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Torch passed: Kristin Bolton named ESI executive director

The Board of Directors of Elderly Services Inc. (ESI) has appointed ESI Assistant Director, Kristin Bolton, to the position of Executive Director effective July 1. Kristin succeeds Joanne Corbett, who led the organization for 33 years. Joanne has transitioned to a social work role within the organization and will focus on serving elders and their families as the agency increases enrollment at the Project Independence Adult Day Center and expands its eldercare counseling program.

“I am grateful for the opportunity to lead Elderly Services at this important time in our history. We emerged from the pandemic with our long-term programs back in place and some new remote offerings that continue to serve our community. There’s a lot of potential to grow our programs and serve even more people in the community,” Kristin says. “I also am grateful to know that Joanne will remain a key member of our team as a social worker, as she has so much to offer to our participants and families.”



Executive Director Kristin Bolton.
— *ESI celebrates her new job and Joanne Corbett’s legacy: pages 2 & 3.*

Elderly Services has 50 full- and part-time employees and an annual budget of more than \$2 million. We are supported by generous donations from the community and by state and federal sources. Project Independence, the most prominent program within the organization, is a nationally recognized leader in adult day care and provides an innovative all-day program for seniors with a five-days-per-week schedule of

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- Eldercare advice.
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- Education and consultation.

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activities, health care, events and meals prepared on site.

“Our community has been so supportive of our work for many years and continues to recognize our organization as a real treasure,” Kristin says. “This is a cherished community space for so many people. I look forward to working with our amazing staff to increase our attendance at Project Independence and to develop new programs.” Kristin specially cites a new “Center for Positive Aging” that will build upon current efforts and programs to help people navigate the challenges of aging.

Longer term, Kristin wants to ensure that ESI is more sustainable financially and environmentally, as she begins to envision changes to the ESI facilities that will both save money and advance our goal to be a good steward of the environment.

Kristin has served as Assistant Director of Elderly Services since 2017. She previously filled a number of other roles within ESI including Program & Training Coordinator, ESI College Coordinator, and both a Planner and Coordinator for Project Independence. Before coming to ESI in 2009, Kristin spent the early part of her career in education as well as organizational development with Fortune 1000 clients.

She earned her undergraduate degree at Swarthmore College and a Master of Education from Xavier University. She also holds Certificates in Nonprofit Management from Duke University and Marlboro College, and is a member of the National Academy of Certified Care Managers and the Aging Life Care Association.



ESI board member Tom Hanley presents Kristin Bolton, the new executive director, with a ceremonial key to Elderly Services Inc.



Hildgund Schaefer offered the perspective of Project volunteers.



Eileen Lawson represented the ESI staff at the celebration.

'A PICTURE PERFECT PROJECT DAY!'

On June 21, the ESI family celebrated a milestone in the organization's history: the retirement of Joanne Corbett as Executive Director after 33 years, and the appointment of Kristin Bolton to succeed her (see stories in this issue). Tributes, music, some tears and lots of laughter ensued. On these pages, some photos from the day. More photos appear on pages 4, 6 & 7.



Nikki Juvan spoke on behalf of the families of Project participants.



Peter Lebenbaum and Betsy Etchells, directors, present Joanne Corbett with a plaque to be installed in the ESI entry by the rocking-chair porch.



Joanne Corbett thanks participant Sandy Kaufmann for her tribute to Joanne, Kristin and all of those at Project Independence.



Kristin Bolton, left, ESI's new executive director, talks with Marge Drexler, a longtime friend of Project Independence.

Joanne Corbett looks forward to new role at Elderly Services

After 33 years as Executive Director of Elderly Services, Joanne Corbett officially transitioned to her new role within the organization on July 1—working part-time as a clinical social worker and community advocate for the various programs offered by ESI to our community.

“I am full of love for Elderly Services and the sense of belonging and enjoyment we offer each day to our participants,” Joanne says. “I also feel grateful and blessed with Kristin Bolton as my successor.”

Joanne will be working 20 hours per week and will “wear many hats,” filling in to help as needed with activities, meals, etc. But she will primarily be focused on her role as a social worker. “My goals are to serve more people as we rebuild Project Independence and ESI College, and expand our eldercare counseling program,” she says.

When asked how long she envisions doing this new role, Joanne thinks she may work for another decade. “Several ESI employees have worked into their 80s,” she says, “so I have many inspiring role models—and hope for a decade of good health.”

On a personal level, Joanne plans to exercise more, rest more and enjoy her family.

Kristin Bolton, who assumed the Executive Director role on July 1, is excited to have Joanne’s experience and expertise on board as the organization moves forward. “Joanne is talented, committed and such a wonderful presence within our organization and community,” says Kristin. “We feel so fortunate to have her remain on our team as we build on the long-term success of Elderly Services.”



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LEARN MORE ABOUT ELDERLY SERVICES!

Elderly Services has just launched a series of virtual information sessions to be held via Zoom on the third Thursday of every month, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. The sessions provide general information about caring for an elderly loved one in our community, as well as an overview of ESI's adult day program, Project Independence.

“We know people are busy and have many demands on their schedule,” says Eileen Lawson, ESI social worker and host of the monthly programs, “so we thought a virtual information session might be valuable for people who want to learn more about the various ESI programs, or other area resources to assist them in caring for a parent or loved one.”



ESI social worker Eileen Lawson will host monthly informational sessions.

Project Independence is Vermont's largest adult day program, serving the region five days a week from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., with flexible hours to match the individual needs of participants and their families, and onsite nursing care. “Our approach combines intensive health/personal care

services and transportation with a joyous, entertaining day of fun, food, belonging and human connection,” says Eileen.

The goal of the online sessions is to make it as easy and convenient as possible for people to gather information to use now—or sometime in the future when they are ready to make a decision. Eileen says in-person tours are also available by appointment, as well as private phone calls for anyone who just wants to learn more about the adult day program, eldercare counseling and other types of caregiver support.

For more information or to arrange to join a Zoom session, please call Eileen at 802.388.3983.