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Editorial

Dear Members of Refirement Community,

As 2010 draws to a close I would like to thank each of you for your support, contribution and interest in the work we do at Refirement Network. This has been a consolidation year for our team and early in the New Year you will start to notice the changes and new offerings.

There have been three main strands that I have noticed around Refirement discussions.

- Companies that are starting to appreciate and have conversations with their 50+ workers to enable them to plan a future beyond their work place.
- Individuals who are now realizing that it is better to navigate this journey well before one leaves your current workplace and to start this journey sooner rather than later. This way one sees light and hope rather than death and despair.
- The world of work has changed forever and we need to ensure that we develop and obtain the right mindset and skills to enable us to work in the 21 st century, regardless of age.

There is an exciting ever changing world out there and the more we dialogue about this the better equipped we will be in managing the process. Those around you are there to support and love you as much as they hopefully expect the same. I will end with a quote from a book I am currently reading called The Abundant Community by John McKnight and Peter Block.

"The idea of cocreation is the key to a satisfying life, which becomes possible when we join our neighbours to live and create a community that nurtures our family and makes us useful citizens. Our culture tells us that that a satisfying life can only be purchased. It tells us that in the place we live, we don't have the resources to



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create a good life, that we must find the expertise from marketers and professionals. This book reminds us that a neighbourhood can raise a child, provide security, sustain our health, secure our income and care for our vulnerable people. Each of these is within the power of our community. The power is silent on most streets where we live. However it is possible to give a voice to a neighbourhood that is able to speak the language of satisfaction- a language the marketplace can never speak, in spite of its alluring promise that we can buy a good life”

God's richest blessing to each of you over this holiday season.

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