



Navigating the New Longevity

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Village Mission: *The Mission of The Village Chicago is to enhance the quality of life and the well-being of individuals as we live longer, so that we remain integral, vibrant and contributing members of our communities.*

Village Vision: *The Vision of The Village Chicago is to be a leader in enriching the experience of aging in our communities and a model for the nation.*

14 August 2018

Dear Village Members,

August marks my 10th anniversary with the Village. It has been my great honor and privilege to be a part of the Village's founding and development as one of the nation's premier organizations of its kind.

Words cannot describe the passion and admiration I have for our Village and what we've created together. I am writing to let you know that I announced last night to the Village's Board of Directors that I will be retiring as your director, effective January 2019. Although it is difficult for me to leave the wonderful work we do together, the timing could not be better for the Village to attract its next director -- and for me to forge my next chapter.

The Village now is in its strongest position in its grassroots history. It is anchored by a diverse and talented network of members (now 450 members strong) and volunteers (200+) and a cohesive board-office team partnership that's the envy of any organization. The Village has developed a deep capacity to deliver services, expertise and programs of value and much more while maintaining a healthy financial position.

It has been a true delight to know so many of you and you have enriched my life immeasurably. Count on me to be "all in" as we work together in the months ahead. I look forward to a smooth transition and to helping to welcome our next director to The Village Chicago.

With gratitude,

Dianne S. Campbell
Founding Executive Director



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Dear Village Members,

As we all know, the one certainty in life is that changes will happen. And in January, 2019 Dianne Campbell will step down as Founding Executive Director of the Village Chicago. On behalf of the Village board, I want to thank Dianne for her energetic leadership of the Village throughout its existence. It is not an overstatement to say that the Village would not be what it is today without her at the helm. Her creativity and kindness has made us what we are and we will miss her.

While there is never a good time to say goodbye to a founding executive director, the Village has never been stronger. The staff and board are engaged, our membership is strong and we are coming off a banner year financially, thanks to all of you.

The board has already put together a search committee, headed by board member Bob Spoerri. Rest assured that we will work to find the right person to serve as our Executive Director as we embark on this new chapter. We will work carefully and thoughtfully to find someone who believes wholeheartedly in our mission, shares our values, and has the skills and heart necessary to serve in this role.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or thoughts on this. And please take a minute to reach out to Dianne in the months ahead. We want her to know how much she'll be missed!

Sincerely,

Kathie Kolodgy
Board President