



## **Our Approach and Philosophy**

The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) maintains a long and cherished tradition of providing programs for the aging. Through the sponsorship of Friends Center City (formerly called Friends Center City Retirement Community), Friends Center City-Riverfront (FCC-Riverfront) embodies the philosophy and practice of the Quakers to respect the sanctity of every life. Rooted in this respect for the inherent dignity and worth of each person, Quakers are guided by the belief in the presence of God in each life. Quakers prize the ideals of equality, integrity, stewardship, community, simplicity, compassion and peace.

Friends Center City (FCC) is creating vibrant and innovative urban communities for older adults that welcome all races, ethnic backgrounds, religions, and gender orientations. More than a place to live, FCC-Riverfront promotes environmental responsibility and a spirit of involvement, engagement, and caring. The organization and the community will operate in a spirit of self-direction and governance to the maximum degree possible.

As the first community initiative of FCC, Friends Center City-Riverfront brings these guiding principles to life in the quality of surroundings, important partnerships for services and care, meaningful communication and interactions with all involved, and a respectful approach to life changes.

## **Distinction**

Friends Center City-Riverfront offers a distinctive opportunity to embrace health and wellness in an urban environment with the vibrancy of an intimate community of friends, surrounded by an eclectic neighborhood and with access to the comprehensive services that enable residents to continue to live at home independently. Residents can embrace the many advantages that urban living offers to all ages with diverse neighborhoods, easy accessibility to wide spectrums of activities, excellent institutions and services, and freedom from reliance on driving. The relatively small size of Friends Center City – Riverfront further creates distinction through a personal approach to each individual's needs, promoting and sustaining healthy and productive lives as well as providing help and mutual support.