



A letter to the Paul Spring family

From: Steve Gurney

I cannot thank you all enough for giving me the privilege to experience a glimpse of life in your community as your neighbor. My time here exceeded every expectation I had, which is due to the tremendous kindness you have all extended to me. I thank you all for sharing your stories, smiles and making me feel like your neighbor instead of a visitor.

Since this is the first time I have lived in a retirement community, I stopped referring to Paul Spring as a “retirement community” and started referring to it as a neighborhood. I have lived in neighborhoods throughout my entire life, and as neighborhoods go, I don’t think could be a better one! The key ingredient to a good neighborhood is good neighbors – and I have met plenty of them here at Paul Spring.

Living with you as a resident of Paul Spring I experienced first hand that being a good neighbor has nothing to do with age or ability. I hope that my time here can be inspirational to improving the stigma of aging and senior housing in our culture.

I have tried to focus exclusively on my personal feelings and emotions of making this life transitions. Now as I leave here, I have some feelings that I would like to share with you:

- I feel **proud** to have met all of you.
- I feel **sad** because I won’t see you everyday
- I feel **honored** to have experienced something that none of my peers have experienced.
- I feel **responsible** to tell the world about this wonderful neighborhood and people that I have met here.
- Lastly, I am **motivated** to digest the knowledge I have gained from this experience to help try make our world a better place to age . . . because **everyone is aging!**

I look forward to visiting you soon. Please feel free to contact me in the interim – I would love to stay in touch.

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