



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Are we there yet?

Dear Friends,

Do you remember the moment it happened? Can you think back and identify the point in time that you recognized you had become your parents? For me, it was nearly twenty years ago. With a two-year-old and a three-year-old in the backseat of our Dodge Caravan. “Are we there yet?” the whine cried out from the back seat. “We’ll get there when we get there...so just look out the window and don’t ask again!”

Startled, I looked at myself in the rearview mirror and all I could see was my dad looking back at me! I mean, we had only been on the road for forty-five minutes and, since we were moving from New Jersey to Nashville, TN, we had another twelve, plus hours in the car. You can’t seriously be asking already.

“Are we there yet?” is the question that I have been whining a lot lately in regard to COVID-19 and this global pandemic that has radically altered our lives. Like most of us, I just want it to be over. It’s uncomfortable. It’s frustrating. It’s boring at times. It’s even a bit scary if I’m honest — particularly since I live with a nurse who served on a COVID ICU in March and April who is preparing for the fall.

Like many of you, I am anxious for things to return to some semblance of normal. I am looking forward to traveling (we had a European cruise planned for this summer). I am looking forward to enjoying a meal with friends in our favorite restaurant. I long for the sounds of laughter filling our building and lunches in the courtyard with my colleagues. I assure you that day will come. But we aren’t there yet.

From the beginning, we have been committed to following the scientific and medical community to guide our decision-making process regarding opening our building. Given the particular challenges that COVID-19 presents to our constituency of older adults, we do not believe we will be able to gather again in-person for the remainder of this year. Similarly, our staff remains virtual with only a few people currently working in the building.



The good news, however, is that PSRC programming remains as vital as ever. Our programs team continues to develop new, stimulating virtual offerings each and every week. This month, we are excited to partner with the American Revolution Museum in Philadelphia to present *When Women Lost the Vote*, an untold story of women’s voting rights in New Jersey from 1776–1807.

Our social services team has put together an extraordinary series of programs dealing with health and wellness. There will be a virtual town hall with Dr. George DiFerdinando and several offerings covering various aspects of physical and emotional wellbeing. These virtual programs, along with our annual flu shot clinic at the Suzanne Patterson Building and a virtual health vendor fair, will keep you engaged — and healthy!

October also brings our annual fall fundraiser for PSRC. As you know, PSRC is a community nonprofit that relies on individual donors and community/corporate partners for nearly 80% of our funding. The annual benefit is a critical piece in our fundraising efforts, and, like most organizations, we have been forced to adapt given the restrictions on gathering in-person.

We are thrilled this year to present our first ever virtual zoom gala, “An Evening with Al Franken.” We

hope that you will make every effort to join us for this event — and that you will share widely with your friends and neighbors so that they can enjoy a wonderful evening while supporting the Princeton Senior Resource Center. The evening begins at 6:30 with a virtual VIP cocktail hour with Al Franken for those with VIP tickets followed by the performance at 7:30 for all ticket holders, both events will be via Zoom.

During the event, we will be presenting our Volunteer Service Award to the amazing technology team of Evelyn Sasmor, Don Benjamin, Craig Sanders, Guarav Kumar, and Don Gould. This extraordinary team has given sacrificially of their time and talent over the past six months to help our senior center pivot online. I am sure that many of you have benefited from their service and I would like to invite you to purchase a tribute ad for our event in their honor. For more information on how to do that, please contact our development team.

Unfortunately, my dear friends, we aren't quite there yet. But we will be someday, hopefully soon! I honestly cannot wait to greet you in person and once again have our building filled with laughter and warmth. I promise that when it is safe to do so, we will throw open the doors to welcome you! Until then, I look forward to “zooming” with you.

All the Best,
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