

From  
the desk  
of...

## Barbara Hughes Sullivan, Executive Director



Dear Village Members,  
Friends and Supporters!

Happy fall Villagers! What a great time of year. Many of us are enjoying the change of seasons and the colors of the foliage. Also, it's holiday time! Witches, tricks, treats,

candy, pumpkins, turkey, football and pie—oh my! I love this time of year!

For the Network, this time of year is full of opportunities to meet many of our partners, presenters and supporters to engage in further growth of our movement. We were fortunate to have wonderful speakers at our National Village Conference in Chicago. As a result of great speakers and presenters, we continue to have ongoing discussions and meetings about the movement and how we can create new opportunities for further collaborations. Fall is exploding with new opportunities!

One area of conversations is the federal money that was granted to four organizations for the establishment of a National Volunteer Care Corps. Those of you that attended the National Conference had a chance to hear from Joseph Lugo, Director of the Office of Network Advancement at HHS,

Administration on Community Living. We are excited for the opportunity to compete for federal money to enhance and sustain our own successful model for aging utilizing our individual Village volunteer corps. Several village leaders and I will be meeting in November to learn more and hopefully, participate in the RFP process.

ACL provided this excerpt on the grant: "This initiative will create an inclusive Steering Committee to ensure input from a diverse group of stakeholders; develop a process to establish, expand or enhance volunteer programs; evaluate the effectiveness of funded models in different communities nationally; assist funded projects create sustainability plans that span multiple markets: and share project findings, new solutions, and best practices that emerge from the project."

What better partners than Village to Village Network and Villages who have successful volunteer programs throughout the country. We will keep you updated as we interact and learn more about the process and opportunities for our Village volunteer programs to grow in areas of need but also focus on sustainability of the existing programs that are in place throughout the U.S. You can sign up for updates at the website below.

[https://mailchi.mp/f8158e12b170/  
community-care-corps](https://mailchi.mp/f8158e12b170/community-care-corps)

Best,

*Barbara H. Sullivan*  
Barbara

# Only you can take the #VillageMovementForward

VtVN is coming up on its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a national network. Over the years there has been a lot of blood, sweat and tears to get to the point where we are. If not for the generosity of our Villages, friends, supporters and partners, we wouldn't have been able to get to where we stand today.

## WHERE DO WE STAND?

- WE provide resources that help people figure out what to do when they are just forming a Village.
- WE provide a "Village Commons" helping peers connect and share information.
- WE help established Villages overcome inevitable obstacles.
- WE answer questions from interested persons across the United States and abroad.
- WE are part of the national conversation with aging services and networks.
- WE are the National Office that represents Villages and the movement.
- WE have 340 members today!

BUT, only YOU can take the #VillageMovementForward! Just like all Villages throughout the United States, we depend on the generous donations to keep us moving forward.

VtVN even created a lower-cost membership level to encourage new and developing Villages to join the Network. We have restructured our membership dues to allow more growth and opportunity for Hub and Spoke Villages too.

We ask that you help us to take the #VillageMovementForward. Help the growth of not just the movement but our national network by making a donation to Village to Village Network! VtV Network is the sole nonprofit organization formed by Villages for Villages.

Visit [www.vtvnetwork.org](http://www.vtvnetwork.org) and click the **Donate button** at the top of the page to make a donation.

Share your generosity on social media and use the hashtag #VillageMovementForward to show your support of Villages and the Village Movement!

THANK YOU!



# VtVN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT

## Background:

Village to Village Network is the national organization that represents and advocates for the Village Movement. It is a membership-based organization bringing Villages from across the nation together to create a national learning community to spread the Village model. The Network provides a variety of services and products to support the development and operation of Villages. It serves as a "Village commons" enabling Villages to connect with their peers to facilitate sharing of member knowledge. It provides guidance and resources to help Villages develop, grow and serve their members. The Network is the central access point to the Village community with a membership of over 330 open and developing Villages.

## The Network has three strategic goals:

1. Reduce the time and effort to start a Village
2. Promote the growth and financial sustainability of operating Villages
3. Integrate Villages as valued partners in the social safety net

The Village Model is based on the concept of neighbor-helping-neighbor as a sustainable approach to allow people to continue living at home in a safe, healthy and socially connected way. Villages are grassroots, mostly volunteer-operated organizations created locally to meet the needs of their community. The appeal and efficacy of this self-help model to support aging in place is evidenced by the ongoing spread of Villages across the country for the past 15 years.

## Director Responsibilities:

The Board meets monthly by teleconference and holds one in-person meeting in conjunction with the annual National Conference (usually held in September or October). Special sessions may be called as necessary. Directors serve without compensation. Terms are for three years, with the option of an additional three year term without a break in service.

## General responsibilities include:

1. Provide leadership, vision, and strategic direction for the Network

2. Actively support program development and implementation
3. Assist with fundraising and ensure adequate resources are available to carry out the Network's mission
4. Help advance strategic alliances, partnerships and other affiliations
5. Represent and advocate for the Network and the Village Movement in their community and on a national level
6. Safeguard organizational assets and provide financial oversight
7. Co-chair or otherwise actively participate in at least one committee or working group
8. Provide guidance, assistance and oversight of the Executive Director

The VtVN Board operates as a working board and therefore requires active engagement in organizational functions by all Directors. Board members are expected to attend and participate in every regularly-scheduled Board meeting and to make every effort to participate in specially convened meetings. Every Director is expected to make a meaningful annual financial contribution to VtVN over and above the annual membership fee. Directors have a fiduciary responsibility to the Network and are required to sign a Conflict of Interest agreement. Directors must have a passion for the VtVN mission and be willing to commit their time, talents and resources to ensuring the success of the organization.

