RHF Pacific Beach Shores is located in San Diego, California.
Persons who have read my articles over the years know that for some time I have been writing about the necessity of federal funding for new HUD 202 construction. At one time HUD funding was producing 20,000 new apartments a year for low income older adults.

In 2012 they said they were taking a one year hiatus in new construction funding, and since then there had been no funding for additional units. RHF and other providers and Leading Age national and state associations have been advocating for years to reinstate funding. Some of you will recall that last June we were part of a rally at the capital in DC. You may also recall my saying that, in my more than 3 decades of advocacy work, there have only been 2 times when legislators disagreed with the need for funding affordable housing for seniors. The challenge has been to get actions aligned with words.

Well, you may have read that, in the recently passed and signed federal budget, there was a line item of $105 million for new 202s. As of now, there is no guidance as to how those funds will be allocated, BUT IT’S A START. We need to advocate vigorously for more funding in the next budget through our Senior Action Network and our state and national associations. It takes all of us.

Meanwhile, some churches and nonprofits are selling their affordable housing to companies that will move them to market-rate housing at the end of the compliance period. Every week I get numerous e mails from real estate agents advertising properties for sale and sometimes there is a line which says “only x months left on the affordability requirement,” which is a way of saying it can be converted to market-rate and the seller will demand a higher price and the broker gets a bigger commission if they are on a percentage contract.

Recently, a broker sent an e mail that wanted to know if we wanted to sell our entire company in the next 6 months. I replied, “Thanks for the laugh, but we are a faith-based, non-profit, and our mission is to provide affordable housing and health services. But if you want to sell your affordable housing let me know.” No response.

Fortunately, there are churches and nonprofits who want our commitment to affordable housing, like our recent acquisitions in San Diego, California and Perryville, Missouri.

You can assist our mission. If you hear about nonprofits who want to divest, let us know. And keep up your strong advocacy for affordable housing. We have a start, but it takes all of us to address the need.
RHF Leading the Way For Better Tomorrows

2018 marks RHF’s 57th Anniversary. Management staff from all of our multi-level retirement communities and management staff of all of our affordable communities in five western states met in Long Beach for a week of meetings and educational sessions. Several United Church of Christ (UCC) Conference Ministers and representatives joined some of those meetings, the worship service and the annual dinner to familiarize themselves with RHF, what we do, and the mission that we are committed to.

At our annual dinner, RHF also recognizes some outstanding organizations and individuals who make a difference in the lives of our residents throughout the year. Read about the honorees below and on the following pages.

2018 Friend of the Elderly Award
Tom Slemmer, President / CEO (retired)
National Church Residences

Tom Slemmer retired from National Church Residences (NCR) in December 2014 after serving the organization for a remarkable 38 years. Under his guidance, NCR grew from a small organization to the nation’s largest non-profit affordable housing provider.

Slemmer joined NCR in July 1976 as an Administrative Assistant. By December 1977 he was promoted to Vice President. He was named a Senior Vice President in December 1984 and an Executive Vice President in December 1986. Slemmer became the organization’s second President and CEO in January 1989 succeeding founder Rev. John R. Glenn – a position he held until his retirement at the end of 2014. In his retirement, Slemmer still serves NCR in an advisory role.

Slemmer is past Chair on the Board of Directors of LeadingAge. He has served in many positions with LeadingAge including: Chair of the LeadingAge Development Corporation, Co-Chair of the Affordable Housing Finance Cabinet, and a member of the Housing with Services Task Force. He has served as Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Ohio Association of Philanthropic Homes and Housing for the Aging (AOPHA), and is past Chair of the AOPHA Housing Committee. He is a former member on the Board of Directors of the Ohio Capital Corporation, the Board of the National Affordable Housing Trust and Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future.

He is married to Jodi and has three grown children. Slemmer is a graduate of the Ohio State University with a Master’s Degree in Resource Development and Land Use Planning in 1973. He is a Vietnam veteran where he served as a helicopter pilot.

RHF’s 2018 Resident of the Year
Pamela Mendez
Escalon Heritage House - Escalon, California

Pamela Mendez is devoted to making sure Escalon Heritage House is a welcoming and inclusive environment for those who live at the community. She visits residents who are hospitalized. Even though she does not have a car, she finds a way of getting to the hospital. She welcomes every new resident to Escalon with balloons and a card. She volunteers with resident activities.

