Why We Do What We Do

Recently, Jennifer Hart, Manager of Congregational Tower in Chula Vista, sent me this email which I read on Saturday, July 29:

“Dr. Joseph, it is with much sadness that I must report that Naida Marshall, who was recently honored as our longest resident, has passed away. Naida also served on Community Congregational Development Corporation’s Board of Directors. She was the first and only resident of the Tower to ever receive that honor.

I wanted to let you know that she respected you very much and held you in high regard. So much so that she requested that I use the picture of the two of you from the 55th Anniversary Celebration on her celebration of life announcement. I normally create a notice similar to this for our residents who have passed at the request of the family, and we frame it and place it on the dresser at the front entry.

This was my first request from the resident herself. This was typical Naida, organized about everything. I know that she would want me to share it with you.

I know you have an extremely busy schedule. If you have time on your calendar, we’d love for you to join us on Friday, August 11, 2017, at Congregational Church.”

Our 55th Celebration was held on June 21 and Naida moved in on December 11, 1991 (25 ½ years). I told Jennifer that if I wasn’t in Seattle with the RHF Board of Directors meetings on August 11, I would be there.

I was thinking about Naida over the weekend. When I’m available, I sing with my son David’s choir at Los Altos UCC, and the Sunday after I received the note he had chosen a song entitled, “Thrive” by Mark Hall and Matthew Hart. The words:

“Here is this worn and weary land where many a dream has died, Like a tree planted by the water, we never will run dry. So living water. Flowing through, God, we thirst for more of You. Fill our hearts and flood our souls with one desire: Just to know You and to make You known, we lift Your name on high. Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide. We know that we were made for so much more than ordinary lives. It’s time for us to more than just survive. We were made to thrive.”

As a faith-based nonprofit we are made to do more than survive, and I know in this economic climate, unfortunately, survival is the priority of a number of nonprofits.

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Save HUD 202 Rally in Washington, D.C.

It was a sea of red t-shirts, more than 1,100 residents and staff of subsidized communities from as far away as California and Florida converged on the lawn of the nation’s Capitol to let their elected officials know that affordable housing, especially for this country’s low income seniors, was desperately needed.

Organized by LeadingAge, an association of non-profit providers of housing and services for older adults, busloads of seniors gathered to hear speakers that included U.S. Senators and Representatives along with North Capitol at Plymouth’s very own resident Patricia Davis.

More than 80 RHF residents and staff members from The Carlin (Arlington, VA) and North Capitol at Plymouth (Washington, D.C.) attended the event.

This rally is part of an ongoing advocacy effort to inform the public and our elected officials of the importance of the HUD 202 program to this country’s aging population.

LeadingAge’s Seniors Action Network is a way for our residents, family and friends to stay informed on what is happening in Congress that has a direct impact on them and gives them the opportunity to let their elected representatives know how they should vote.

Thank you to all who have signed up for the Seniors Action Network and, if you haven’t you still can at https://www.leadingage.org/grassroots/seniors-action-network

(Pictured: 1) the residents and staff of North Capitol at Plymouth; 2) Pictured with Dr. Joseph; Andrea Ponsor, Executive VP for Policy of SAHF (Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future), Eileen Fitzgerald, President & CEO of SAHF and Patrick Sheridan, Executive Vice President of Housing for Volunteers of America; and, 3) Patricia Davis, resident of North Capitol at Plymouth.)

Watch Us On YouTube

Visit Retirement Housing Foundation’s YouTube channel for a chance to get to know some of our residents and hear their stories.

Follow Us On Facebook

Do you want to hear what is happening in RHF communities? Go to these community Facebook pages to keep in touch with the latest that is going on at RHF:

- Retirement Housing Foundation
- Auburn Ravine Terrace
- Bixby Knolls Towers
- Colonial Heights and Gardens
- DeSmet Retirement
- Gaslight Apartments
- LaFontaine Center Apartments
- Park Place Assisted Living
- Plymouth Square
- Sun City Gardens
- The Gateway
- Angelus Plaza
- Bishop’s Glen Retirement Community
- Cloisters of Deland (The Cloisters)
- Courtenay Springs Village
- Farrfield Manor
- Gold Country Retirement and Healthcare
- Mayflower Gardens Retirement Community
- Pioneer House
- St. Catherine Retirement Community
- The Carolinian
- Westminster Village
We're Growing!

