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Would like to strongly support funding for Memory Collectors Storytelling Project.

As an 84 year old retired African American woman, I can speak to the value of the program for women such as myself. As we age, we are particularly prone to health issues which affect our physical and mental health, especially if we are living alone. Having a space such as the Creators Cottage has been useful in that we join other women learning new skills, such as might involve math or sequencing tasks. The gatherings also help seniors to retain and document memories involving family or early experiences. Lastly, members join forces in planning and carrying out long term goals. All of these things lead to increased verbal exchanges, social interactions, and enriching experiences focusing on positivity.

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Just got involved with NewBridge and your cutting programs. WOW. Just my luck. I just retired and your taking away things I enjoy can get out into the community make new friends, socialize, have fun at the same time. Can you take money away some place else? This is really sad for older adults. There is not much out there for us.

An older adult

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Please vote NO to cutting funding to Newbridge for 2025. I have friends who rely & utilize their services. Without them, they would not survive. Their program is essential.