## **BENSON MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

2nd Quarter 2025 Beverly Bradley

Beverly Bradley was born and raised in Atlanta, GA and will turn 91 this year in May. She has led a fascinating life.

After high school, Beverly attended the internationally renowned Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, majoring in Piano, the Flute, and the Piccolo too. After graduating, she returned to Atlanta and began her career as a professional musician and teacher. Over the next 65 years, she played with many professional organizations including the Atlanta Community Orchestra, the Band of Atlanta, and the Atlanta Pops Orchestra. She taught piano and flute at Georgia State University and gave private piano lessons, her greatest passion. She just fully retired a few years ago at 88.

Although her husband passed away in 1986, she continued to fill her life with music, great friends, social and community engagement. Beverly has lived in her Sandy Springs home for 61 years.

She is a charter member of the Benson Center. She and her mother Trudy Turner took a tour in October 1999, during the center's opening week and thought it was just fantastic. After having lunch with Dorothy Benson, they both joined the new center. Her Mom, an active 90 years old at that time, considered it her new "country club."

For Beverly, the Benson Center has been her social life blood! She has made new friends and rekindled many relationships here with people she worked with professionally decades ago; even meeting a few Boyfriends and Benson Buddies.

Over the years, she has participated in many center activities, including playing with the Benson Band "New Horizons," for 7 years. Utilizing the fitness center, going on field trips, and attending unique events, like the annual Benson Anniversary Celebration, were especially enjoyable. She has also contributed regularly to the Friends of Benson.

Even now, despite a few health issues, she is a daily participant, socializing and enjoying lunch with friends. She considers the center the **Best Kept Secret in Sandy Springs**. In her own words: The staff are wonderful, and this place is a blessing to me. It's great to come every day for lunch, socialize and make new friends. **I just love this place!** When asked what she would say to anyone not aware of the center, her answer was "Let me come by and pick you up and take you there."

