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Dear Friends of Seacoast Village Project:

It has been an amazing year for our new Seacoast Village Project thanks to active team and advisor involvement as well as the interest shown by you and others in our communities. Some would like to volunteer, some are ready to become a member, and many are thinking of both aspects – a desire to help with something they can do now while enjoying the social and educational connections knowing that support is available if and when needed. All recognize the potential benefits and the need that exists as Baby Boomers join the “aging in place” ranks. A recent *Wall Street Journal* article spoke of it as the “Loneliest Generation” (Adamy & Overberg, 2018) and emphasized the importance of developing social and support connections.

Thank you for helping us to make the decision to move forward with next steps. We have been busy! Some examples of the behind-the-scenes activities going on now:

- **Legal:** We organized as a NH non-profit corporation in September, created a board of governance and established initial policies and procedures. We are now in the process of filing for 501(c)(3) IRS tax-exempt status following the typical “Village” model.
- **Teams:** We have the following teams established and welcome new members: (1) Administration & Finance, (2) Fundraising & Partnership Development, (3) Programs & Events, (4) Volunteer Support, (5) Community Outreach, and (6) Member Services.
- **Strategic Planning:** We have thoughtfully engaged advisors and volunteers to determine programs, events, social activities and services to support. Several of you came to a pre-launch session in November. **NOTE:** We anticipated holding a follow-up session in January, but will push that back to April to allow our teams to plan and for the snowbirds to return.
- **Financial:** We have begun the process of raising funds through individual donations and will seek corporate sponsors and grants to support start-up and recurring expenses (i.e. filing fees, insurance, volunteer support and vetting, etc.). Our goal is to keep membership dues reasonable while providing valuable support and collaboration with existing non-profits, as do over 200 existing Villages nationwide. Your support is greatly appreciated!\

Stay tuned for more updates. Our website will be updated periodically with events and links to interesting articles and resources, and we invite you to join one or more of our teams as we thoughtfully work through the details.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS from the SVP Board of Directors!
We'll be in touch in the New Year.

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