



From the Executive Director February 2014
A Chilling Winter...But Our Love Will Keep Us Warm

With record temperatures on a daily basis, most of us need an extra sweater or a warm blanket when we settle down in the evening for our favorite television show. Not comfortable, but nowhere near as difficult as what this weather means to seniors. Seniors are often forced into isolation or left to face the danger of icy conditions on their own. As 20% of Nassau County's population reach the age of eighty-five, Centers like ours are more critical than ever. We are proud to be the one organization in this community that focuses 100% of our efforts on improving conditions for seniors. *Regardless of how brutal the weather, your community's seniors can count on us.*

What Members can expect when they visit the Center this winter is a delicious bowl of soup and a thoughtfully prepared hot lunch, a warm greeting with sincere smiles from the staff and the welcoming clamor of a room full of friends. Seniors who will not venture out in this weather or those who are no longer able to visit at all can expect a friendly visit or call from our new full-time Social Service Coordinator Liz Fiordalisi, or one of her loving volunteers. Liz is prepared to visit member and non-member seniors for a needs assessment and to provide them a direct connection to the resources available to assist them. *Seniors and their loved ones can rest assured that they will not be forgotten once they are on our radar.*

For many of us Valentine's Day means a movie and dinner, a special gift and a reason to celebrate the loves in our lives. For seniors, Valentine's Day can often be a time to remember those lost. Our Center puts seniors at the top of our Valentine's list. Joining forces in this year's Valentine's Day festivities, Oyster Bay High School's Business and Marketing Honor Society students will help fill the day with reminders of how much seniors mean to us. *With the community by our side, each and every one of our seniors will feel the love and respect they deserve and know they are not alone!*

We urge you to keep a senior you know in your thoughts during this difficult winter weather and especially on Valentine's Day. Don't forget to call regularly, visit often and make a senior special Valentine this year! And Please Keep Our Center in Your Hearts ...We can't exist without the community's support.

Baby its cold outside...but our love will keep us warm. Happy Valentine's Day to all!

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