



*AGING WITH DIGNITY AND JOY:  
ELEVATING SENIOR VOICES  
THROUGH CREATIVE  
COLLABORATION*

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# INTRODUCTION

- Celebrating seniors as vibrant contributors
- Elevating senior voices
- Creative expression & community service

# ABOUT NEW LANE ADULT CENTER

- **NYC Department for the Aging site**
- **Offers meals, social services, enrichment**
- **Participants: poets, veterans, storytellers**



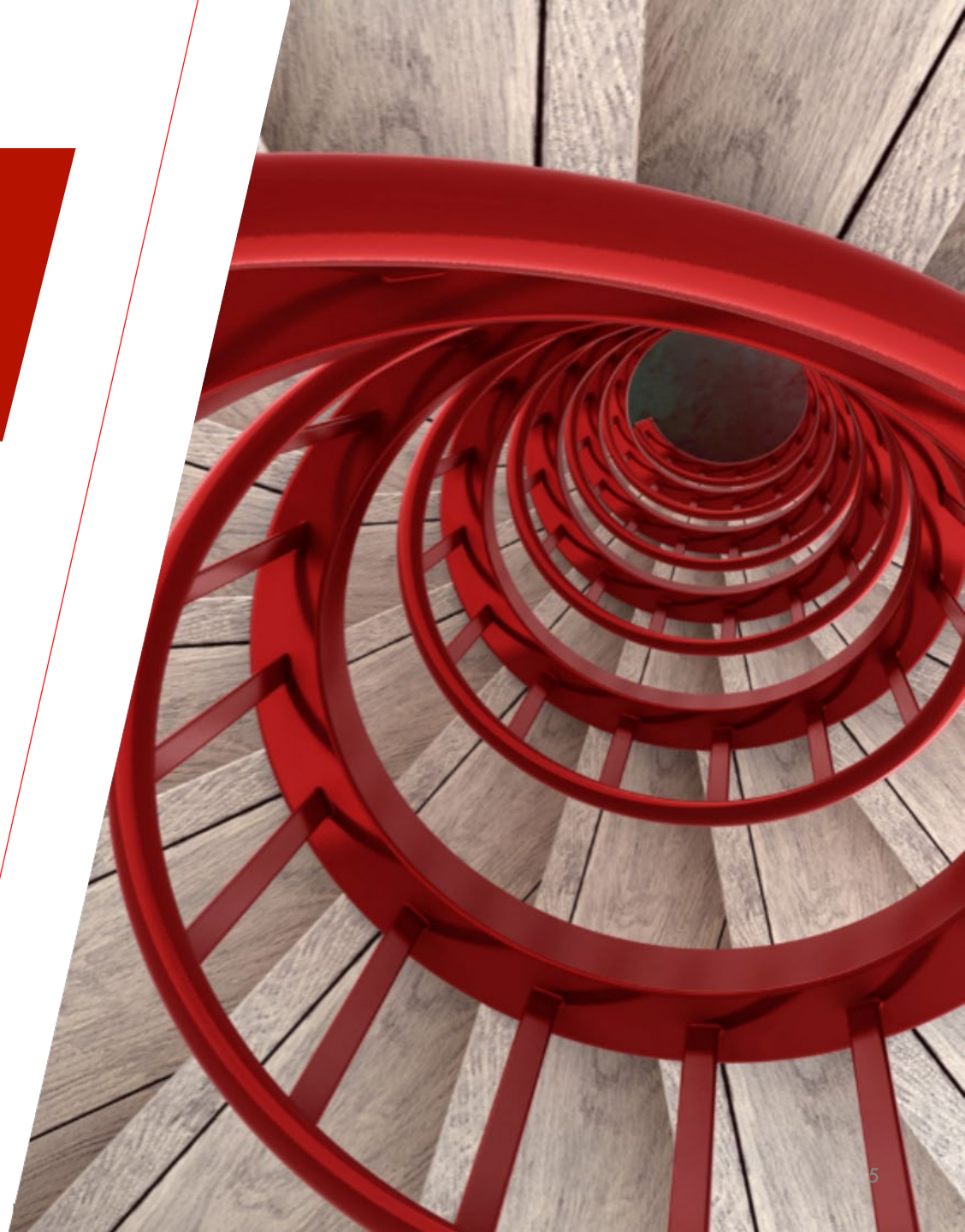
# SHARED VALUES

- **Legacy & storytelling**
- **Accessibility & inclusion**
- **Conservation ethics**
- **Empowerment through creativity**



# CREATIVE COLLABORATION VISION

- **Stories in the Park**
- **Living History through Art**
- **Stewardship Saturdays**
- **Memory Maps project**



# STORIES IN THE PARK

- **Monthly storytelling events**
- **Shared personal & cultural narratives**
- **Fostered intergenerational dialogue**



