

# Stamford woman named CT Social Worker of the Year

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*SilverSource Board Member Roni Lang, left, with SilverSource Director of Social Work Alison Heim, right (Feb. 2020)*

Stamford resident Roni Lang, a licensed clinical social worker at Greenwich Hospital, was named the 2022 Connecticut Social Worker of the Year by the Connecticut chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

She was honored for her dedication to elder-care services for patients and caregivers.

A clinical social worker for 50 years, Lang has provided therapy for older adults and their families for nearly two decades at Greenwich Hospital. She was recently appointed to the Stamford mayor's Advisory Council on Aging. Lang has been an adjunct instructor at the University of Connecticut in Stamford for 20 years, teaching undergraduate classes on aging. She also serves on the board of several organizations that provide support to older adults, including SilverSource. Lang received the award during a virtual ceremony in November.

"I genuinely enjoy improving the lives of those I treat," said Lang, adding that she was honored to receive the award.

"Even at age 90, people can change for the better, appreciate the lives they have lived and develop a zest for living. There is nothing contradictory about embracing the aging process with grace, humor and knowledge," she said.

"Roni is a gifted and compassionate clinician, a consummate professional. She has the ability to be fully present with her patients, regardless of the weight and depth of the problem," said Joshua Hrabosky, director of outpatient behavioral health at Greenwich Hospital.

Although Lang began her career working with children and adolescents, she shifted to assisting older adults, earning post-graduate certificates in geriatric mental health and gerontology.