She participates in the planting and maintenance of the massive Escalon vegetable garden.

Her volunteer efforts extend outside to the Escalon community through her work at the Women’s Shelter, serving lunch at the Escalon Community Center, and working with the Escalon Fire Department. She is actively involved with the Escalon Covenant Church – Women’s Ministries, their mission trips to Alaska, and heads the children’s Bible Study Group. She also assists with church office and custodial work.

Pam is a tireless advocate for seniors, children, and abused women.
RHF Celebrates 57 Years …

RHF’s 2018 Service Coordinator of the Year
Ricardo Justiniano
Fajardo Housing for the Elderly - Fajardo, Puerto Rico

Ricardo Justiniano has been the Service Coordinator at Fajardo Elderly Housing for 14 years. He assists, inspires and encourages residents by assuring their needs are met through identifying those needs, coordinating and providing services that allow them to “age in place.”

Ricardo consistently brings into his community speakers and agencies to educate his residents on depression, personal finance, controlling anxiety and panic attacks, hurricane preparedness, crime prevention, suicide prevention and nutrition.

Ricardo has been able to secure two student volunteers to assist his residents with light cleaning and organization if they need assistance.

After the hurricane, Ricardo checked on his residents’ wellbeing on a daily basis, making sure they had access to food, water and any other necessities. He brought his residents education on How To Stay Positive and assisted the staff in preparing for a celebration which included residents, residents’ families, 1st responders and close Fajardo neighbors.

“Ricardo is a very warm, helpful, humble and responsible human being,” says Carmen Feliciano (Fajardo resident). “He’s always more than willing to help us and he gives us seniors the attention we need.”

RHF’s 2018 Manager of the Year
Mario Hidalgo
Pilgrim Tower East - Pasadena, California

Mario began his career with RHF as maintenance technician at MacArthur Park Tower, and was promoted to administrative assistant in August of 1996. In 2000, he accepted a position as property manager at Southpointe Villa, a 100-unit senior apartment complex in Rialto.

Mario has held various manager positions, including a challenging position in a family community which was located in a gang-infested area of Los Angeles. He cleaned up the building by weeding out the bad elements in and around the community, gaining the trust and respect of the residents and maintaining a positive rapport with his residents.

In February, 2011 Mario accepted the position of manager of Pilgrim Tower East, a 158-unit community in Pasadena where he supervises a staff of seven employees. He has helped control costs by having his maintenance staff perform a significant number of jobs that are typically outsourced to vendors.

Mario is always willing to help out at other RHF communities when needed. He oversees the monthly food bank program for Pilgrim Tower East and Pilgrim Tower North.

Mario is dedicated to serving his RHF community. He is an asset to RHF and has made a valuable contribution to our organization in caring for our residents and touching so many lives. He has contributed in making Pilgrim Tower East a true pride of ownership property.
In RHF’s continuing effort to preserve affordable housing for the future, we are happy to welcome two new communities to our organization. We now have 194 communities in 29 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

**RHF Pacific Beach Shores**  
San Diego, California

Late last year, RHF acquired a 48-unit affordable community for older adults in San Diego, California from Christ Lutheran Church. The community, which is now named RHF Pacific Beach Shores, was operated as affordable housing for nearly 40 years before the church decided it did not want to continue managing the community. Though they would have received considerably more for the property by selling to a for-profit buyer, it was important to Christ Lutheran Church that the community continue its mission and RHF was the best fit for the job.

RHF Pacific Beach Shores, which is located just blocks from the coast, is already scheduled to receive energy upgrades. Future renovations are currently being discussed.

**Wm J. Barnwell Apartments**  
Perryville, Missouri

In January, RHF officially took ownership of a 33-unit community for older adults in Perryville, Missouri called William J. Barnwell Apartments. Formerly owned by Knights of Columbus (KOC), the world’s largest Catholic fraternal service organization, this community is located across the street from Perryville’s Senior Center. At the previous owner’s request, RHF is currently in the process of re-naming this community.

**RHF’s 2018 President’s Award**  
**SullivanCurtisMonroe**

A President’s Award was presented to SullivanCurtisMonroe, a privately-owned regional insurance brokerage firm that has served Retirement Housing Foundation for over 25 years. SCM offers complete risk management services, employee benefits, loss control, healthcare management and various insurance solutions for businesses and individuals.