Dedications

Sagetree Terrace

A celebration was held on Tuesday, April 25th to commemorate the grand opening of Sagetree Terrace, the last HUD 202 community to be built in Houston, Texas. Speakers at the event included a representative from the office of Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee and a representative from the Harris County Commissioner’s office.

Sagetree Terrace is a 64-unit affordable apartment community for seniors. Individual apartments consist of a full kitchen with Energy Star® appliances, a living/dining area, a bedroom and a full bath. There is a pull-cord system within each unit. Shared amenities include a community room with a kitchen, a covered patio, an exercise room, a computer room, a library, an arts and crafts room, and a central laundry room. The design and construction of Sagetree Terrace has been certified to a National Green Building Standard (NGBS). All units were funded with Tax Exempt Bonds and 4% Low Income Housing Tax Credits. Sixty-one of the units also received funding through a HUD 202 Capital Advance.

Financing for the development and construction of Sagetree Terrace has been provided by Wells Fargo, the Angelus Trust, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Harris County Housing Finance Corporation, and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Darson Marie Terrace

On April 27th, just a few days after the Sagetree Terrace dedication, RHF celebrated the opening of Darson Marie Terrace in San Antonio, Texas. Event speakers included San Antonio City Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales, LeadingAge Texas President and CEO George Linial, and representatives from Wells Fargo and from the office of U.S. Congressman Joaquin Castro.

Darson Marie Terrace is a 57-unit affordable apartment community for seniors. Individual apartments consist of a full kitchen with Energy Star® appliances, a living/dining area, a bedroom and a full bath. There is a pull-cord system within each unit. Shared community amenities include a community room with a kitchen, a covered patio, a computer room, a library, an activity room and a central laundry room. The design and construction of Darson Marie Terrace has been certified to a National Green Building Standard (NGBS). All 57 units were funded with Tax Exempt Bonds and 4% Low Income Housing Tax Credits. In addition, 49 units were also funded with a HUD 202 Capital Advance.

Financing for the development and construction of Darson Marie Terrace has been provided by Wells Fargo Bank, the Angelus Trust, RHF Foundation, Inc., the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Bexar County Housing Finance Corporation, and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.
Anniversary Events

55th Anniversary Celebrations

Washington

Park Place Assisted Living and Esperanza Apartments, two communities next door to each other in Seattle, Washington, held a combined event on August 9th. The event was attended by hundreds and included a tribute to resident veterans and speeches from U.S. Congressman Adam Smith, Washington State Senator Rebecca Saldaña, LeadingAge Washington CEO Deb Murphy and RHF Board Chair Ray East. Several Seattle area Girl Scout troops attended the event to volunteer their services and help with the event.

Pinewood Manor and Marymount Manor, RHF’s other two communities in Washington, also held celebrations that week in honor of RHF’s anniversary.

New England

In early June, members of RHF’s staff and National Board of Directors gathered in New England to celebrate RHF’s 55th anniversary with The Schochet Companies and the communities that they manage for RHF in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island. Over the course of four days, eight events were held and residents and staff from 14 RHF communities celebrated with us.

We were honored to have Massachusetts State Representative Kevin Honan as an event speaker at our Boston event, along with all the other elected officials, civic leaders, staff and residents who spoke at these various events throughout the week.

Florida

In March, The Cloisters, Courtenay Springs Village and Bishop’s Glen Retirement Community, RHF’s three multi-level retirement communities in Florida, hosted three separate events to honor RHF’s 55 Years of Changing Lives.

Included in the list of speakers at these events were representatives from state and local government, visitors from senior health and aging related organizations and RHF residents and staff.
Community News

Block Party - Texas Style
Northvale Village - Houston, Texas

Northvale Village Apartments partnered with Cornerstone Baptist Church, also in Houston, Texas, to host a fun-packed block party in mid June. Members of First Baptist Church of Rowlett, Texas drove nearly 250 miles in order to help. About 50 volunteers total worked tirelessly together to make this event possible.

