

It has been my privilege and pleasure to have reaped the considerable benefits provided by Friendship Works for nearly two decades. The dedication to ending the isolation many of us elderly experience is incredible. By bringing strangers of multiple ages, cultures, and socio economic backgrounds together with the goal of making friendships provides magic in our ever hectic world.

I have met many diverse individuals over these years enriching my life in countless ways. Let me highlight my most recent, a young, professional woman it is my privilege to call my friend. Shivani and I never even laid eyes on each other for the first 18 months of our blossoming friendship as along with COVID restrictions, I was hospitalized for nearly 2 months. Yet this determined young person wasn't going to let any of that get in our way. Shivani called me frequently in the hospital offering a friendly, kind voice inquiring as well as reassuring me all would work out. What a gift! She amazed and intrigued me as we gradually learned about each other. That voice became so dear to me. Finally, we got to meet each other in person instantly recognizing each other at a distance because of simply our bond forged by those vocal telephone chats. We continue to meet and talk on the telephone as frequently as possible. I am so proud of her and pleased to call her a friend as well as share this journey we call life.

So kudos FriendshipWorks for the valuable, indispensable work you perform day after day, individual by individual. Greater Boston is very fortunate indeed to have your organization tirelessly connecting people. You are simply the best!

Sincerely,

Carol J. Haas