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Friends of Nor-West Donates \$25,000 Toward New Bus for Nor-West Regional Special Services

Jefferson Valley, NY — September 25, 2025 — Friends of Nor-West (FONW), the volunteer nonprofit dedicated to supporting Nor-West Regional Special Services, has announced a \$25,000 donation to help fund the purchase of a new transportation bus for Nor-West's programs. The gift was presented during Nor-West's weekly League Bowling Program at Jefferson Valley Lanes, with members, staff, and community supporters on hand.

The check presentation featured FONW Co-Presidents Karen Conlon and Donna Malia awarding Nor-West Director Ed McKay with a ceremonial "big check" in recognition of the donation. The new bus will play a vital role in helping Nor-West participants travel safely to and from recreational, social, and athletic programs for years to come.

"Transportation is more than just getting from point A to point B — it's about connection, inclusion, and opportunity," said Karen Conlon, FONW Co-President. "We're proud to help make this new bus possible so Nor-West can continue bringing people together for the programs they love."

Nor-West serves individuals with differing abilities from four northern Westchester municipalities — the Town of Cortlandt, City of Peekskill, Town/Village of Ossining, and Town of Yorktown — as well as surrounding villages and hamlets. Reliable transportation is a cornerstone of these services, ensuring participants can attend events and activities safely and comfortably.

"This donation brings us one step closer to upgrading our aging bus fleet," said Ed McKay, Nor-West Director. "It's not just a vehicle — it's a vital link to the programs and friendships that make Nor-West so special. We're deeply grateful to Friends of Nor-West for their generosity and ongoing partnership."

Friends of Nor-West raises funds and awareness to enhance and expand Nor-West's programs beyond what is funded through municipal budgets alone. Earlier this year, FONW hosted its annual Bowl-a-Thon fundraiser, which brought together over 150 participants and their family members, raising more than \$20,000 to support Nor-West.

About Nor-West Regional Special Services

Nor-West is a collaboration among communities in northwestern Westchester County, providing recreation programs serving individuals with differing abilities who reside there. Established in 1973, Nor-West offers year-round programs that promote inclusion, skill development, and social connection. Learn more at <https://www.nor-west.org>.

About Friends of Nor-West

Friends of Nor-West is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the programs, services, and mission of Nor-West. Through fundraising, advocacy, and volunteer efforts, FONW helps ensure Nor-West participants have access to high-quality, engaging, and inclusive activities. Learn more at <https://www.friendsofnorwest.org>.



FONW Treasurer Marian Heinzinger presents a ceremonial check to Nor-West Director Ed McKay.



League Bowling participants, staff, and Friends of Nor-West members celebrate the \$25,000 donation announcement.