Residents of several of the other apartment complexes in the area were invited to come, and nearly 150 children of all ages were in attendance. Attendees enjoyed treats like hot dogs and snow cones, water slides and carnival games.

Bringing The Farm to Our Residents
Crescent Manor and Mesquite Gardens - Mesquite, Texas

For some time, residents of Mesquite Gardens and Crescent Manor were receiving weekly deliveries of fresh produce from an organization called Sharing Life. However, when a lack of transportation options caused delivery issues, Service Coordinator Debbie Brown had to figure out another way to make this happen. Because of Debbie’s determination and the generosity of the local Mimosa Lane Baptist Church and Sharing Life, a new delivery system has been established. And, in addition to fresh produce, participating residents will also now receive a monthly delivery of other grocery items like meat, beans, and canned items.

Here you can see residents “shopping” through the cabbages, cucumbers, lettuce, strawberries, sweet potatoes and apples like an open market! They will be bringing fresh produce once a month, plus they bring a large bag of groceries once a month at a value of $148.00 to every resident that signed up for the Community Partnership Program which is about 98% of the residents.

Enjoying The Lazy Days of Summer
The Whittier - Los Angeles, CA

The Whittier hosted a Summer Day Camp this year with about 21 kids and six volunteers actively participating.

Aracely, The Whittier’s Social Service Coordinator, has a relationship with the local Stevenson Branch Library, and Summer Day Camp participants visit the library every Tuesday afternoon for free reading and arts projects.

Officer Jesse from the Hollenbeck Police Station recently came for a visit where he allowed the children to get a look at a police vehicle and answered questions. He also arranged for a police helicopter to announce a greeting to the The Whittier as it flew overhead to the delight of all the children.

The program, which lasted from mid June to mid August, included many other activities and events like arts and crafts sessions, movies, sports, and lots of socializing.
A Different Type of Recycling
Round House Manor - Kaukauna, Wisconsin

Round House Manor has been going through a very exciting remodel recently. One of the projects was to replace the wooden fencing around their outdoor garbage areas, and a crafty resident of the community thought it would be a great idea to recycle the wood from the old fence and make some raised garden boxes. With a little help from their maintenance manager, a few residents were able to build some raised beds and plant their lovely gardens. Already growing are peppers, tomatoes, squash, cucumbers, lettuce, radishes, raspberries, currants, and more!

Taking Care Of Our Furry Residents
Abbey Apartments - Indianapolis, Indiana

On June 9th, Abbey Apartments was visited by the Humane Society of Indianapolis and their IndyHumane Mobile Vaccine Clinic. This gave residents an opportunity to get their furry friends low-cost vaccines and preventative medications, and free basic wellness checks from a licensed veterinarian. Tammy, Abbey Apartments’ Service Coordinator, tells us that she hopes to make this a yearly event in an effort to continue helping residents keep up with required yearly vaccinations for their pets.

Discovering the Benefits of Tea
Camelot Village - Council Bluffs, Iowa

Camelot Village hosted their First Annual High Tea on May 17th. Phil Rossi of Immanuel Pathways, a local provider of older adult care, gave a talk on the benefits of tea. Allen Stark, a local author, Camelot Village volunteer and husband of Service Coordinator Melissa Stark, gave an entertaining quiz about tea and shared some great laughs with the residents.

Food was provided by Camelot Village’s planning committee, Phil Rossi and Trader Joe’s. Drawing prizes were also donated. A total of 15 residents and 12 guests attended. Thanks to Trader Joe’s for the fresh flowers and food and to all those who made or contributed goodies. Let’s do this again next year!

Why We Do What We Do (continued from page 2)

We recently underwent the process of re-financing part of our portfolio known as the Obligated Group. As the bankers evaluated us for our rating, they talked about how unique we were – “one of a kind” they said – because of our emphasis on affordable housing as well as market rate and healthcare, and our continuing development and growth. Fitch is the company that rates organizations like us and they have rated our refinancing as A- with a stable outlook. Our bankers said that only the top 5% of senior living providers receive this rating.

I believe we were made to thrive because we want the 21,500 Naidas and others who call an RHF community home to thrive, and we want everyone to have an affordable place to live because it affects health, education, and overall quality of life, which is why we strongly promoted and participated in the “Save HUD 202” rally reported on page 3.

