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I want to profoundly thank you for your many efforts to put together this Seniors Resource Center. No easy task, I am sure!

To my knowledge it is the only one of its kind in Frederick -- the Frederick County Senior Center having a slightly different approach to seniors.

The off-street parking close to the Seniors Resource Center door is a thoughtful consideration for those Seniors coming to this facility.

From the moment one walks in the front door of The Seniors Resource Center one is greeted by Tadu Mariam and finds a quiet restful Center.

It is the only FREE-learning-FREE-use computer facility for Seniors available in the Frederick area that I am aware of. I have attended three other facilities that offer computer classes in the area that either charged fees, or were too crowded for so-called "individual" instruction. (Think "limited income" when it comes to most Seniors.) I have signed up for classes and thankfully I am learning some computer skills that are sorely needed. In fact, I cannot say enough about Dr. Ahmed Salem, TeleTarpeh, and Sandy Kmanda's kind Instruction! They are definitely blessed with patience and knowledge!

This is not the only asset to this Seniors Resource Center. The Resource library with its comfortable seating and reading area is definitely a worthwhile addition. I find many books that will appeal to a range of Seniors, including a Webster dictionary and crossword ones -- sharpen your pencils! Only recently was I aware that the magazine subscriptions are current. With the cost of magazines, checking-in to use what the Senior Resource Center has can be rewarding without cost to me.

Recently, it was a pleasant surprise to receive two letters that have been written by two young girls -- Esther Tandeyo and Nelly Ngolo -- from Zambia

Hope International -- the Zambian non-profit organization started by Adamson Musonda. The girls are still going to that school that is giving these young girls education and lessons they need to combat the spread of HIV/AIDS and to have "self-sustaining jobs such as in farming". These two girls (my girls) are definitely getting replies to the interesting bits of information contained in their letters.

Bravo for you for sponsoring that 2007 Christmas party -- a Christmas party they had for the first time in their lives!!

The presentation by Kurt Houghton was quite interesting, even though I am not a stock investment person. It was good to hear some of the seniors in attendance asking questions. Mr. Houghton handled them well, I thought.

I look forward to continue using this Seniors Resource Center, and hope that more of the Senior population in this area will check it out and continue to use it frequently.

An aged senior,