



From: Joanne Moore, COA Director at The Center
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Re: Support for the Duxbury Rotary Peace Pledge

On behalf of the staff at the Center we want to express support for the Duxbury Rotary Peace Pledge and to affirm that the principles outlined in the pledge strongly align with the Mission, Vision, and Core Values of the Duxbury Council on Aging (COA) and The Center.

Our mission—to make life better for adults as they age—is grounded in creating an environment where individuals feel safe, respected, and supported. The Rotary Peace Pledge emphasizes practicing peace through compassion, empathy, understanding, and constructive conflict resolution. These commitments directly support the emotional well-being, dignity, and quality of life of older adults, which are central to our mission.

Our vision aspires to empower adults to age well, engage in the community, and enrich their lives. The Peace Pledge encourages peace in one's heart, home, and community—both locally and globally. This perspective reinforces positive community engagement, mutual respect, and inclusion, all of which are essential for creating welcoming spaces where older adults feel connected and valued.

Our Core Values The values expressed in the Rotary Peace Pledge mirror our own core values in meaningful ways:

- Everyone belongs here: The pledge's emphasis on unity, understanding, and healing reinforces our commitment to inclusion and belonging.
- Compassion, kindness, integrity, and respect: These shared principles are foundational to both the pledge and our daily interactions with participants, families, volunteers, and partners.
- Lifelong learning and curiosity: Practicing peace requires reflection, open-mindedness, and learning—qualities we strive to foster across all ages.
- Collaboration and innovation: The pledge promotes collective responsibility and community action, aligning with our belief in collaboration to create joyful living and wellness.
- Empowerment and independence: By encouraging peaceful communication and empathy, the pledge supports environments that empower individuals to maintain independence and self-determination.

Supporting the Duxbury Rotary Peace Pledge demonstrates our commitment to fostering a respectful, compassionate, and connected community. As a trusted resource for older adults, The Center plays an important role in modeling positive behavior and values that strengthen community relationships and promote overall well-being.

On behalf of the COA staff, we endorse the Duxbury Rotary Peace Pledge is consistent with who we are and how we serve. It reflects our shared commitment to compassion, inclusion, and respectful engagement, and it reinforces our role as a welcoming community hub where peace is practiced daily.

Sincerely,

Joanne O. Moore, Director, Duxbury COA @ The Center