This keeps me motivated and I hope it does you as well. We are called to make the mission thrive for the benefit of our residents and those who would like to become our residents and for the wellbeing of our nation. Thank you for your advocacy and your financial support as well as everything you do to help the mission and the people we serve to thrive.

Dr. Laverne K. Joseph
Anciano Tower - Montrose, Colorado

Laura M. McBurney, a resident of Anciano Tower since spring of 2016, turned 102 years old in June. Laura owned her own business that specialized in theatre draperies. One of Laura’s favorite activities is fishing in nearby Lake Powell.

Deaconess-Perry Center - North Royalton, Ohio

Louis Krzepina was born in 1916 in Cleveland, Ohio. He has lived in Cuyahoga County for the last 100 years. He was married in 1936 to Erminia and has three children. Lou has always enjoyed sports, hiking and dancing. He always looks forward to new challenges and is very outgoing.

Fajardo Housing for the Elderly - Fajardo, Puerto Rico

Rafael Fuentes, a resident of Fajardo for seven years, is 104 years old. He is from a town in Puerto Rico called Rio Grande, which means Big River.

A lover of nature and gardening, Rafael does not enjoy television and does not have one in his apartment. He puts great emphasis on eating well and staying healthy.

Plymouth Square - Stockton, California

Harriet Judson, who turns 100 this year, was born in the home her father built. Coincidentally, the house used to sit on the very same grounds that Plymouth Square sits on now.

Harriet’s lifelong connection with Plymouth Square runs deep as she worked there as receptionist and administrative assistant for 14 years. Harriet’s mother also lived at the community for several years.

West Valley Towers - Van Nuys, California

Teresita De Guevera was born in 1916 in El Salvador and has been a resident of West Valley Towers since 1998.

She came to the United States with her seven children in 1981 and now has 12 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Teresita is very involved with her local church and participates in Project H.A.N.D.S. ® at West Valley Towers.

Douglas House - Brockton, Massachusetts

Domingas Dias is 102 years old. She was born on the Cape Verde islands in July of 1914. She has eight children, five of which she has outlived.

While growing up in Cape Verde she was a maid. She said it was her favorite thing to do because she loves to clean.

“I love living at Douglas House and I love America.”
Gold Country Retirement Center - Placerville, California

Bill Hartman was born in September of 1916. He was born in McKinney, Texas and after his early education there he worked for the Texas Forest Service in Resource Management where he was a crew foreman.

He also taught night classes in math and drafting to the Civilian Conservation Corps. He later served as a Fire Detection Pilot after only six hours of flight instruction and logged many accident free hours in the air.

Bill relocated his family to California and after getting his masters degree from the University of California, Berkeley, he spent the next twenty eight years as Land Management Superintendent for East Bay Mud (Municipal Utility District).

After retiring he enjoyed spending time in Alaska and has a plaque signed by members of the Alaska Legislature thanking him for 45 years of volunteer service.

Gateway Gardens - Poway, California

Dorris Millen was born in Philadelphia in September of 1915. She spent most of her life in South New Jersey. She married her husband in 1938 and they had 7 children, all of whom still live on the East Coast except her son Robert who lives in San Diego and religiously every day comes and has dinner with his mother.

She had a very traditional family life. She stayed home and raised the children and her husband worked hard to provide for their family. She loved to knit, sew and bake. They moved to San Diego in the late 80’s where they bought a home in Bernardo Heights. She is a very proud Jehovah’s Witness, and was very active in her church, Penasquitos Congregation of Jehovah’s Witnesses. Active members still come and visit her on a routine basis.

Courtenay Springs Village - Merritt Island, Florida

Mary Bold was born in July of 1917 in Pennsylvania and has two children. Mary has had many jobs in her life from yard work to working in a restaurant. She stated, “if you can think of it, I’ve done it.” Mary enjoys bingo, socializing, and regular visits from friends and family.

Doris Woolard is one of Courtenay Springs’ newest centenarians. She was born in July of 1915. She was married for 48 years, 2 children, 2 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Doris worked for a publisher and later became editor of the Arkansas Weekly. She was very active in her church playing organ and holding different positions in her church.

