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FIRST SCREENING OF ALL THE LONELY PEOPLE WORLDWIDE
Thursday, December 9th at 6:00 pm, Coolidge Corner Theatre

DOCUMENTARY SHOWS SOCIAL ISOLATION CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS

For over 37 years FriendshipWorks has been a thought leader and practitioner in the space to end social isolation among older adults in Greater Boston by matching volunteers with older adults for friendship and assistance at no cost to the elder.

More recently, FriendshipWorks has been collaborating with local organizations to bring the worldwide advanced screening of a new social impact documentary film, ALL THE LONELY PEOPLE focusing on social isolation impacting people of all ages. Through a range of poignant personal stories, Filmmakers Stu Maddux and Joe Applebaum explore the unique solutions and programs that are helping to reduce isolation and build community, solutions that can be helpful in our own neighborhoods.

“The issue of reducing elder social isolation has been the continuing mission of FriendshipWorks for 37 years,” says Janet Seckel-Cerrotti, FriendshipWorks Executive Director since its 1984 inception. “Through our programs, we thoughtfully match volunteers with older adults in Boston, Newton, Brookline, Somerville, and Cambridge for mutually beneficial, long-term friendships and support,” she added.

Now, a timely and important new social impact documentary film, ALL THE LONELY PEOPLE (ATLP), will have its FIRST EVER SCREENING WORLDWIDE on THURSDAY, December 9th, at Brookline’s Coolidge Corner Theatre at 6 pm, both in-person and virtually.

“FriendshipWorks is proud to be on the organizing committee and a sponsor of this worldwide premiere to focus on a critical subject that we have pioneered for nearly 40 years, but has only come to the forefront of collective consciousness since the pandemic began,” she stated.

Janet Seckel-Cerrotti is available now for interviews and Maddux and Applebaum will be available in the Boston area December 8th to 11th. To schedule interviews - in person or virtually - contact Helena Finnegan at: hfinnegan@fw4elders.org.
This is a community event hosted by local organizations including FriendshipWorks, AARP MA, Sherrill House, Goddard House, ETHOS, Brookline Senior Center, Center Communities of Brookline|HebrewSeniorLife, 2Life Communities, Good Shepherd Community Care and the LGBTQIA+ Aging Project and others.

All proceeds from this event will be shared between supporting the filmmakers’ national social impact campaign and local community programs.

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RESOURCES

View the trailer here [http://www.allthelonelypeoplefilm.com](http://www.allthelonelypeoplefilm.com)

For in person or virtual tickets visit this [website](http://www.allthelonelypeoplefilm.com).

_The mission of FriendshipWorks is to reduce social isolation, enhance the quality of life, and preserve the dignity of older adults in Greater Boston. We accomplish this by recruiting and training volunteers of all ages, faiths, and backgrounds who provide friendship, advocacy, education, assistance, and emotional support._

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