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**FRANK CARO, CO-FOUNDER OF BrooklineCAN, NAMED “UNsung HERO”
BY BROOKLINE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

**AWARD TO BE PRESENTED NOVEMBER 2, 6:00 PM,
IN ARCADE BUILDING, COOLIDGE CORNER, BROOKLINE**

Frank Caro, co-founder with Ruthann Dobek of BrooklineCAN, the Brookline Community Aging Network, will be honored as an ‘Unsung Hero’ by Brookline Community Foundation on November 2, 6 to 7:30PM, in the Arcade Building, 314 Harvard Street, (Coolidge Corner) Brookline. Also honored at the event will be Scott Hillman and George Vien, founders of the Brookline Youth Lacrosse Program.

Caro is a founding member and co-chair of the [Brookline Community Aging Network](#), an all-volunteer, member-driven organization. The twofold purpose of BrooklineCAN is to promote services and activities to enable independent living and to ensure that all older Brookline residents have the opportunity to remain a vital part of the town’s social, cultural, and civic life – and in so doing to make our town an even better place for all.

Caro has been a lifelong leader in aging policy and education and was formerly the chair of the UMass Boston Gerontology Program. He was instrumental in establishing BrooklineCAN (in partnership with the Brookline Senior Center, Center Communities of Brookline, Goddard House, and Jewish Family & Children's Service) and in recruiting 80 volunteers for eight committees. Since its launch in April of this year, membership has grown to nearly 300 and almost 50 businesses have agreed to [offer discounts](#) to members.

Under Frank’s leadership, BrooklineCAN also advocates in eight areas to make the town a better place in which to live. He also is chair of the [Livable Community Advocacy Committee](#).

Earlier this year Caro received the 2011 Louis Lowy Award of the Massachusetts Gerontology Association

The award recognizes Frank Caro as “an enthusiastic and active community organizer” and “a tireless and dedicated volunteer on behalf of the Brookline community.”

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