She enjoys spending time with family and reading her Bible.

The Cloisters - Deland, Florida

Madeline Cooper was born in Brooklyn N.Y in 1916. She was married to Norman Eggloff for 40 years and had three children. Madeline worked as a secretary in the school system for 26 years.

She has eight grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.
Project H.A.N.D.S.® (Helping Angels National Donated Support) is the award-winning brainchild of Judy Shaw, RHF’s Director of Service Coordination. It is created on a very basic premise that everyone has the ability to contribute to the betterment of their community if they want to. In 2016, 2,564 residents made more than 21,000 items which were distributed to homeless shelters, shelters for the abused, children’s hospitals, and other non-profit organizations.

If you’re interested in learning more or becoming involved with Project H.A.N.D.S.®, please visit the RHF website at www.rhf.org. When you place your cursor over the “Charitable Foundation” tab at the top of the page, a drop-down menu should appear with a link to the Project H.A.N.D.S.® page.

Experiencing the Impact of Project H.A.N.D.S.®

Darlene Carter, the mother of Westminster Village Kentuckiana Community Relations Manager, Lisa Stark, is a two-time cancer survivor. On a recent check up at Cancer Center of Indiana in New Albany, Darlene was thrilled to be able to pick out a colorful handmade crocheted hat to take with her. After work that evening, Lisa stopped by to visit her mom and was very surprised to see that the hat her mother had picked up was one that the Westminster Village H.A.N.D.S.® group had recently donated to the center. Her mom was excited to tell how she was able to pick out one of the hats at the center that day and Lisa was able to see first-hand the joy a H.A.N.D.S.® item brings to others.

This group of volunteers makes baby blankets, booties, hats, scarves, lap blankets, and head bands. Items are donated to several organizations in their local area.

Learning New Skills and Making a Difference

The Project H.A.N.D.S.® group from Cimarron Court has “adopted” Mother Hull Home, a local nursing home which has approximately 55 residents. The relationship started out with a project to make Valentine’s Day cards for the residents. The director of the home has said that a lot of residents don’t get a lot of mail and do enjoy it. The Cimarron Court volunteers were overwhelmed with the response regarding the Valentine’s cards and it motivated them to continue making items to deliver for each holiday that they could.

For Mother’s Day the Project H.A.N.D.S.® group made paper flowers for the ladies. When they delivered them, they got hugs and were told later that a lot of the ladies took their flowers with them to the table for each meal.

Upon realizing that summer didn’t have a lot of holidays, the group decided to make a trip to Mother Hull just to visit with the residents and possibly help with their craft activities sessions.

RHF is on Twitter! Make sure to follow @RHFoundation on Twitter! Our Tweets cover everything from news within our communities and our organization to news from our affiliates to advocacy and calls to action.
We are grateful to the following people or agencies that have volunteered, donated or participated in our Project H.A.N.D.S.® program from 7/1/16 to 6/30/17. Though we strive to list every person involved, this list may not be all-inclusive:

-Project H.A.N.D.S.-

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

Winston Churchill

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Vacaville Autumn Leaves

Anciano Tower
Earlier this year, the ladies from the Rio Vista Village Project H.A.N.D.S.® group, along with community staff, visited the new moms at the Oscar De La Hoya Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in East Los Angeles. They shared with the new moms beautiful crocheted blankets, hats, and other garments. This group of volunteers is now crafting blankets for patients with cancer at the White Memorial Hospital.
The Mesquite Gardens H.A.N.D.S.%group recently invited residents of the nearby Willow Bend Rehabilitation and Care Center over for a “Meet and Greet.” The Mesquite group prepared homemade breads, pies and cookies to serve to their guests. It was a time for both communities to share in fellowship. The Mesquite group then gave their guests 46 adult bibs, 27 blankets, and 50 pillows that they had made by hand.
Philanthropy

The Gift of Learning

Summer programs often offer a unique opportunity for children to learn through new experiences. Participating in social and physical activities help children build confidence, improve focus, and explore new interests.