They have become a trusted business partner helping RHF expand its mission of housing and services through their dedication and commitment to client service.

Headquartered in Irvine, SullivanCurtisMonroe has served clients for over 80 years throughout Southern California. In addition to providing insurance services to RHF, team members from SCM have actively volunteered in our communities and donated to resident projects that enhance the quality of life for our seniors.

We thank SCM for their commitment to find quality, affordable solutions to help RHF fulfill its mission of providing affordable housing and services.
Honoring Some Incredible Individuals

“A pessimist, they say, sees a glass of water as being half empty; an optimist sees the same glass as half full. But a giving person sees a glass of water and starts looking for someone who might be thirsty.”

- G. Thomas Gale

April has been designated as National Volunteer Month. RHF and our communities are blessed to have thousands of people believe in its mission and volunteer at our communities. These two individuals were honored at our annual dinner in February for their volunteer efforts in two of those communities.

RHF’s 2018 Volunteer of the Year
Donna Parris
Benson Manor - Smyrna, Georgia

Donna began her relationship with the residents of Benson Manor (Smyrna, GA) during the 13 years her mother lived at the community. Throughout those years Donna would bring her children and grandchildren to visit her mother, and all the residents got to know the family.

When a local church could no longer provide Benson Manor residents with the Christmas holiday party, Donna stepped in and volunteered to cook Christmas dinner on Christmas Day so that residents who didn’t have family would have something special. She made sure that it was held late enough in the day that residents who had visited their families for the holidays could come and attend as well.

More recently she has started other holiday activities (Valentine’s Day, Easter) and has even provided a free Bingo night with snacks and prizes. She has recruited more volunteers from her place of employment to help with the many activities she provides.

Residents appreciate her generosity and the fellowship she provides. She has truly given all of the residents the feeling they are part of her family and that she cares deeply about them and would help them in any way that she can.

“Performing acts of kindness to others warms my heart,” Donna will tell you, “Sometimes the smallest acts of kindness can make the biggest difference.”

RHF’s 2018 Local Board Member of the Year
Jane Roach
Auburn Ravine Terrace - Auburn, California

Jane Roach has served five consecutive terms on the Board of Auburn Ravine Terrace (ART) in Auburn, California. As an ART Board member, she has taken an active part in their endeavors which has included duties as Acting Board Chair during transitions from one Board Chair to the next.

Jane was the primary initiator of a task force formed to revise the ART Board Bylaws, a multi-year effort that is currently being finalized. As a result of changes, recruiting new members onto the Board has become easier.

Jane has become the in-house ART historian through several difficult transitions, providing guidance and direction consistent with the vision of the founders of ART. Jane’s musical ability is apparent when she is playing the piano for various activities. She performs with her quartet at numerous events, and brings her choirs that she is a member of to ART to entertain the residents throughout the year.

She has taken on the responsibility of scheduling local ministers for Vespers, Bible Study and ART’s quarterly Memorial Service. For the past five years, Jane has focused her Board activities toward building a closer relationship between ART and co-sponsor First Congregational Church, which has included creating an ART Benevolent Fund that is managed by the Placer Community Foundation and is intended for the benefit of ART residents.
Charles (Chuck) L. Graves  
Westminster Village Kentuckiana, Clarksville, IN.

Chuck Graves is a retired Westminster Village Kentuckiana (WVK) employee and 20-year veteran of the U.S. Army. He worked at Westminster for more than 7 years, and his retirement saddened many of the staff and residents. He missed everyone as well and, shortly after his retirement, he started volunteering regularly at the community.

Chuck has a big heart for the residents of the health care facility. Even before he retired, he’d volunteer after hours to assist the Activity Department in setting up and working big events. Chuck assists the residents with their shopping, carrying their bags, reading to them, helping them order their food and assisting them in anything else they may need.

WVK hosts a portion of the area’s annual Senior Olympics and Chuck is there directing traffic and dealing with other issues that come up with handling a large crowd.

Chuck will do the behind-the-scenes work that goes into making a successful event for the cost of a hug and a handshake.

