

From  
*the desk*  
of...

## Barbara Hughes Sullivan, Executive Director



Dear Village Members, Friends  
and Supporters!

Happy Fall! VtV Network  
had a busy September. Our  
National Village Conference in  
Chicago was a great success!  
We heard positive comments  
from so many of our Villages  
that participated either as

an attendee or as a presenter. We had great  
speakers, breakout sessions, networking  
opportunities and exhibitors. It was wonderful  
to finally put some faces with names. Look for  
our exit survey in the next couple of weeks. We  
look forward to your feedback, both positive  
and constructive suggestions how we can  
improve next year's conference.

I would be remiss in not thanking several  
people. First, all of the roughly 130 Villages  
that were represented at the conference.  
We also need to say a big thank you to our  
planning committee, who not only helped  
structure a terrific conference but also helped  
with implementation in Chicago. We also want  
to thank our sponsors. Our conference cost  
is reduced thanks to the generous sponsors  
to offset our costs. But also, our sponsors  
generate new and exciting areas to partner  
with VtV Network and also directly with  
Villages. Finally, a thank you to our board  
members and staff that were "boots on the

ground". So cliché, but it does take a Village to  
pull this conference off successfully. Thank you  
all!

If you missed the conference this year, you can  
log into our website and find the presentations  
downloaded for your review. AND, if you  
missed the conference this year, you missed  
hearing where our 2020 National Village  
Conference will be held. We are excited to  
announce next year's NVC will be in Charlotte,  
North Carolina! October 4, 2020!

Planning for next year comes around all too  
soon, so stay tuned for details.

Last but not least, I wanted to start the  
conversation on #VillageMovementForward,  
our new mantra. Village to Village Network  
will be updating some of the "Additional  
Information" questions in your account in the  
next several weeks. Most of the data that we  
receive is self reported. Many Villages ask  
questions like, how many rural Villages are  
there, or are there low income Villages, or how  
many Villages have paid staff. Help us have  
accurate data by ensuring that the Additional  
Info section is up to date for your Primary  
member.

We are working very hard at scaling our model  
throughout the U.S. We need your support and  
feedback. Stay tuned in the next several weeks  
for more details on our reporting on the growth  
of the Village movement.

Best,

*Barbara H. Sullivan*  
Barbara

VILLAGE TO VILLAGE NETWORK

# CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2019 CHICAGO

~CONNECTING GENERATIONS~

***THANK YOU!***

We would like to thank the wonderful attendees, sponsors and exhibitors who made NVC2019 a success!

We are excited to announce that next year's conference will be in **Charlotte, NC!**

## Technology Favorites Elected by NVC2019 crowd

This year's National Village Conference included a Technology Showcase event. Tech companies were encouraged to submit a short video, highlighting their products, all of which are designed to appeal to older adults.

"Winners" were selected in three categories and now have bragging rights as companies hand-picked by attendees at the National Village Conference!

**The winners are as follows:**

### Most Innovative Technology (Tie!)



### Most Wanted Technology



### Most Likely to Buy



**Congratulations!**

## NVC2019 Presentations Available Online

The National Village Conference presentations and other materials are available online now! Just click the button below to access the folders.

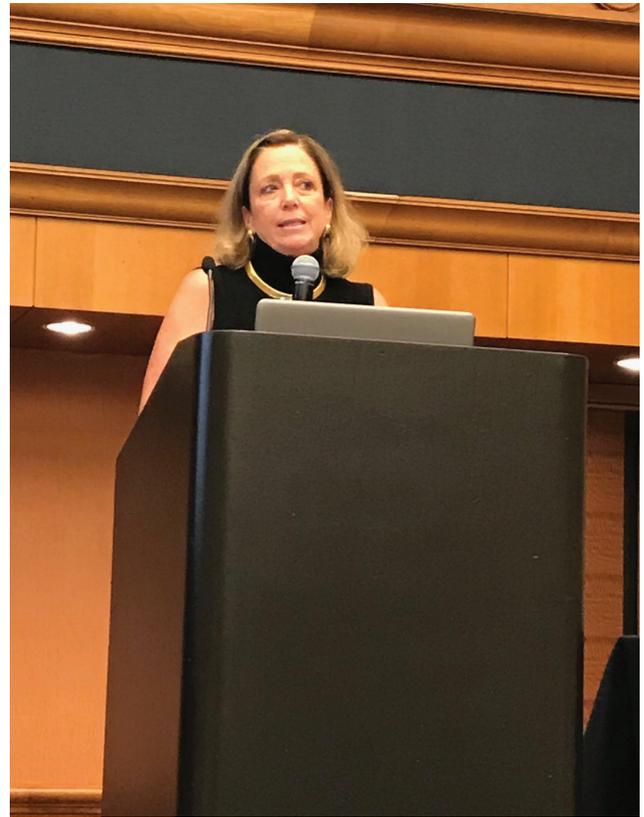
NVC2019 presentations are in: **"Network Documents"** > **"National Village Gatherings"** > **"2019 National Conference."**

### NVC2019 Presentations

Not all presenters have provided a copy of their presentation. We've reached out to everyone and asked them to send their materials as soon as possible.

