



The Center at Belvedere Seeks New Executive Director

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CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA (June 7, 2023) – The Center at Belvedere, a nationally accredited nonprofit organization creating opportunities for healthy aging, has begun a search for a dynamic leader to serve as the next Executive Director.

Since opening in 1960, originally as the Senior Center, The Center has never stopped growing and evolving to meet the changing needs of older adults. Along the way, the organization has become a national model for senior health and independence, as well as a vibrant community hub.

Working in partnership with the Board of Directors, the Executive Director will work to propel healthy aging to the forefront of community priorities and build meaningful and collaborative partnerships so that everyone can age to the best of their potential. The ideal candidate will cultivate a thriving culture and a welcoming, inclusive environment that reflects and respects the rich diversity of the communities The Center serves.

By the year 2030, 1 in 5 Americans will be over the age of 65. This aging of the U.S. population poses a major public health challenge and demands a coordinated response to community priorities that can promote health, safety, and independence in age-friendly environments.

The Center's Executive Director will need to provide leadership internally and externally to build support for The Center's mission of generating positive impact in our community by creating opportunities for healthy aging through social engagement, physical well-being, civic involvement, creativity, and lifelong learning. Essential functions of the role include Board relations and development, philanthropy and resource management, community relationships and partnerships, internal operations, staff development and culture, and program development and execution.

The Board of Directors has already hosted several listening sessions to gather critical input from Center members, staff, volunteers, and community members. The Spark Mill is now conducting the search with a preferred application deadline of July 17 and a target start date by October 30, in advance of the retirement of current Executive Director, Peter Thompson. Thompson has served as Executive Director of The Center for 23 years, overseeing several key expansions including the construction of The Center at Belvedere in 2020.