



From the *Executive Director's Desk*

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Dear Members,

Welcome to my first official letter From the Executive Director's Desk. When I introduced myself, I shared my goal of using this space to keep members informed, recognize the people who make our center special, and strengthen communication within our community. One thing I have learned during my time here is how deeply people care about this center. Whether I am talking with members, volunteers, staff, or community supporters, it is clear that this organization holds a special place in many hearts. While people may have different perspectives, I believe we all share a common goal: ensuring this center remains a welcoming place for all.

I cannot help but smile when I hear the excitement and cheering during chair volleyball, see everyone working together to set up for Fit & Fall, or hear the laughter and friendly banter coming from the card room. These moments remind me that the center is more than a just building, it's a community.

I wanted to address a recent change regarding our volunteer waitressing program. Following a complaint and discussion with the Health Department, it was recommended that individuals helping in the lunchroom obtain a Food Handler's Permit. This requirement was implemented to support food safety and compliance. While some volunteers chose not to obtain the permit, no volunteers were terminated. We appreciate the many individuals who continue to generously volunteer their time and talents in support of the center.

I would also like to recognize our dedicated staff. While much of their work happens behind the scenes, their efforts to keep the center operating smoothly and their commitment to following the policies, procedures, and regulations that guide our operations are what allow us to open our doors, keep the lights on, provide nutritious meals, and continue offering the programs and services that support our community.

As I continue learning about the center and the people who make it special, one thing remains clear: members, volunteers, staff, and community supporters all play an important role. When we listen to one another, extend kindness, and work together, we create a stronger center where everyone feels welcome, valued, and respected.

Sincerely, Jamie Melling