



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

How Do You Measure **THIS** Year?

Dear Friends,

525,600 minutes. That's what the musical *Rent* tells us anyway. Standing on the precipice of my second anniversary in leadership at PSRC, however, I look back on the past year and must admit that it feels so much longer. The past twelve months has been indelibly marked by the COVID-19 pandemic and the passage of time has brought more suffering and loss than we have seen as a nation in ages. Yet, in the midst of the storm, I can see clear glimpses of hope and promise.

Here are just a few highlights of this past year at PSRC:

- PSRC has had our busiest year to date — with more people registered and participating in our programs, social services, and volunteer opportunities. Because of our outstanding staff and volunteers, PSRC was able to pivot to a completely virtual format through the duration of the pandemic. While we are looking forward to resuming in-person activities, we are also committed to continuing virtual options that have become so important to so many.
- Evergreen Forum, celebrating its twentieth anniversary in 2021, continued to provide extraordinary lifelong learning programs utilizing technology to provide virtual classes. To date, over 635 people have registered for our spring season of Evergreen which puts us well on our way to the highest registration in its storied history.
- While our GrandPals program was forced to shut down in March of last year as our schools moved virtual, PSRC staff pivoted to other intergenerational programs such as *Seniors-for-Seniors* offered in conjunction with our community partner Corner House.
- PSRC social services not only continued outstanding service to our constituents, they also took a leadership role in the community, pulling together nonprofit partners and other community agencies to create a network of groups working together to serve our community. Programs such as *Safe-4-Seniors*, the *CERF Fund*, and the *Neighborhood Buddy Initiative* are solid examples of organizations working together to meet the needs of our community.

These are just a few ways that PSRC has stepped up to meet this incredible challenge. We know, however, that none of this would have been possible without our critical partnership with the municipality of Princeton and the generosity of individuals and community/corporate partners. 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 area.

I, like many of you, am anxious to return to gathering in person. When it is safe to do so, I assure you, PSRC will be ready to open our new doors to our friends and PSRC family. Which leads me to our next big announcement...

All the Best,
Drew A. Dyson, PhD
Executive Director

The Nancy S. Klath Center for Lifelong Learning 101 Poor Farm Road in Princeton, NJ

In December of 2020, the Princeton Senior Resource Center purchased a 12,000 square foot facility at 101 Poor Farm Road to supplement its current operations at the Suzanne Patterson Building at 45 Stockton Street. The new facility will house PSRC's administrative offices and will feature a world-class learning center with high-tech classrooms and lecture hall as well as a state-of-the-art technology lab.

"Our desire," offers PSRC executive director Drew Dyson, "is to create both a welcoming destination for gathering with friends and an outstanding lifelong learning environment for older adults in our community." PSRC has engaged the services of Richardson Smith Architects to design the new facility. A targeted opening is set for fall of 2021.

Philanthropic Princetonian Norman Klath has taken a leadership role in the \$5 million capital campaign with a \$1.3 million gift. An active board member and long-time supporter of PSRC, Mr. Klath made this gift to honor his late wife Nancy S. Klath. Throughout her life, Nancy was a strong advocate for lifelong learning both in her career at Princeton University's library and, in her volunteer service with the Friends of the Princeton Public Library, the Friends of the Princeton University Library, the Princeton Adult School, and the Princeton Senior Resource Center.

"I am so very pleased for the opportunity to honor Nancy's life in the naming of this new facility," said Mr. Klath. "Nancy's life was committed to lifelong learning and she loved this community. I am heartened that this new building will carry forward her legacy in this way."

A capital campaign for Lifelong Learning at PSRC is currently in a leadership phase and will launch publicly in the months ahead. "I am hopeful," Mr. Klath adds, "that many throughout the community will join me and PSRC in making this campaign successful."

The new facility at Poor Farm Road, coupled with PSRC's existing location at the Suzanne Patterson Building, will provide a world-class, multi-site senior center that will serve the community for years to come. "This new building," says PSRC president Joan Girgus, "is the culmination of more than a decade of planning and dreaming by our board. We are excited about what this new building will offer to the community and how it will enable us to carry out our mission to help older adults thrive."



PHOTO: Nancy S. Klath

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