



## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### Fostering Friendships

Dear Friends,

Over the last few years, I have become keenly aware of the role PSRC plays in fostering friendships and bringing people together. I have been overwhelmed by the stories of folks who came for our programs and ended up building lasting friendships. These relationships have been forged learning in an Evergreen classroom, exercising on the gym floor, and most recently, chatting in a zoom meeting. According to the American Society on Aging, healthy relationships form the hallmark of thriving in older adulthood.

This month, I want to highlight another friendship formed through PSRC between longtime Princetonian Shirley Satterfield and Tech Lab volunteer Don Benjamin. Hear in their own words how this relationship came to be — and their gratitude for the connections formed through PSRC. It is my sincere hope that each of you discovers not only our excellent programs and services, but that you also encounter a community of hope and support to help you in your journey.

All the Best,

*Drew A. Dyson, PhD, Executive Director*

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“In 2013, I took a course on ‘writing your memoirs’ at one of the Evergreen Forums at the PSRC. At that time I was delivering presentations about the history of African Americans in Princeton, NJ. It was clear that delivering these presentations through the medium of slides was an antiquated process.

When the memoirs class was over, I decided to enter the room where the resource center volunteers were aiding people with their computers. I asked one of the volunteers if he could guide me with my presentations using PowerPoint. That was the beginning of a seven-year friendship of mentoring, guiding, teaching — preparing over twenty of my presentations — using different PowerPoints for my presentations!

I will be forever grateful and thankful for having spoken to Mr. Donald Benjamin who did not hesitate to offer his assistance with my quest. Within a week I had an appointment with my computer. From that moment on, Don prepared all of my presentations. He was always available to not only prepare all of my PowerPoints, but he also helped me with my Zoom presentations, solved problems I’ve had with my computer, and gave me advice to become more computer knowledgeable.

As a person of faith, I continually thank God for leading me to Don who has now become my ‘history partner.’ I respect his honorable and endless dedication that he has as a board member and volunteer at PSRC, and am thankful for his help and care to assure that my work to share a rich history continues.”

— Shirley Satterfield  
(Tech Lab client and PSRC participant)

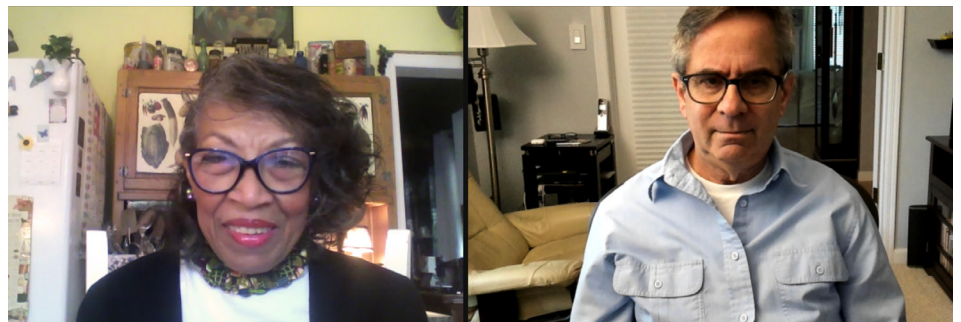


PHOTO: Shirley Satterfield and Don Benjamin

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“I met Shirley in 2013 shortly after I began volunteering in the PSRC Tech Lab. She came to us asking for help assembling a PowerPoint slideshow about the history of the African American community in Princeton.

Seven years and more than twenty-four slideshows later, we continue working together to memorialize the lives of noted Princetonians, such as Elizabeth ‘Betsey’ Stockton, Paul Robeson, and Albert E. Hinds, the rigid segregation in Princeton during the 1900s, and the landmark homes, churches, schools, and businesses that comprised the neighborhood between Witherspoon and John streets.

A chance encounter at PSRC fostered a friendship between me and a member of the most senior of the African American families in Princeton. Knowing Shirley has enriched my life just as she has enriched the lives of countless others in our community.”

— *Don Benjamin*  
(*Tech Lab Volunteer and Board of Trustees member*)