



## Martha's Vineyard Center for Living

Enriching the lives of 55PLUS Islanders through partnership  
and Island wide services

January 18, 2011

Duncan Ross, Chairman, All Island Selectmen  
Dear Duncan,

Thank you for the opportunity the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living (MVCL) had to be on the All Island Selectmen's Meeting Agenda, January 13.

Our presentation was limited due to time constraints but we know you understand our mission. We continue our collaborative efforts with all the island's towns, the COA's and Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands to meet the needs of 55+ islanders. The services outlined involve the 55PLUS section of the MV TIMES, an off-island medical taxi service, emergency food cupboards distributed through the COA's, fuel and utility assistance through FEMA and the ability to secure grants for island-wide services.

Our primary focus continues on establishing a permanent home for the Supportive Day Program. This program serves those who may be at risk if left alone at home. Clients benefit from a safe environment, social interaction and a caring staff. Research has shown that human isolation is as much a health concern as smoking and speeds the progression of Alzheimer's.

We intend to launch a capital campaign in 2011 to acquire land and/or a building so the staff and members of the Supportive Day Program do not have to move daily from one center to another during the week. A permanent home will also house the MVCL staff office and storage space. We hope you agree we provide significant benefits to our island and share our commitment to serve the 55+ island population.

During the next months more information will be forthcoming regarding our activities and the capital campaign. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Leslie Clapp, Director, Martha's Vineyard Center for Living 508-939-9440 or email: mvcenter4living@gmail.com or by emailing me directly <dj.on.mv@gmail.com>

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Sincerely,

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