COVID-19 changed everything and our services grew exponentially. Thanks to more than one hundred volunteers, we were able to expand our services and support the most vulnerable older adults in our community.

**Stay Home Stay Safe**

In March, we rapidly built a comprehensive new program to support city and statewide efforts to “flatten the curve,” helping seniors stay home except for urgent medical care. We developed a Well-Check Call and online assessment system to quickly identify those in need. We then transformed our Friendly Shopper program into an Emergency Grocery Delivery program to ensure older adults had enough food and essential medication during the shutdown.

Thank you so much for Silver Source’s plentiful Shopping Bag of groceries for seniors which I received on Thursday 4/16 2020.
**Well-Check Calls**

Staff and volunteers reached out to 2,000 clients to establish a baseline of needs and available social supports. Volunteers entered survey responses into an online form that automatically alerted staff to critical needs. Early on seniors were stoic and resilient, but as the months go by, the loneliness and isolation are wearing on them.

**Pandemic Food Delivery**

To aid statewide efforts to help people Stay Home and Stay Safe, we developed an Emergency Grocery Delivery program. Working with community partners including the Southwestern CT Agency on Aging, and with the support of generous individuals, corporations and foundations, we purchased a refrigeration unit, and sourced food from wholesalers and area food banks. We thank the Stamford Senior Center for allowing us to expand our operation into the Government Center in the winter months. By summer, we needed more space, and are grateful to the Stamford Marriott which provided us with use of their space and refrigerators, helping us to keep perishables cold until the weekly deliveries. Since July 1, we have continued deliveries to homebound and disabled seniors thanks to your support, and the help of our volunteers.
Urgent Needs
Our social workers continue to serve “at-risk” elderly residents, providing emergency support to meet urgent needs for housing, heat, health and hunger.

Medical Transportation
We continue to provide free round-trip transportation to essential medical and healthcare appointments.

PPE and safety protocols went into effect in March, with rides limited to support dialysis, chemotherapy and urgent medical appointments. With the gradual reopening of medical offices, we are increasing our services to meet the needs of seniors.

Between March 1st and July 1st, with the weekly support of valiant volunteers, we procured and delivered 135,000 meals to 320 older adults.

“What you have done during the toughest quarantine period cannot be underestimated. I was truly impressed and grateful beyond words. I could not move freely after the surgery... so the help that you provided with your excellent, very polite volunteers was very thoughtful, considerate, and touched me to the bottom of my heart. Remember that your goodness will never be forgotten!”

Most respectfully and gratefully,
D.R.

Thank you to our Community Volunteers

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Food Drive
Thank you to the high school volunteers of Westhill Angels and Stamford High Gives Back for their hard work in hosting a Food Drive for SilverSource. The effort yielded three weeks of groceries for hundreds of older residents. Kudos also to Ridgeway Stop and Shop store management and staff, for their generous support in making the drive a success.

Virtual Companions
Stamford native and Stanford University student Ben Hu volunteered to deliver groceries for SilverSource. That’s how CEO Kathleen Bordelon found out about the project that Ben and his fellow students created – Virtual Companions. The program connects older and younger generations in an effort to “foster acts of kindness and companionship.” A number of SilverSource clients have joined the program, which is connecting them with young people and reducing their isolation.

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