



Dear Friends and Benefactors,

We're having an anniversary, a big one--30 years. Happy Birthday Riverstone! Was Riverstone's birth a lucky accident? It may seem so to the fortunate ones who have benefitted from our programs over the last thirty years, whether they have been program participants, family caregivers, or neighborhood partners. Lucky? Any coach will tell us that we make our own luck—presumably through hard work, focus, and resilience.

And so it is at Riverstone. First, community had visionaries. They saw a need--a service gap in our community—not enough affordable housing or support for older persons. In their minds' eyes, they saw the empty shell of a decommissioned hospital building transformed into a lively complex where seniors could live and be joined by others in daytime programs. Their focus locked on this vision. They convinced their fellow community residents and city deciders to favor this project. This took hard work by the visionaries, by elected officials and their staffers, by the early board members, executive directors and workers of what was then known as Fort Washington Houses Services for the Elderly. Subsequent visions have guided expansion to the four programs of today, changing our name to Riverstone, and building out the new Memory Center space. Recent executive directors and staff have demonstrated resilience in coping with government funding squeezes and delays in Memory Center opening.

This year at our Thirtieth Anniversary Celebration, we honor three of the people who made us lucky. Many other pioneering, recent, and current heroes will be attending. These people continue to impress; they are like superheroes to Riverstone. But our partners and heroes have a gift beyond their abilities--something extra. They have you. Behind them. Supporting them. For thirty years and counting, now cheering them and Riverstone into the next thirty. We appreciate your involvement.

Best regards,

Peter Martin, Board President