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BETTYE DONALDSON: I am Bettye Donaldson. I live in Atlanta, Georgia with my husband Gary. I'm looking forward to in the next year... year and a half that I will leave the health care industry.

GARY DONALDSON: I'm recently retired from Delta Airlines as a second retirement. My initial retirement's from the U.S. Army. When I first left ...our concept of retirement was that we were going to go off and buy a vacation home... But our thoughts have changed significantly. Bettye and I are engaged in a number of entrepreneurial activities... There's a barbershop. There are...two coffee shops... and the ice cream parlor.

BETTYE DONALDSON: Financially, I was thinking can we do this. We had set aside money to buy a second home and had looked around and thought, well, you know, we, we kind of like where we live... and then when this opportunity came up I said, well, you know, we, we should be okay financially if we really watch it.

GARY DONALDSON: When we come to ...the shops now we come with excitement and anticipation of what we're going to accomplish that day. It's revitalizing.

BETTYE DONALDSON: I know that ...with your own businesses that you do work harder but I think just the fulfillment of knowing that its yours ... is, um, a good feeling.

GARY DONALDSON: So, retirement is no longer in our vocabulary. Uh, regeneration, renewal is and, uh, that's how we live.

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