OLLI *Together*
Sustaining the joy of learning

Dear OLLI Members,

What brings you to OLLI? The opportunity to explore a new subject? A lively exchange of ideas? The friendships and sense of community?

These experiences are what make OLLI so valuable – and your charitable giving helps sustain them.

Today we are launching OLLI *Together*: *Sustaining the joy of learning*, our annual giving campaign. This fiscal year, 2026–2027, we need to raise $107,000 to balance OLLI's operating budget. Your participation matters, whatever the size of your contribution.

Membership fees cover much of our costs, but they do not cover everything. Your contribution helps support the space we rent from American University, staff, program administration, technology, audio systems, and Zoom and hybrid classes. With limited endowment support, charitable giving helps preserve the quality of our programs, keep membership affordable, and support OLLI's long-term sustainability.

As year-end approaches, consider making your required minimum distribution (RMD) part of your OLLI giving. If eligible, you can give directly from your IRA through a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) that can count toward your RMD. Visit **OLLI's IRA Giving Guide** or contact the office for instructions before arranging the transfer.

Charitable contributions to OLLI are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. QCDs excluded from taxable income are not separately deductible.

We thank the many OLLI members who have generously contributed this past year. Through **OLLI *Together***, we invite more members to join them, with a goal of reaching 50% member participation in giving by fall 2028. Participation matters because a stronger OLLI depends on the support of our members.

The learning, friendships, and sense of belonging we value at OLLI are worth sustaining. Your generosity helps preserve this community for all of us. Visit **OLLI's giving page** to make your contribution.

If you would prefer to make a pledge, please contact the OLLI office at (202) 895-4860 or **olli@american.edu** to discuss the available options.

Thank you for helping sustain the learning and community we value and share.

With appreciation,



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Board Chair & Co-Chair, Development Committee



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Tony Long
Executive Director

Together we learn, we connect, we make OLLI possible.

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