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It is with a great deal of gratitude I write to you my first Heineberg Community Senior Center annual appeal letter. Our community of participants, volunteers, Board members, and donors has welcomed me wholeheartedly into the Heineberg family. Every day I appreciate how lucky I am to know all of you and to be part of such a special place.

It is clear how much everyone cares about our Center and wants to help. We take great pride in offering a variety of free and discounted programs, activities, and meals to all participants. Our doors are open, free of charge, to everyone (50+) who would like to become a Center participant. Currently, we have almost 500 participants representing Burlington and many neighboring towns.

Beginning this month, you will notice new fundraising opportunities benefiting our Center. Our hope is to pique the interest of a greater number of participants and community members with events that support our mission to improve participant's quality of life. All year you will find special events and fundraisers in our monthly newsletter and on our website: [www.heinebergcsc.org](http://www.heinebergcsc.org).

One special community building fundraiser, with all proceeds going directly to our Center, is our "Walk of Ages" fundraising walk and community resource event at Burlington High School, Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. We are looking forward to this event not only to raise vital funds for our Center, but to bring our community together in a celebratory way to promote health, wellness, and community. We hope you join us for this event! For more information, please see the enclosed insert or visit [www.walkofagesvt.org](http://www.walkofagesvt.org).



For those of you interested in donating today, thank you!  
We are always looking to expand our programming; however, we are an independent non-profit and can only continue to operate as such with your financial support.

To ensure that you remain an important part of decisions at the Center, we invite you to look over the list below for examples of where donations are used. Please indicate on our [online donation form \(heinebergcsc.org\)](https://www.heinebergcsc.org) where you would like to make the greatest impact. Feel free to add your own ideas as well!

- **\$50** will replenish art/craft supplies or purchase a new game for the Center
- **\$100** will cover the cost of cultural or educational programming for one week
- **\$225** will pay for one month of electricity
- **\$375** will supplement lunches for a month
- **\$500** will charter a Vermont day trip

I would like all of you to feel as welcome and appreciated as you have made me feel. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like additional information on activities or programming.

Thank you in advance for your support. Together we can ensure our Center's vitality and continue to connect in meaningful ways.

Gratefully,



Beth Hammond  
Executive Director, Heineberg Community & Senior Center

