



September 8, 2016

Mr. Will Phillips  
AARP Minnesota, State Director  
30 E. 7th Street, Suite 1200  
St. Paul, MN 55101

Dear Mr. Phillips,

On behalf of the City of Northfield, we are pleased to submit this letter of ongoing commitment to creating an age-friendly community and respectfully request membership to the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. The City of Northfield recognizes the importance of ensuring the aging community has access to necessary services, is valued and encouraged to contribute to civic betterment, and has an environment that provides suitable support to enable seniors to remain healthy, age safely and maintain economic and social vitality.

Northfield is proud to have a large number of organizations, programs and services that work to meet the needs of its older citizens. It is home to two five-star retirement communities offering a continuum of care, a Senior Center providing life-long learning and fitness programs, the Cannon Valley Elder Collegium, the Community Action Center which assists those with financial needs, a medical community that provides excellent care to patients of all ages in addition to education programs and managed care meals, plus many churches and organizations that offer support and activities for seniors.

The Task Force that initiated the process of joining the Network has received a commitment for collaboration from a wide range of civic, health, service and business organizations and agencies. With this framework already in place, we feel that Northfield is ready to build upon the work that has taken place and move forward in addressing the World Health Organization's eight domains.

The City of Northfield sees great value in becoming a part of the WHO Age-Friendly Network. The process will help guide us as we begin to gather stakeholders and assess our citizens to enable us to create an action plan that responds to the needs of our community. We are looking forward to joining this global network of communities committed to providing an optimal environment for its older citizens to live productive, engaged, and healthful lives.

Thank you for your consideration of membership for the City of Northfield to the Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'BM', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Ben Martig  
City Administrator