



Overview of the Village to Village Network (VtV)

The Village-to-Village (VtV) Network is a partnership between Beacon Hill Village and NCB Capital Impact. The VtV Network is a membership-based organization bringing Villages across the nation together to create a national learning community to replicate the Village model nationwide.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Village-to-Village Network is to enable communities to establish, and effectively manage, aging in community organizations initiated and inspired by their members.

Village Model Defined

Villages are self-governing, grassroots, community-based organizations developed with the sole purpose of enabling people to remain living in their own homes and communities as they age. Villages enhance the lives of their members by facilitating social connections and support services so that people can enjoy a rich, independent and healthy quality of life. Built on cooperative principles, Villages facilitate access to community support services and connection to long time civic engagement. The Village model complements other community approaches to aging such as Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCs) and Area Agency on Aging Programs. Currently, about fifty Villages are operating across the U.S.

Goals of the VtV Network

The goals of the VtV Network are to:

- Promote the Village model as a community approach to aging for replication
- Assist new, emerging and established membership-driven Villages to create sustainable organizations
- Gather feedback on how the benefits and programs can be revised to meet needs of individual Villages
- Research and evaluate the impact of Villages on a number of social and health factors

Membership Benefits

The VtV Network is a Village of Villages. Members of the Village receive:

- Access to member-generated documents and online discussion forums
- Access to information on funding resources
- Latest news on Villages' activities around the country
- Discounted registration rate for VtV-sponsored conferences and workshops
- Discounted rate for a customized individual Village database and member management system
- Access to the VtV Peer to Peer program – pairing up members with established Villages for support and advice

For more information

Visit www.vtvnetwork.org to learn how you can join the Village movement!