



From Woodshop to Water: Frasier Residents Launch Hand-Built Rowboat

BOULDER, Colo. (July 23, 2025) – Anchors aweigh! Residents of Frasier, a nonprofit senior living community in Boulder, celebrated the launch of a hand-built rowboat on Wednesday afternoon in the community's Wellness Center lap pool.

Frasier President and CEO Christie Hinrichs took the helm for the vessel's maiden voyage as fellow residents, staff, and guests gathered to cheer on the builders. The launch also featured a lighthearted performance by the resident woodworking group, the Frasier Woodshop Woodworkers.

The boat was built over several months by 10 resident woodworkers—both men and women—who collaborated in Frasier's resident-led woodshop. Hinrichs donated the boat kit and wood, and the finished boat will be sold to support Frasier's philanthropic programs that enhance resident well-being.

"This project reflects the creativity, skill, and sense of purpose that thrives at Frasier," Hinrichs said. "Our woodshop residents turned a pile of lumber into something extraordinary, and it was a joy to celebrate their accomplishment."

The Frasier woodshop is a hub of activity where residents learn, create, and connect. In addition to personal projects, members contribute to the community by teaching skills, repairing items, and crafting pieces that enrich campus life. Earlier this year, the woodshop was featured in WOOD Magazine, a national publication for woodworking enthusiasts.

About Frasier

Frasier is a nonprofit Life Plan Community serving nearly 500 older adults in Boulder, Colorado, since 1960. Rooted in purpose and vibrancy, Frasier empowers residents to live well, stay curious, and give back.

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