

**"It's a tremendous place we have."** - Virginia Allen



Georgetown Senior Center is much more than a typical senior center. There is a club-like atmosphere where strong and supportive friendships are formed. The center enriches lives, offering purpose.

The center offers:

- Delicious, home-cooked lunches
  - Regular, light exercise
- Programs, ranging from stimulating book talks to musical entertainment
- Monthly field trips to local sites selected by seniors
- Magnificent holiday celebrations with meals donated by area restaurants

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**"If you try to do the right thing, help comes back in many forms."**

- Virginia Allen



**Virginia Luce Allen**  
May 10, 1917 - Oct. 28, 2009

For Virginia Allen, the Georgetown Senior Citizen Center, as it was originally named in 1982, was a labor of love. She ran the center until her death at age 92 in 2009.

After being moved by an article written by Washington Post reporter Bob Woodward about how the then-federally funded senior center was closing, Virginia was determined to re-open it. Passion drove her. For the first two years, she funded it with her own money.

Resolute in establishing a new center that would help D.C. seniors, Virginia was committed to her vision. "The center (is) a real purpose in their lives," Virginia once noted. She was driven by a boundless compassion and energy. Today, more than 20 seniors enjoy the fruits of her labor.



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**Georgetown Senior Center**

"That's the success of the center. They know they're loved."  
- Virginia Allen,  
founder

(All quotes are from a profile of founder Virginia Allen in the book, *Visionaries In Our Midst: Ordinary People Who are Changing our World*, by Allison Silberberg.)

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Virginia Allen described it best when she said the seniors often view the center as their second home.

The warmth and camaraderie shared among the seniors and volunteers create an **incomparable** atmosphere.

There is door-to-door, pick-up service for those without transportation. The senior center also collaborates with various local organizations, including citizens associations and geriatric-related professionals to find those in need so that individualized, follow-up care can be offered. All of this is done in a safe, cheerful, caring environment.

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Georgetown Senior Center's best attribute is that the seniors first come to the center not knowing anyone, but in a short time, they make new friends and feel engaged and loved.

**"Individual attention is a big part of what we do."**

- Virginia Allen

Virginia Allen was concerned about what she called a "plague of loneliness." She felt that each of us is at risk for becoming isolated. Her center is a haven for bringing people together and creating fun times and new memories.



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**"I so believe in the need of the center and the good it does."**

- Virginia Allen

Georgetown Senior Center has made a difference in the lives of countless seniors. The center is volunteer-driven, and each contribution is critical for its continued success. All donations directly support the center's ability to provide high-quality programs, field trips and necessary transportation.

A private, non-profit organization funded wholly by donations and without government funds, the center is a Section 501(c)3 organization eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions. It is governed by a board of directors that meets quarterly.



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