Dear Harvard Neighbor,

As the current president of Harvard Neighbors, I thank you for making the past year such a success. Warmest appreciation goes also to our coordinator Silva Panchev (neighbors@harvard.edu), who brings so many talents to organizing our programming, interest group events, and administration.

For a quick overview, we continue to host our beloved annual events for all of our members while we have also expanded the programs we offer. We continue our goals of increasing our membership and extending our reach across new parts of the university. **Harvard Neighbors is now over 1794 members strong and we continue to grow year after year.** We welcomed three new interest groups and nearly a dozen new events. Our interest groups keep the spirit of community-building alive in Harvard Neighbors. For those not familiar with our interest groups, these groups of anywhere from 3 to 20 participants help connect people from across the university around a common interest or activity. Many of our groups play especially significant roles in welcoming newcomers from other countries to the Harvard family.

**Thank you to each of you for helping build our community!**

With our membership expanding, we not only want to maintain the high quality of our programming, but also to expand our programming with new and exciting offerings. Harvard Neighbors is self-supporting and relies on donations from our members, like you, to keep our programs running. As we grow, and our programming grows, we increasingly need financial support from our members. **Currently, we need to raise $3000 in order to keep improving and expanding our beloved community of neighbors and events.**

**Thank you to all of our members who regularly donate – we would not be here without you! We are deeply appreciative of your reliable support and ask that you continue or increase your current level of financial support.**

**If you are new to Harvard Neighbors, we are extremely happy to have you as part of our community. Please help us with a tax-deductible donation of $10 or more.**

Our [donation portal online](https://donate.neighborshn.com) makes it easy to donate any amount, and checks made out to Harvard Neighbors are also welcome.

I also hope that you will share your thoughts and suggestions regarding Harvard Neighbors with either me or Silva, especially in regard to possible new offerings. We want to hear how we can make HN your community.

All the best,

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