

Yale University President's Public Service Fellowship
Summer 2021

Proposal for Fellow working remotely for organization

- Organization: Mary Wade Home
- Full street address of organization: 118 Clinton Avenue, New Haven, CT 06513
- Website: www.marywade.org
- Name and title of person who will be the Fellow's direct supervisor:

David V. Hunter, President & CEO
- Phone number and e-mail address of proposed direct supervisor:

203-672-7810; dhunter@marywade.org
- Placement dates: 8 weeks
- Are placement dates flexible? Are you able to accommodate a Fellow working in a different time zone?

Yes, the dates are flexible. No, we would not be able to accommodate a different time zone.
- Proposed 37.5 hour per week work schedule: TBD

Organization description: The mission of Mary Wade Home is to provide the highest quality medical and social programs and supervised residential services for those in need. We support a community of caring to promote individual abilities in our traditional, dignified, and comfortable campus as well as connecting with the broader community. The Vision of The Mary Wade Home affirms its services as an integral part of a community that offers a continuum of coordinated, innovative and high quality care and services in which compassion, human dignity, diversity and social responsibility are primary concerns. It also seeks to expand this philosophy in the broader community. We serve a diverse community of older adults aged 65+ through a full continuum of care programs including Adult Day, Short Term Rehab, Residential Care, and Long Term Care. We are adding an 84 unit assisted living residence to complete the full continuum of care services to older adults.

- **Write a 1-2 sentence summary of the work that the Fellow would be conducting:**

Enhancing the quality of life for New Haven's older adults by identifying and creating collaborations and partnerships between New Haven's oldest senior living community and the city's cultural and educational institutions and programs

- Write a more complete description of the specific project you propose and list the duties/outcomes expected of the Fellow. *See attached.*
- List specific skills/experience required for this work:
- Equipment/resources you will provide to help Fellow conduct: NA
- Briefly describe the work that Yale PPSF Fellows have done with your organization in the past and present. If you have not worked with Yale Fellows, describe any work that Yale students have done with your organization. NA

SUMMARY

Enhancing the quality of life for New Haven's older adults by identifying and creating collaborations and partnerships between New Haven's oldest senior living community and the city's cultural and educational institutions and programs.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Social isolation, transportation, food insecurities and housing are among the most critical issues facing older adults. Through its programs and services, Mary Wade seeks to enhance the quality of life for its residents and clients and for the older adults throughout New Haven. But so much more can be accomplished.

We seek to engage our community of elders with the world class cultural and educational programs and institutions available to them in New Haven. The city offers theatre, museums, galleries, lectures, music, tours, classes and workshops, performances and so much more. But our older adults need help in fully participating in these offerings.

With a fleet of handicap-accessible vehicles, Mary Wade provides medical and weekend transportation for older adults in the community. But for our older adults who cannot or should not frequent grocery or other shopping, our transportation program can be expanded to serve that home-bound population, safely and securely.

Through the Yale President's Public Service Fellowship, Mary Wade seeks to:

- Create at least 10 collaborations and partnerships between Mary Wade and other New Haven organizations that offer opportunities for involvement and focus on enhancing the quality of life for older adults. This would include identification of seniors to participate, contact with these seniors and proposal development to create a variety of programs for seniors to engage in throughout the year.
- Develop a directory of new and creative programs that involve intergenerational activities with schools and child care programs.
- Identify three new business models to expand Mary Wade's transportation services to older adults.

ABOUT MARY WADE

Mary Wade has been serving the Greater New Haven community for more than 150 years. In 1866, in the aftermath of a devastating civil war, a group of women from prominent Connecticut families met at the home of Mrs. Henrietta Whitney. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the establishment of "The Home for the Friendless," a shelter for homeless young women in need of support and guidance. The mission

then, as it is now, was to provide a friendly, home-like atmosphere to individuals in need of either temporary or permanent housing.

Over the years, Mary Wade's evolved to meet the needs of an aging and indigent community. In 1917 it became a home for elderly women and by 1966 had evolved into a full service facility for all mature adults. Today, Mary Wade is the largest employer in Fair Haven with nearly 300 full, parttime and per diem staff. A not for profit organization, we are led by a board of community leaders and volunteers.

