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To our OLLI Community:

Over the last twenty years, OLLI at UVA has grown to be Charlottesville's premiere home for curious learners and active minds. It is not by happenstance that OLLI has achieved such success. As Helen Keller once said, "alone we can do so little; together we can do so much;" a statement that embodies OLLI so well. It is the continued love and generous support of our community that has transformed OLLI from the wonderful idea of a few, into the successful organization enjoyed by so many today.

Recent scientific studies reported by the AARP and CDC reveal the profound detrimental effects of isolation and loneliness on our aging population, a condition spotlighted by, but not limited to, pandemic times. Central to our mission, community resources such as OLLI at UVA, are the proven answer to mitigate these serious challenges facing seniors, even more significantly due to Covid. We are so proud to be that resource, now and in the future.

While teeming with challenging course work, invigorating conversations, hands-on experiences, and intimate social gatherings, OLLI also embraced a renewed spirit and sense of community as we celebrated our 20th anniversary. We are pleased to share that OLLI accomplished our goal of raising \$20,000, in honor of this milestone, because of donors, like you. As a result of your generosity, OLLI was able to:

- Create Member and Instructor Handbooks
- \* Keep Membership Fees Affordable
- Increase catalog printing and mailing

We were particularly excited to bring back the beloved printed catalog as requested by our membership, of which we mailed approximately 1,600 copies to our current and past members. Our catalog also serves as OLLI's primary marketing tool, distributed throughout the Charlotteville/Staunton area to allow potential new and diverse members to discover all that OLLI has to offer.



OLLI at UVA continues to offer a wide selection of intellectually stimulating and socially engaging programs for our community. Looking forward, we are excited to welcome a diverse and curious membership back into our classrooms with a revitalized understanding of the substantial positive impact our programs provide. We are gearing up for our short summer programming and a fall semester full of interesting courses and hope you will join us. We are grateful for you and look forward to our continued partnership to further enrich and support our shared community of lifelong learners. Thank you and stay curious!

Yours in learning,

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