



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

How Do You Measure a Year?

525,600 minutes. As the musical *Rent* asked powerfully in the 1990's, "How do you measure, measure a year?" March 19th will mark my one-year anniversary as Executive Director of PSRC. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to serve in this capacity and I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute! Okay...*almost* every minute!

As I look back over the past year, there are several observations that I would like to share about this wonderful organization:

- PSRC is blessed with an incredible staff team that serves with excellence and with a powerful commitment to our mission of helping older adults thrive. I am humbled to serve alongside such incredible colleagues. This month, we say goodbye to Evergreen Forum Coordinator Abigail Meletti. She has been a wonderful part of our PSRC staff team (twice) and I know you will want to say "thank you" for all of her contributions.
- Volunteers truly are the fuel that powers our organization to make such an impact in the community. Board and advisory council members. Tech Lab volunteers. GrandPals. Front desk associates. HomeFriends. Event committee volunteers. PSRC ambassadors. I am continuously amazed by the quality and dedication of our volunteers. **If you'd like to volunteer for PSRC, please contact Sharon Hurley at shurley@princetonsenior.org**
- As a community nonprofit, PSRC relies heavily on individual donors, community partners, and corporate sponsors to fund our mission. I am truly grateful for those who contribute so generously to enable PSRC to

carry out our work on behalf of older adults in the greater Princeton community.

- PSRC has a powerful legacy in the community—with signature programs such as the Evergreen Forum and GrandPals—along with a top-notch social service team that offers empathic, professional care to various individuals and groups.
- PSRC's outstanding programs and services are limited by our building capacity and available parking at our primary site at the Suzanne Patterson Building (45 Stockton Street).

One of my favorite inspirational sayings, from mountain climber Norman Vaughan, challenges me daily: "Dream big and dare to fail!" As I look ahead to the next 525,600 minutes and beyond, here are some of the big dreams I have for PSRC:

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- A robust summer schedule with new programs and lifelong learning options
- Expanded social services that reach further into the community and support more older adults and their families—particularly in areas of support for LGBTQ+ older adults and those with LGBTQ+ children and grandchildren, support for those whose family

members are struggling with addiction, and support for veterans of the armed services

- New programs for exercise, nutrition, and wellness
- Taking initial steps towards developing a world-class facility to serve the community in powerful new ways
- A mobilized and energized core of older adults supporting the nonprofit community through volunteer service
- An expanded list of annual donors—and more major donors giving over \$1,000/year to fund PSRC's mission in the community

As my mother used to tell me, “That ought to keep you busy for a little while!” Friends, will you join me in dreaming big? Will you join me in a risk-taking adventure to move PSRC into an exciting new future that builds on the solid foundation of our 45+ year history in the community? I'd love to hear your dreams for PSRC. Please feel free to drop me an email with your thoughts.

All the Best,
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