# LIVING HISTORY THROUGH ART

- **Collaborative mural and poetry**
- **Inspired by local landscapes and life stories**
- **Public exhibitions at both sites**



# STEWARDSHIP SATURDAYS

- **Monthly volunteerism**
- **Activities: beach cleanups, trail care**
- **Promotes pride and purpose**



# MEMORY MAPS

- **Personal history meets public history**
- **Interactive memory mapping with students**
- **Recorded oral histories**



# ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- **Increased visibility of older adults**
- **Strengthened community bonds**
- **Boosted emotional wellbeing**
- **Created legacy-based creative works**



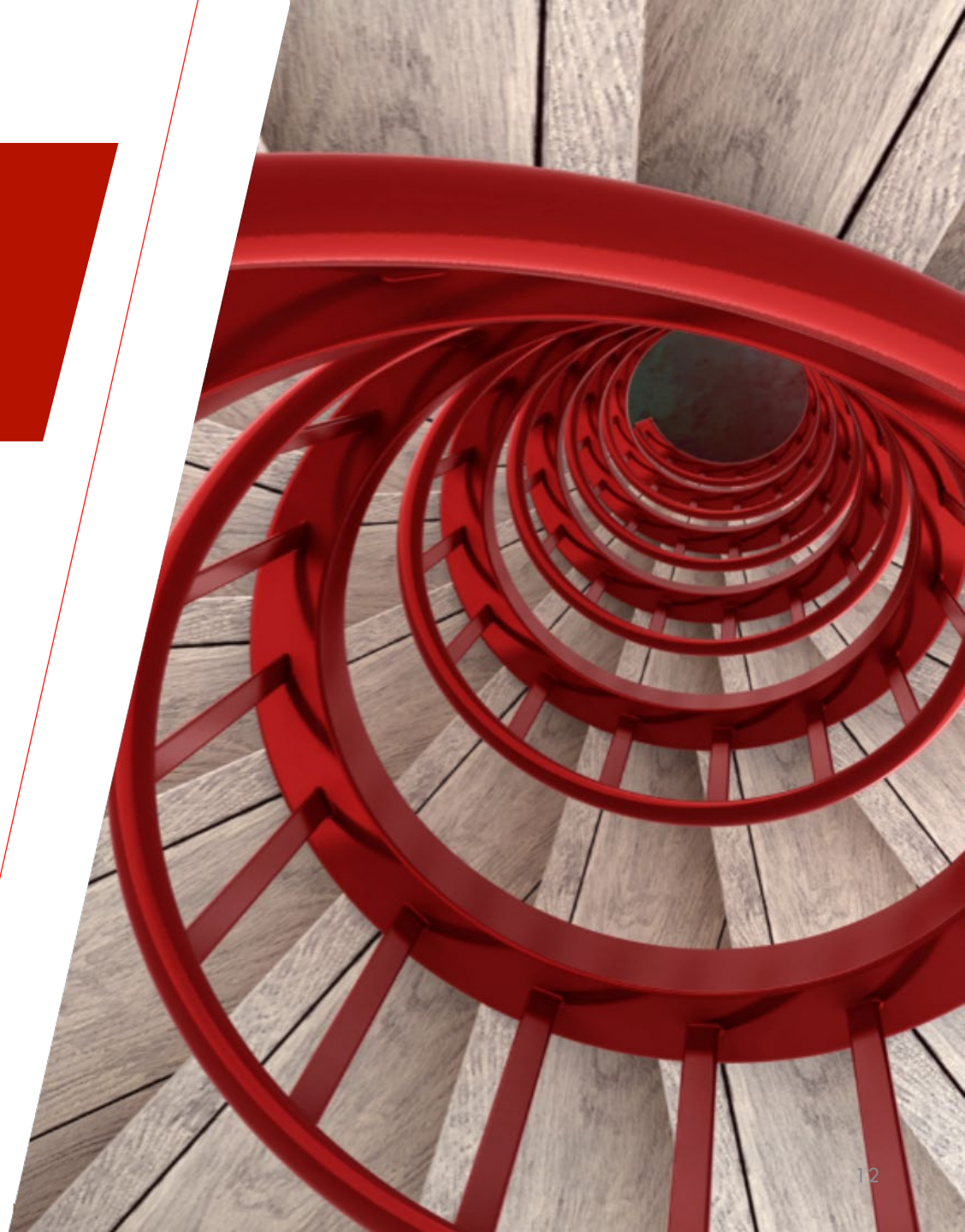
# A VISION FOR PARTNERSHIP

- **Explore Friends of the Park status**
- **Senior-led interpretation & programming**
- **Shared events & collaborative planning**



# CONCLUSION

- **Seniors are legacy-bearers and changemakers**
- **Creativity bridges generations**
- **Dignity and joy are central to civic life**



# THANK YOU

Questions? Comments?

