

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

May is Older Americans Month—and in Brookline, that’s not a quiet recognition. It’s a statement. We just experienced that statement together at our “Built to Last” benefit, celebrating 25 years of the Senior Center—and the energy in that room said everything. This community is showing up, speaking up, creating, leading, and shaping what comes next. The team and I are honored to bring it forward to the next 25.

Thank you...



To our staff: you don’t just run programs and services—you create space for people to rediscover purpose, build confidence, and stay connected in ways that matter. A special note to Valerie Graf, our Volunteer Coordinator, for putting together an amazing Volunteer Appreciation event last month.



To our volunteers: you are the heart of the COA and Senior Center’s community impact—expanding what’s possible every single day through your generosity and commitment.



To the Brookline Senior Center Foundation, staff and Founders: your belief in this work ensures we are not thinking small or short-term—you are helping us build something that will outlast all of us.

To continue advocacy efforts for all older adults, **we invite you on a trip to the Massachusetts State House for the Annual Older Adult Lobby Day on May 6.** Meet us there or sign up to reserve a seat on the COA Van. **Everyone is welcome.**

This month, don’t just celebrate longevity—claim your role in what comes next. Stay engaged. Try something new. Share your voice. Bring someone with you. The future of the community is still being built—and it is stronger because of you.

I want to wish all the moms out there a joyful Mother's Day this month.

Sincerely,

Emily J. Williams
Director

