VNA flu clinics. She has two grown sons. Diane was born in Connecticut, lived briefly in Italy, and also in Florida for several years before returning to Connecticut. She currently resides in Ridgefield. Diane's interests include yoga and outdoor activities. She also loves animals.



Carol Geer began working as a Personal Assistant at Meadow Ridge in November of 2016. She has worked as a licensed agent in the insurance industry for many years, specializing in Life, Disability and Long Term Care insurance. She continues to work in the insurance industry on a part time basis. She says that the decision to work as a Personal Assistant here, at Meadow Ridge, was the one of her best decisions ever! Having had the privilege of being the primary care giver for her parents and missing that role, she knew that she had something to offer our resident, but never realized how much they had to offer to her. It has given her the opportunity to meet so many interesting and wonderful people. Every day is different and fulfilling. Carol enjoys spending time with her family and friends, reading, cooking, travelling and staying active. She and her husband live in Milford and have two married daughters.



Bonnie Harrington has been with Meadow Ridge for almost five years. She was initially hired as a part time Receptionist, and was soon also working as a Personal Assistant. Bonnie really enjoys helping our residents and recently decided to work solely in this program. Bonnie was born and raised in Madison, WI. She attended business school and went to work in a medical office. She really wanted to travel and worked the next 42 years as a stewardess. Her hobbies include playing golf, gardening and baking.

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Jen Osmun, has been with Meadow Ridge for one year. She enjoys meeting our residents and lending them a helping hand. Jen grew up in Westchester County and also lived in NYC for several years working as both a Personal Assistant and an Event Planner. Jen is a 12 year resident of Redding and resides with her two daughters and a variety of pets!



Caroline Besancon has been with Meadow Ridge since August of 2018. She is also employed by the town of Redding, at John Read Middle School. She loves meeting and getting to know the rich and diverse history of the residents that she assists at Meadow Ridge. Caroline has a Masters in Special Education from Bank Street College of Education in New York City, where she grew up. She loves the town of Redding, where she lives with her three children and her Golden Retriever.



Kim Franz started working as a personal assistant at Meadow Ridge in September 2017. Previously she had been employed privately for 5 years by one of our residents. She finds working with the residents very rewarding and loves getting to know them through assisting with their everyday life. Kim graduated with a degree in graphic design and worked as an art director for many publications including *Golf Digest* and *Yachting Magazine*. Outside of work she loves to spend time with her family, traveling and gardening. She grew up in Wilton and currently lives in Danbury with her two children.

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Michael Rothschild joined the team in 2018! He is a resident of Danbury, CT. He worked as an IT Professional in the construction, health research, and entertainment industries for 30 years before retiring to the quieter environs of Connecticut. He decided to return to work at Meadow Ridge for the opportunities the job offered to engage with and assist residents on a daily basis. His hobbies include writing, blogging, and general information gathering on the internet along with frequent gaming sessions with his nephews.



Suzanne joined Meadow Ridge in February, 2017 as a C.N.A. in health services. She has been a member of our PA team on a per diem basis since June, 2017. Suzanne enjoys the opportunity to be of service to residents who need additional assistance and learning about their different life experiences. Prior to coming to Meadow Ridge she worked as a P.C.T./P.C.A. (Patient Care Advocate) at Norwalk Hospital for seven years. Suzanne has three adult children and resides in Westport. Her hobbies include playing scrabble and other games, baking, and volunteers as the Hospitality Director at her church.