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Leaders in Aging Well at Home

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Cheryl Batterman
Area Agency on Aging of Dane County
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Dear Cheryl,

Congratulations on your upcoming retirement! Through your service to the AAA of Dane County and countless older adults and caregivers, you have had such an amazing career to celebrate.

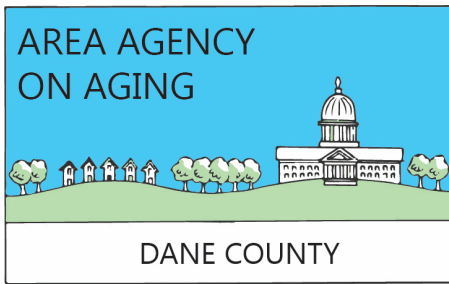
As Manager of the AAA of Dane County, you have done an outstanding job of leading the agency and developing programs and services support healthy aging and community living. You always pushed for innovation to better meet the needs of your community's older adults and their caregivers. And, because of your efforts, thousands of older adults in your community were able to realize their dream of living with dignity and independence in their homes and community for as long as possible.

As a result of your vision, commitment and tireless efforts, your contributions have put the AAA of Dane County in the top tier of AAAs nationwide. We hope to stay connected in your retirement and not lose you as a friend of USAgings, so Connor Kelly of the USAgings membership team will be sharing more details soon on Alumni membership.

Cheryl, you are truly a champion for aging. On behalf of USAgings, I want to thank you for your leadership, your commitment to excellence and your passion for serving older adults. As you leave Dane County, know that you have made a tremendous difference in so many lives!

All the best,

Sandy Markwood
Chief Executive Officer



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AAA Registered Dietitian **Shannon Gabriel** received this email from two thankful clients (1/7/22), *"We thank you bountifully for all your great suggestions and work on our behalf!!! You are so right on, brilliant as a dietitian and so much fun!!! We so appreciate your encouragement and time for sure!!! You are our Earth Angel!"*

AAA Healthy Aging Coordinator **Shannon Gabriel** received this testimonial (1/28/22) after teaching a *Stand-up Move More* class: *"I wanted to thank the Oregon Senior Center for continuing to provide as much as they can in the balance of keeping people healthy from COVID and keeping people moving and active. I wanted to thank you very much for all of the staff help and work. I personally took part in the Stand-up Move More class and it is really helping me a lot. I am a relatively young 55-year-old going on 70 but I have gotten into some really bad habits from retirement. That is something they should warn you about of inactivity due to retiring and at some jobs in which you should be standing at times instead of sitting all the time. Thank you very much as the class jump-started me into a much better health. I hope that I can retrieve some of my lost muscle flexibility and strength. I told my husband the other day that I would like to die standing up. Being in a hospital bed doesn't sound so great to me. Thank you very much to the Oregon Senior Center and hats off to you guys for having this class."*

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