Dear Friends of the Brookline Senior Center Foundation,

You, our donors, enable us to provide essential services, including transportation to medical appointments, food distribution, fuel assistance, counseling, and a variety of exceptional learning/community building programs for our older residents.

Brookline Senior Center Staff offer these services with compassion. Ruthann Dobek, our inspirational Director throughout the past 40+ years has led the Brookline Senior Center with expertise and joy.

Ruthann is retiring. Thanks to Ruthann’s dedication, she leaves a strong operational and financial foundation, staff stability, and an award-winning array of programs for our older residents.

You are invited to join me and others on Sunday, April 27th, 4:00 - 6:00 PM, at the Brookline Senior Center, for a fundraiser to honor Ruthann Dobek.

For details or to contribute if you cannot attend visit: <https://tinyurl.com/AppreciationCelebration>

Ruthann Dobek’s accomplishments include:

· Building the Senior Center

· Longstanding record of securing grants for a variety of programs and services

· Creating the Endowment for the Foundation

· Creation of the HELP Program

· Creation of employment opportunity programs for Older Adults

· Creation of the Transportation Program

· Creation of the Volunteer Program, including intergenerational programming such as the SHOP program

· Creation of a variety of informational and educational publications for the community (Brookline Beacon, Elder Resource Guide, Ask a Geriatrician, etc.)

· Creating and maintaining partnerships with town agencies and other social services agencies in the larger community

· Mentoring student interns, from high school age through graduate school, in the field of aging

· Increasing our capacity around diversity, such as work with Asian, Russian, and Hispanic older adults, LGBTQI+ older adults, etc.

· Co-chair of Age Friendly Cities initiative, resulting in Brookline being named as the first Age Friendly community in New England (under the World Health Organization standards)

· Co-Founder of the Brookline Community Aging Network

Recipient of:  
 Boston University School of Social Work Alumni Association award in recognition of Outstanding Contributions to the Field of Social Work- May 2001  
 Massachusetts National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Social Worker of the Year Award- 2008

Massachusetts Councils On Aging (MCOA) Innovator of the Year Award- 2015  
 Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) Distinguished Employer Award in 2018

Let’s honor Ruthann Dobek and her legacy! Sign up for Sponsorships, Tickets, and Contributions here: <https://tinyurl.com/AppreciationCelebration>

Warm regards,

Betsy Pollock, MSW

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