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| **Senior Volunteers To Be Honored For Their Service**  ***~Award ceremony postponed to a later date~***  **Concord, NH** – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the New Hampshire State Commission on Aging, and Eng**AGING NH** announce this year’s recipients of the Older Adult Volunteer Awards. To align with social distancing guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention around COVID-19, the award ceremony will be held at a later date.  "Here in New Hampshire, we take pride in our communities and in our efforts to ensure that all Granite Staters are able to live and age with dignity in the comfort of their communities," said Governor Chris Sununu. "As we face a public health crisis of unprecedented proportions, the work done by individuals like the recipients of this year's Awards has become more important than ever before. We cannot thank you enough for all that you have done to strengthen New Hampshire's communities."  Each May, during Older Americans Month, the Commission on Aging recognizes individuals or couples age 60 or older from each of New Hampshire’s ten counties for their outstanding volunteer efforts on behalf of older adults and others in their communities.  This year's recipients are:  **Belknap County**: Chris Ray of Gilford  **Carroll County**: Kenny Ware of Glen  **Cheshire County**: Mona Walsh of Marlborough  **Coos County**: Harold E Marshall Jr. of Lancaster  **Grafton County**: Robert and Effie Bachand of Enfield  **Hillsborough County**: Elaine and Harvey Bloom of Merrimack  **Merrimack County**: Freda Spiro of Concord  **Rockingham County**: Nancy D’Agostino of Salem  **Strafford County**: Peter Eldredge of Somersworth  **Sullivan County**: Bob Dearborn of Newport   For more information about the award, please contact Roger Vachon at 603-223-6903.  **###** | |