By clicking on the name of a folder in the document library, you will see the documents contained within. To see the sub-folders contained within a folder, you must click the folder icon.

Check out more photos from the National Village Conference in the next page!



Village to Village Network Executive Director Barbara Sullivan addressed the NVC2019 attendees.



The Sounds Good! Choir, from Chicago, entertained the National Village Conference attendees on the last day of the conference. Sounds Good! Choir is the Chicago area's largest and fastest-growing choral organization for older adults (55+), with choirs in seven neighborhoods in the city and suburbs. Learn more about Sounds Good! Choir at:

<https://soundsgoodchoir.org/>.

# Photos from the 2019 National Village Conference



L to R: Karimah Nonyameko, Encore.org; Kate Hoepke, SF Village; Barbara Sullivan, VtVN ED; Marc Freedman, Encore.org CEO; and Charlotte Dickson, Village Movement California, all work to make aging as easy as possible.



Janet Crane of NEXT Village SF gets an autograph from Marc Freedman, author of *How to Live Forever*.



Bob Blancato provides public policy information of interest to attendees at the National Village Conference.



Susan Alitto, Chicago Hyde Park Village; Meg Kuykendall, SLO Village; and Lisa Marsh Ryerson, President AARP Foundation, pause for a photo op.



John Burke and Johnny Ross answer attendee questions at the mynotifi exhibit. Our exhibitors are wonderful!



L to R: Barbara Sullivan, VtVN ED; Eddie Rivas, VtVN Board Member; Lisa Marsh Ryerson, President AARP Foundation; Mandy Summerson, VtVN President; Aiyshan Padilla, AARP; Carol Paquette, VtVN Board Member and Emily Miller, VtVN Board Member, gather for a group shot.

## Villages in the News



8/29/2019

Teens Join Seniors for Cards, Games and Conversation with Potomac Community Village

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8/28/2019

OAKS Celebrates One Year

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8/23/2019

How seniors on Palos Verdes Peninsula put 'it takes a village' to the test

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8/23/2019

Giving Up the Wheel: When it's time for older drivers to hang up the keys

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8/23/2019

MY GLACIER VILLAGE PART OF NATIONAL EFFORT TO ASSIST OLDER ADULTS

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8/19/2019

Village Movement Forward ~ Evolving the Village Model

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8/16/2019

'A Little Help' Connects Neighbors To Help Denver Seniors Thrive

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8/16/2019

Queen Anne's at Home promotes 'aging in place'

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8/14/2019

New Yakima, Selah non-profit aims to help seniors feel connected to the community

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8/10/2019

Findley Lake Designated Retirement Community

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# Village Anniversaries!

**Coastal Neighbors Network** - South Dartmouth, MA - 2 years

**Coastline Neighbors** - Brookings, OR - 2 years

**Cheverly Village** - Cheverly, MD - 3 years

**Mid Peninsula Village** - San Mateo, CA - 3 years

**Monadnock at Home** - Jaffrey, NH - 9 years

**The Athens Village** - Athens, OH - 10 years

**Tierrasanta Village of San Diego** - San Diego, CA - 11 years

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## Kate Hoepke selected for prestigious fellowship

Kate Hoepke, Executive Director, San Francisco Village and Chair of Village Movement California, was selected for the Encore Public Voices Fellowship, a prestigious year-long initiative to accelerate the ideas and impact of 21 new and necessary thought leaders working at the intersection of aging, longevity, intergenerational connection and social justice.

The first 20 fellows were featured in more than 100 media publications to date, including *USA Today*, *Fast Company* and *Forbes*.

Participants receive support, skills and mentoring to ensure their ideas shape the greater public conversation.

Congratulations to Kate as she makes the voice of Villages heard!

To learn more about the Encore Public Voices Fellowship, visit:  
<https://encore.org/public-voices-fellowship/>



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