

## FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of the Brookline Senior Center Foundation,

Brookline has been recognized by “*US News and World Reports*,” and echoed in “*Town and Leisure*,” as the Number One Place to Live for Quality of Life!

Eight hundred and fifty-nine locations were included. The analysis was based on several factors, including: quality of education, quality and availability of healthcare, air quality index, extreme weather risk, state economy and its infrastructure, and the job market.

Would Brookline still be the winner if “Senior Support” was a factor? Brookline’s total population is 62,698. Those who are age 60+ comprise 20% of our population, a 40% increase since 2010. (36.2% of older people in Brookline live alone.) Retiring Baby Boomers will drive a 47% (3,500 residents) increase in the Town’s age 60+ population in 2030. Older residents’ needs must be addressed to make the community better for all.

Fortunately, Brookline’s Town government recognizes this growing segment of the population and values the quality of life for everyone. Compassionate, generous donors’ contributions cover the approximately 30% of the Senior Center’s budget that Town funding does not support. Hundreds of dedicated staff and volunteers work diligently daily to keep Senior Center participants independent and contributing to the community.

The Brookline Senior Center offers a vibrant community for older adults to participate in hundreds of programs, make new friends, volunteer, and access vital services. We’re here for your friends, your family, and you!

If “Senior Support” had been a factor for the “US News and World Reports” Quality of Life research, I’m confident that Brookline would still be #1!

Thank you for your crucial support! Please encourage your friends to support the Brookline Senior Center Foundation:

Together we’ll stay strong.

Warm regards,

*Betsy Pollock, MSW*  
Foundation Board President



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