FriendshipWorks Continues to Connect Volunteers with Older Adults

FriendshipWorks’ enduring mission is to reduce social isolation, enhance the quality of life, and preserve the dignity of older adults throughout Boston. This has been true for 36 years, and now more than ever our commitment remains strong.

Our first concern and priority is for the health and safety of our recipients, volunteers, and staff.

FriendshipWorks has developed and sent guidelines to our volunteers for working with their matches, and program coordinators are beginning regular phone check-ins of the older adults we serve. We remain committed to keeping our volunteers and their matches connected, but that may look different during this public health emergency.

As an organization that seeks to end elder isolation, the irony is not lost on us that we are now being asked to socially distance ourselves from those most in need. More than ever, the 2000+ elders last year we serve. As we strategize creative and innovative ways to serve during this public health emergency, we ask for your continued support and commitment.

FriendshipWorks is creating a Connection Contingency plan should a large-scale quarantine become necessary. Any critical changes or updates will be shared.

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We are monitoring updates on the COVID-19 virus from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and public health and government officials including the Boston Public Health Commission, and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. We follow and recommend others to follow the CDC guidelines and be aware of any COVID-19 scams.