



## Announcement on the Passing of Former CEO, Dr. Bryan Efron

It is with deep sadness that we share the news that Dr. Bryan Efron, New England Village's former Chief Executive Officer, passed away peacefully on February 10, 2026. Our thoughts are with his wife, Robin, and the entire Efron family as we join them in remembering a leader whose compassion, vision, and unwavering commitment shaped New England Village in profound and lasting ways.

Dr. Efron led New England Village from 1983 to 2012. During his remarkable twenty-nine-year tenure, he guided the organization from its early years into a vibrant and respected community known for innovation, opportunity, and exceptional person-centered supports for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. His influence continues to be felt across every corner of this community.

From the moment Bryan arrived in the early 1980s, he recognized both the strength of the Village and the extraordinary potential within its mission. He believed deeply that every individual deserves dignity, independence, and a meaningful place to thrive. Grounded in these values, he expanded the residential community, championed innovative programming, strengthened and supported staff, and built a stable financial foundation that would sustain the mission for generations.

Under his leadership, New England Village grew in ways that enriched both its services and its sense of community. Bryan oversaw the development of homes and supports that offered privacy, choice, and opportunity. He initiated wellness and enrichment programs that encouraged residents to learn, create, and explore new interests, and he expanded day service opportunities rooted in his belief that people flourish when they have meaningful ways to grow and experience their potential. His ability to inspire philanthropy strengthened the Village's financial foundation and ensured that the mission he nurtured would remain strong far into the future. His work did more than expand an organization. It enriched lives, broadened possibilities, and helped the Village become the caring, forward-thinking community it is today.

Bryan will also be remembered for the way he connected with people. He was known for his steady presence, genuine warmth, and the kindness he brought into every interaction. He remembered the details that made each person unique, including birthdays, family stories, and personal interests, and he made others feel valued through these small but deeply meaningful gestures. Colleagues recall his openness, his thoughtful questions, his sense of humor, and the care he showed in every conversation. These memories reflect the heart of who Bryan was and the lasting impression he left on all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Families placed immense trust in Bryan, often finding comfort in his honesty, insight, and unwavering dedication to their loved ones and their well-being. One family shared that watching their loved one's happiness at the Village deepened their gratitude for Bryan's leadership and for



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the community he helped cultivate. Stories like these echoed throughout the decades of his service.

Beyond his leadership at New England Village, Bryan was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. His family was central to his life, and their love and support were interwoven with his work and the mission he championed.

Today, New England Village continues to embody the values Bryan championed: dignity, independence, community, opportunity, and heart. His leadership helped shape the Village into the caring and forward-thinking community it is today, and his legacy will continue to touch everyone who lives, works, or visits here.

On behalf of the entire New England Village community, we offer our deepest condolences to the Efron family and our profound appreciation for Bryan's lifetime of service, stewardship, and dedication to those we support.

The Efron family has shared that donations in Bryan's memory may be made to the Lilly and Blair Foundation, which supports research for individuals with rare genetic disabilities. More information is available at [www.lillyandblair.org](http://www.lillyandblair.org).