



October 2021

Dear Friend,

Normally at this time of the year we are looking forward to gathering to celebrate and support the Shepherd's Center of Northern Virginia at our annual Gala, our signature event of the year. The Gala is an opportunity for the community, board, staff, clients, client families, volunteers, partners and sponsors to all come together to celebrate the achievements of this amazing organization. Unfortunately, we have had to forego the Gala again this year because of COVID-19.

The impact of COVID-19 has severely restricted our ability to raise the operating funds we would typically receive from the Gala yet our transportation requests fulfilled through September have surpassed those of every year since 2016!

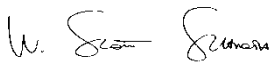
While COVID-19 has preempted the Gala, it has not stopped us from providing essential services in the community! As the new Executive Director, I'm learning the character of this wonderful organization and admire that not only are these essential services being offered with much greater challenges than in years past, but we've expanded our geographic footprint to include Great Falls as well. It's inspiring to witness our dedicated volunteers live out the mission to improve the quality of life as we age through the many

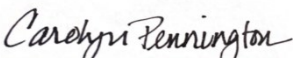
services provided. And, as we welcome new clients and volunteers, we continue making solid progress in our quest to make aging in place a viable option for a greater number of seniors in our region.

In our quest to meet the high level of service delivery that we set for ourselves, we continue to expand our volunteer and client base as well as outreach and education to the community. We measure our success across a variety of dimensions, including the number of rides offered and accepted; participation in our exceptional Adventure in Learning (AIL) Classes and ongoing Caregiver Support Groups; our robust Friendly Caller, Friendly Visitor, and Handy Helpers programs; the invaluable commitment and support from our Office Volunteers, and the continued expansion and influence of the Congregational Advisory Council (CAC), especially in new and diverse communities.

Would you joyfully consider a donation to the Shepherd's Center of Northern Virginia? We are dependent on friends like you to be our source for support so we can maintain the quality and frequency of our programs. To make a secure donation online please visit our web site: www.scnova.org/donate/donate-appeal or use the enclosed remittance envelope.

Sincerely,


W. Scott Schroth, Board Chairman


Carolyn Pennington, Executive Director

2021 TESTIMONIALS

"MY MOTHER BENEFITTED FROM SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE SHEPHERD'S CENTER, BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THESE FOR OUR FAMILY HAS BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE THE CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP."

"CANNOT OVERSTATE, THERE'S JUST NOTHING THAT COMPARES TO THE PEOPLE AT YOUR CENTER. KIND, PATIENT, TRUSTWORTHY..."

"THANK YOU!
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"THIS IS A WONDERFUL GIFT YOU OFFER THE COMMUNITY."



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