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**BROOKLINE SENIOR CENTER HONORS FRANK AND CAROL CARO,
FOUNDERS OF BROOKLINE COMMUNITY AGING NETWORK (BROOKLINECAN),
AT 14TH ANNUAL AUTUMN BENEFIT, OCT. 28**

The Brookline Senior Center will honor Frank and Carol Caro, founders of Brookline Community Aging Network (BrooklineCAN), at its 14th Annual Autumn Benefit on October 28. The Senior Center is recognizing Frank and Carol for their activism and leadership in the community. The event will be held at 6:00 pm at the Brookline Senior Center, 93 Winchester Street, Brookline.

In honoring the Caros, Brookline Senior Center Director Ruthann Dobek stated, "Brookline is very fortunate to have Frank and Carol involved as community activists. They donate their time, energy and expertise to significant large projects such as creating BrooklineCAN. They also ensure that the smallest details are completed. We know when they volunteer they will follow up with care and dedication."

Frank and Carol Caro, along with Ruthann Dobek and founding partners, Center Communities of Brookline, Goddard House, and Jewish Family and Children's Services, launched BrooklineCAN in 2011. Currently, Frank and Ruthann serve as co-chairs of BrooklineCAN's Steering Committee, while Carol is the chair of the organization's Communications Committee. Frank Caro led the way for Brookline to be named a World Health Organization Age-Friendly City.

BrooklineCAN, a member-driven, volunteer organization primarily for older Brookline residents, promotes services and activities to enable independent living and improved quality of life. Its principal purpose is to ensure that older Brookline residents remain a vital part of the town's social, cultural, and civic life.

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Frank Caro, Emeritus Professor of Gerontology at McCormack Graduate School and editor, Journal of Aging and Social Policy, retired from the University of Massachusetts/Boston Gerontology Department in 2008. He was head of the Gerontology Center, Graduate Program Director, and served as Director of the Gerontology Institute.

Carol Caro worked as Executive Director of the Minuteman Library Network. She also has served as the head of Boston College's Library Systems Department and on the Boston Library Consortium. She presently is the secretary of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and also works actively on behalf of Brookline's Sister City, Quezalguaque, Nicaragua.

Frank Caro said, "We have many reasons to be thankful. We live in a community that provides many opportunities for residents to be involved in civic life. We have a Town government that works well with citizen volunteers. We have many neighbors who are also deeply engaged in Brookline's community life so that collectively we can accomplish a great deal."

The Senior Center benefit will be held at the Center, 93 Winchester St., on Wednesday, October 28, from 6 to 8 PM. Tickets are \$100, \$65 for seniors. For information, call the Senior Center at 617-730-2770.

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