## Qualifications:

We are seeking candidates with demonstrated professional leadership experience in business, health care, government, law, or the nonprofit sector and expertise in one or more of the following areas: fundraising and organizational development, communications and marketing, financial planning and oversight, aging services.

## To Apply:

Send resume and letter of interest by November 22, 2019 to:

[mandy.summerson@vtvnnetwork.org](mailto:mandy.summerson@vtvnnetwork.org).



## Podcast features VtV Network Executive Director

Check out Silvernest's ***Share Your Story Podcast***, Episode 6 to hear an interview of Village to Village Network's Executive Director, Barbara Sullivan.

Barbara talks about the Village movement with Silvernest CEO Wendi Burkhardt and co-host Patricia Raskin.

Find the podcast here:

<https://blog.silvernest.com/why-connection-and-community-matter-more-as-life-goes-on-podcast>



## Check out documentary *Lives Well Lived*

***Lives Well Lived*** is a feature documentary film by Sky Bergman that celebrates the incredible wit and wisdom of adults 75 to 100 years old who are living their lives to the fullest.

Check out the website for details of the film and see a list of upcoming screenings.

<https://www.lives-well-lived.com/>



**"It's not your numerical age it's your biological age. So think young, act young, feel young, forget the number."**

**— Emmy Cleaves, age 85, Los Angeles, CA**



**"Happiness is a state of mind. You can be happy with what you have or miserable with what you don't have. You decide."**

**— Dr. Lou Tedone, age 92, San Luis Obispo, CA**

## Super Volunteer recognized by community

Dave Prescott is a Charter Member of [Mount Vernon At Home](#) (he and his wife Barbara joined in 2010) and he has been an incredible force ever since! Almost unstoppable, except for a nine-week period in July of 2016, a time which Dave would probably like to forget. He found himself in need of services from other volunteers from Mount Vernon At Home after falling off a ladder doing work at his home, and ended up unconscious in Inova Fairfax Hospital with a broken right femur. Dave is now forbidden from all ladders!

Over the past nine years at Mount Vernon At Home, Dave has volunteered as a driver and helps with innumerable projects (fixing computers, solving technology debacles of all types, replacing smoke detectors & light bulbs, fixing this, that and everything in between, cutting back landscaping hanging over driveways, moving and assembling things, helping with an untold amount of errands at grocery stores; UPS store; post office; pharmacy; dry cleaners; banks; veterinarians and so much more.

He even came to the aid of a member he discovered on the grocery store floor who needed emergency assistance and another member who tripped, fell and gashed her head. He's seen and experienced a lot in nine years! Dave has shown unending friendliness, empathy, positiveness, stamina, compassion, helpfulness and advice with so many Mount Vernon At Home members!

In the past eight years and 10 months, Dave logged in:

**22,965 miles  
&  
5,882 hours  
as a  
SUPER VOLUNTEER!**



Susan Deller, Executive Director of Mount Vernon At Home; Jennifer Kanarek, Manager of NV Rides; and Dave Prescott, Super Volunteer - pause for a photo at a recent [NV Rides](#) Anniversary Party.

This is an unequaled number of volunteer hours and miles for the organization!

We recognize and thank Dave for being an incredible inspiration, for his willingness to help in any way possible, for giving so much of his time, energy, expertise, and caring support to his community!

Villages all across the United States rely on the generous time, talent and energy of volunteers. If you want to make a huge difference in your community, connect with your local Village and get involved.

If you know of an amazing Village volunteer, let us know at: [vtv@vtvnetwork.org](mailto:vtv@vtvnetwork.org).

## 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

[Read Here](#)



8/10/2019

Findley Lake Designated Retirement Community

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# Village Anniversaries!

**Avenidas** - Palo Alto, CA - 12 years

**Capitol Hill Village** - Washington, D.C. - 12 years

**Dupont Circle Village** - Washington, D.C. - 11 years

**Sausalito Village** - Sausalito, CA - 9 years

**Capital City Village** - Austin, TX - 8 years

**SPRYE** - Rye, NY - 8 years

**Neighbors Network** - Maitland, FL - 6 years

**Eastside Village PDX** - Portland, OR - 4 years

**Good Neighbors of Park Slope** - Brooklyn, NY - 4 years

**The FriendShip** - Columbia, SC - 4 years

**Thriving in Place** - Celebration, FL - 4 years

**Love Living at Home** - Ithaca, NY - 3 years

**San Clemente Village** - San Clemente, CA - 3 years

**Village of the Coastside** - Moss Beach, CA - 3 years

**Village Without Walls** - Hillsboro, OR - 3 years

**Viva Village** - Beaverton, OR - 3 years

**North Star Village** - Portland, OR - 2 years

**River West Village** - Portland, OR - 2 years

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 **happy  
halloween**

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