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Dear North Reading Neighbor,

This letter is to re-introduce you to the Friends of the North Reading Council on Aging. This group was organized in 2006 and was chartered to help fund the activities and improvements to the Edith O'Leary Senior Center. Our business is simply to raise money to benefit the Senior Center - and have fun doing it. After all, more and more of us become "seniors" every day. Although it seems incredible, we have to say: "Look who's a senior now".

What do we want? We want you to become a member - to join this group of active Seniors who are having fun while doing a good thing for their friends in town. The membership dues are small - just take a look at the back of this page.

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Let me share some facts with you:

The state contributes \$10.00 per year for every individual age 60 plus

The town contributes \$4.27 (not included salaries-operating budget) or \$41.42 (including salaries) per year for every individual age 60 plus

The combined state and town dollars don't permit our Senior Center to fund the desired activities and services. So Friends is poised to handle the shortfall -plus whatever we can. Friends of the COA has already helped the Senior Center in a number of ways:

1. Through fund raisers that our creative group of Friends dreams up and sponsors such as the Town-wide Yardsale every spring.

2. Through private and business contributions and membership dues

3. Through grants that we are actively pursuing - we could use help in that area!

We have multiple achievements:

1. Painting the interior, new appliances for the kitchen, comfortable library area, large screen tv for movies and bingo, as well as refreshing the entrances to the Senior Center

2. Evaluating options for a new multi-generational facility (new community center)

3. Outreach to home-bound older citizens to be certain no elder is at risk or isolated

4. Ongoing discussions to determine interests, needs and concerns in order to enhance program offerings and future needs of seniors.

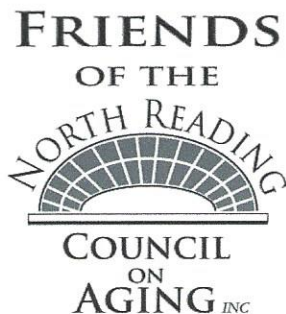
When you complete the Membership application you will be saying:

I think this is a worthwhile objective and maybe-just maybe- it would be fun to be part of this effort. This could be interesting and I would like to know more.

Remember, What's good for old age is good for all ages, the Town and the Senior Center.

Gratefully

Angela Mauceri, VP Friend of NRCOA



FRIENDS OF THE NORTH READING COUNCIL ON AGING
 157 Park Street
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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The Friends of the North Reading Council on Aging is a not-for-profit volunteer organization formed to support and enhance the good works of the Edith A. O’Leary Senior Center and the population it serves, the age 60 and over population of North Reading. Seniors today represent a diverse group of individuals with a wide array of needs. A broad spectrum of services and programming is needed to reach out to our seniors and serve them well. The current budget creates a financial challenge to properly serve these needs. Become a supporting member with a tax deductible donation. For questions or further information, please call the Center at 978-664-5600. The goal of the Friends is to help provide these needs with a number of fundraising activities to include memberships, bequests, special events, grant writing, etc., along with donations from business partners and others.

Please send the completed form for June 1st 2017 – May 31st 2018 along with your tax-deductible check made payable to Friends of North Reading COA, Inc. (FONRCOA) to :

Friends of the North Reading COA, Inc., C/O 157 Park Street, North Reading, MA 01864

Senior (60+) \$10.00 _____	Couples (60+) \$15.00 _____
Individual \$15.00 _____	Good Friend \$25.00 _____
Business \$35.00 _____	Great Friend \$50.00 _____
Other \$ _____	BFF—Best Friend Forever \$100.00 _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

I am a senior _____ I have senior family members in No. Reading _____

I am interested in volunteering, please contact me at _____

My areas of interest are _____

Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE NOTE: Many companies have matching gift programs. Please check with your employer to see what their policy is. This applies to retirees as well as those still employed.