

## **AMHERST CENTER FOR SENIOR SERVICES:**

### **FRIENDLY VISITOR PROGRAM**



**The purpose of the Friendly Visitor Program is to provide socialization to isolated, home-bound individuals living in the Amherst area. It is a free volunteer service provided by the Amherst Center for Senior Services.**

#### **A Friendly Visitor is a Volunteer Who:**

- Provides visits to seniors age 55 or older in their homes
- Enriches lives through personal contact
- Checks on a participant's well-being
- Becomes a connection to the Amherst Senior Center Social Work staff on the participant's behalf, as needed

#### **How To Become a Friendly Visitor:**

Prospective volunteers need to be 55 or over and do not need to be a member of the Center or a resident of Amherst. All prospective volunteers undergo a background check at no cost. Volunteers are then matched with a senior in the community and checks on the participant's well-being. The volunteer also becomes a connection to the Amherst Senior Center and the Department of Social Work staff.

#### **Contact Us:**

If you would like to become a volunteer, or know someone who could benefit from this program, please contact the Amherst Senior Center Social Work Department at 636-3055 ext. 3129. The Amherst Center for Senior Services is located at 370 John James Audubon Parkway, behind the Audubon Library, in Amherst, New York.



*Social Work Services is located in the Amherst Center for Senior Services, located at 370 John James Audubon Parkway, Amherst, New York 14228*

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