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Carl Quinn was born and raised in Columbia County. He is a 1987 graduate of Chatham High School with a Regents Diploma in Science and French. His parents, both long time volunteers for the Austerlitz Fire Company, instilled a sense of community in him from a young age. He would help at fire company fundraisers and dinners along with other members of his family and the Austerlitz community. While in high school he was the President of SADD and volunteered with the Library Council.

In recent years, Carl and his wife Laurie have been active with Northern Columbia County Rotary, The Chatham Skate Park and various other community events, fundraisers and organizations. From 2008 to 2009 Carl served on the Finance Committee for Columbia County Habitat for Humanity. Since 2007 Carl has served on the Board of Trustees as well as the Treasurer for the Austerlitz Historical Society. He also spends time volunteering on several committees and fundraisers for the organization. In 2014, he chaired the "Battle of Austerlitz" event which brought Napoleon armed-forces re-enactors from around the world for a weekend encampment and re-enactment event depicting Napoleon's 1805 Battle of Austerlitz. He also volunteers his time as a Salvation Army Bell Ringer during the holiday season.

In 2013, he co-founded the all-volunteer not-for-profit organization, Our Community Cares Inc. and served as President of the Board of Directors from January 2013 until June 2016. In this role, he put in countless hours assisting Columbia County residents who are facing a hardship in their life or the life of a loved one. This could be through an illness, death, fire or other catastrophic event impacting a person's life, health and well-being. Need knows no boundary so he was often called upon any hour of the day, night or weekend to assist when a need occurs. Since it was founded 3 years ago, the organization has assisted over 60 families in need. Carl's long history of volunteer service drove him to organize Our Community Cares with his co-founder Dawn Steward.

He enjoys being able to assist people and wants to make sure that people get the help they need at a very difficult time in their life. Carl is often called upon by other organizations to offer insight and advice when they are working on fundraising or volunteer opportunities.