

## FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of the Brookline Senior Center Foundation,

Happy New Year! Best wishes for health, happiness, and peace in the coming year.

Thank you for making it possible for others to experience health, happiness, and peace at the Brookline Senior Center. Thanks to your support, many are welcomed into our building to learn a new skill, be entertained, get technical advice, sing, meet new friends, or play ping pong. They can access transportation, critical care, and necessary equipment, such as walkers that work. Many volunteer—over 300!

2026 marks a milestone for the Brookline Senior Center—our 25th Anniversary! We're grateful to those who worked diligently to make our dream of a Brookline Senior Center a reality. And, we're grateful to you—all who have sustained this "second home." This spring we will host a celebration, "Built to Last, Celebrating 25 Years on Winchester Street!" And, to commemorate our 25th anniversary we're compiling a community cookbook.

The Brookline Senior Center is the resource for all things relevant to our age 60+ community, a rapidly growing population, currently 20% of all who live in Brookline. During these chilly, often icy, darker-early-evening winter months, I'm reminded of how essential our programs are to older residents who may feel isolated. For many, the Brookline Senior Center is a community lifeline. If you're a donor, you know. Here's why a few others contribute:

*"As you get older you appreciate what people are doing for the elderly."*

*"The Brookline Senior Center creates a hub for people and gives them a sense of belonging. Older people can be very lonely. It's a comfortable place."*

*"I find positivity here, and a motivation to live. It's all about mindset, and the Brookline Senior Center has made such a difference for me."*

*"My mother had a true passion for the Brookline Senior Center."*

Thank you for supporting the Brookline Senior Center Foundation! Without your support, we would not be able to purchase equipment or furniture, offer transportation services, including medical transportation, host our fitness program, offer a variety of educational and entertaining programs, or provide the critical support and emergency services that affect the health, safety, and dignity of those in great need.

Together, we will secure the next 25 years—starting today!



Happy New and Hopeful Year!

Warm regards,

*Betsy Pollock, MSW*

Foundation Board President

