



# THE OLD SAYBROOK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DEDICATED TO PRESERVING, PROTECTING AND PROMOTING THE HISTORY OF OLD SAYBROOK

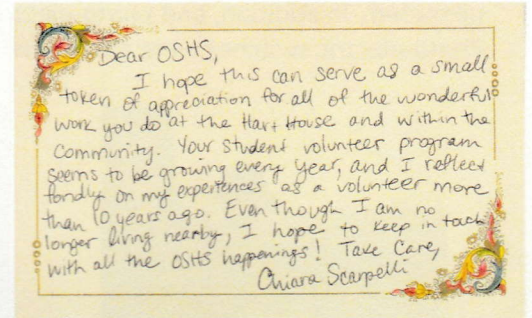
For Fiscal Year Oct.1 2020 to Oct. 1 2021

Re: a gift of history

Chiara's message

Dear supporters of the Historical Society,

As a group you are members from all over the Country and your stories of why you are supportive of us and are part of our organization creates a bond that goes to the heart of what we do.



The story of Chiara Scarpelli is one these stories. Chiara was one of our first student volunteers. During her time with us she became a guide, a mentor of younger students, a participant in our programs and a loyal member. We still display her senior project, a model of the Fort that Chiara donated to be used for educational purposes. She graduated from George Washington University and obtained a master's degree at NYU and had internships in the New York City school. Her degree in speech pathology led her to specialize in helping deaf children. While at NYU, Chiara met Nicolo Cottarelli who was student at Princeton University. She is now living in San Francisco and has a job at UCSF Children's Hospital as a Speech-Language Pathologist in the pediatric division of the Department of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery. Her specialty is the rehabilitation of children who are deaf/hard of hearing who might use hearing aids or cochlear implants.

Chiara has family in Italy and has visited there often to see them. Nicolo also has family in Italy. They hope to be married in Florence, Italy on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is the third change in plans due to Covid-19.

Chiara told me many years ago that, when she had her first job after her time in school, she was sending the Society a gift from her first pay check and, as you can see from her note to all of you, she did.

Last year our Annual Appeal Fund contributions brought the largest response ever. A surprise gift of \$10,000 came from a couple who recently moved to Old Saybrook who wrote of "the Town's rich and significant role in American history which resonates in our very core...we are sure that the money will be well used in preserving, protecting and promoting the history of Old Saybrook, a town we are honored to call our home". The generous gifts we received last year brought strength and hope to all our many volunteers; our gardens brought respite; our buildings kept history alive.

With gratitude for this tremendous support in these most difficult times,

*Marie*

Marie



Nicolo and Chiara



Chiara playing colonial games with children at the Society's celebration, at Bushnell Farm, of the 375th anniversary of the founding of Saybrook Colony.

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