The Neal family of RHF’s Madison Avenue Apartments, an affordable family community in Loveland, Colorado, applied for and received RHF Charitable Foundation’s Youth Education Scholarships to cover the costs of summer programs and activities for their two boys, Ian and Seth.

With the scholarship money, Seth was able to attend a 5-day Rocketry class and take a bike safety workshop where he received a helmet and learned to change a flat tire. Ian, who has Autism, went horseback riding and took tennis lessons over the summer.

The Neal family expressed their gratitude to RHF and our generous donors saying, “Our family is glad to be living together and have a home where we can lay our heads down every night. We are glad to have things to keep us busy every day. We are blessed to have been involved with this scholarship program. It truly enriched the boys’ summer. Thank you RHF!!”

RHF Charitable Foundation sends a special thank you to the Neal family for sharing their story. We encourage the Neals and other families who live in RHF communities to apply for our Youth Education Scholarships in the future and to let us know how we can help their families grow through education.

RHF Teamgivers Make It Possible

RHF Charitable Foundation launched its annual staff giving campaign RHF Team Givers in October, offering our Youth Education Scholarships Fund as an option for payroll deduction donations for the first time.

A special thank you to the RHF Team Givers who appreciate the value of education and want to see this program continue to flourish along with the children living in our communities.
It’s That Time of Year Again!

RHF’s Philanthropy Department is gearing up for the 2017 holidays by kicking off our annual toy drive, benefiting RHF kids. With the acquisition of nine additional family communities added to RHF’s portfolio since last year’s holiday season, our toy drive is going into overdrive! The Philanthropy team, in partnership with Mattel’s Charity Sales Program, which provides toys at deeply discounted prices, and our volunteer elves, who lovingly wrap each toy, will be providing toys and gift cards to nearly 1,500 children this December. Thanks to our generous donors and the hard work of our dedicated volunteers and staff, we have been privileged to provide gifts to RHF kids for over two decades.

If you would like to help make this holiday special for an RHF kid, we invite you to make a donation using the giving envelope enclosed in this newsletter or by donating online at www.rhf.org/donate-to-rhf.

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Need to Come Up With a Great Gift This Year For The Holidays???

In the Kitchen with RHF, a collection of time-tested recipes from RHF communities all over the country, is available to order. This book contains over 80 recipes ranging from tempting appetizers to scrumptious main dishes to delectable desserts that have all been submitted by residents of RHF communities. While sampling these tried-and-true recipes, the reader can also learn a little about each resident and the RHF community that they call “home.”

This book is offered for $10 for residents of RHF communities and $15 for non-residents. You can order your very own copy by visiting the RHF website (www.rhf.org) and clicking on the Spotlight section.

Residents can also speak to the Executive Director or Manager of their community to order their copy.

Are you looking for a great gift? You’re in luck! All orders received between September 1st and November 15th will be wrapped for holiday gift-giving!
Every gift makes a difference.  
100% of your donations support RHF’s mission, work and communities, and are tax deductible.

For more information about making a charitable gift, contact Stephanie Titus by calling 562-257-5141 or emailing philanthropy@rhf.org

A Much-Deserved Honor

The Rev. Dr. Laverne Joseph, president and CEO of Retirement Housing Foundation (RHF), was honored for his outstanding service to humanity by Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pa.

Joseph, who leads one of the nation’s largest faith-based providers of affordable housing, is the recipient of the 2017 Ursinus College Alumni Award for Service to Humanity. He is a United Church of Christ minister and a 1960 graduate of Ursinus. The award pays tribute to someone who has greatly benefitted non-profit community institutions.

While Pastor of Peace Memorial Church in Chicago, Joseph started his work in affordable housing as the Executive Director of Peace Memorial UCC’s housing and health care ministries (which included a nursing home, a home health agency and, under his leadership, developed three senior housing facilities) before joining RHF in 1987.

RHF, based in Long Beach, Calif., has more than tripled in growth under his leadership. Founded in 1961 by two UCC clergypersons and a layperson, it now serves nearly 21,500 people in 191 communities in 29 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

While most RHF communities are affordable communities for low or moderate income, RHF also manages multi-level retirement communities offering independent living, assisted living, memory care and skilled nursing. RHF employs more than 2,800 people.