Sandra Hubbs  
Pioneer House, Sacramento, California

Sandra began her relationship with Pioneer House while a relative was living at the community. After her relative passed away, she continued to work with the activity staff two days a week and also came to visit on holidays and during special events. Sometimes she brings her pet dog, Teddy, to visit with the residents as well.

While her donations of prizes for the weekly bingo game, decorations for the holidays, and gently used clothing are appreciated, it is probably the time that she spends with individual residents, quietly talking or just listening that has the biggest impact on the community she serves.

Dottie Hack  
Harvest Pointe, Loveland, Colorado

Each year, in celebration of Older Americans month, Larimer County Human Services Department presents the Stan Ulrich Senior Volunteer Awards to several outstanding senior volunteers for their efforts and achievements throughout the year.

In 2017, the award was given to Harvest Pointe resident Dottie Hack. Dottie, a mother of five children, 11 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren, volunteers with the Volunteers of America meal program and at the local Food Bank.

Since moving to Harvest Pointe, she organized her monthly Dottie’s Potluck and was part of the Welcome Committee for new residents. In 2017, Dottie organized the Project H.A.N.D.S.®, in which residents make hats and lap blankets for cancer patients at the McKee Medical Center.

She is an advocate for senior issues and encourages fellow residents to write their congressmen to support senior housing programs.
Community News

Great Things are Happening

Ingleside Manor Celebrates Martin Luther King Jr.
Ingleside Manor - Macon, Georgia

In January, Ingleside Manor had a wonderful program in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr., which was organized by resident Kay Stephens. A local news station even came by to cover the event!

The program focused on local people who broke barriers in Macon. Speakers included Ms. Angel Irving Cobb, who was the first black female talk show host, Mr. Herbert Dennard, who is a black journalist and the founder of Georgia Informer Newspaper, Mr. Harold Wilson, the first black bank executive, and Chief Brenda Thomas, the first black female Chief Officer at Macon-Bibb Fire Department.

Benson Manor is Lucky to have Donna
Benson Manor - Smyrna, Georgia

On St. Patrick’s Day, the residents at Benson Manor were very lucky to be presented with a lovely dinner by Donna Parris, RHF’s 2018 Volunteer of the Year, and some of her friends.

Just before the dinner got started, the residents and Benson Manor’s Manager, Linda Newsome, presented Donna with a card and flowers to express their appreciation for all the wonderful dinners she has put together for them. Donna’s donated time has brought a lot of joy to the residents of Benson Manor.

Honoring Local Heroes at The Cloisters
The Cloisters - DeLand, Florida

On March 15, an appreciation barbecue luncheon was held at The Cloisters for an estimated forty local first responders. Included were members of the DeLand Police and Fire Departments, and the outstanding EVAC Team. The event was sponsored by The Cloisters’ staff and a group of resident volunteers.

Thanks to the outstanding Dietary Department staff, guests were treated to pork barbecue, macaroni and cheese, potato salad and cole slaw. Whipped cream topped apple and cherry cobbler completed a meal that received much praise from the guests. The delicious lunch was followed by musical entertainment and dancing.

On their way home, each guest departed with a bag of treats graciously prepared by The Cloisters’ Marketing Department.
Meals on Wheels of Collin County has started distributing a weekly supply of fresh produce to Towne Creek Apartments from the North Texas Food Bank. Towne Creek Apartments has been a Meals on Wheels congregant site since August 2015, which qualified them for this service.

The fresh produce varies from week to week. Past deliveries have included tomatoes, potatoes, all types of squashes, bananas, apples, cabbage and more. A recent delivery included three boxes of cucumbers, three boxes of yellow squash and two boxes of pre-cut Asian salad.

Each Thursday, the lobby fills up early with residents eagerly awaiting the delivery. The residents really appreciate this service which allows them to have fresh produce on a consistent basis.

Community Day in South L.A.
Paloma Terrace - Los Angeles, California

For several months now, Paloma Terrace has hosted a monthly Community Day, which is also open to the senior residents of neighboring Broadwood Terrace.

Paloma Terrace’s Manager, Monique Muldrow, has partnered with The Compassion Project, which collects donations for those in need, to help some of the residents who may not be able to afford some necessities. Donations consist of household items, clothing, pet supplies, and food.

This event also includes a barbecue meal, which is generously donated by Monique or The Compassion Project. Residents are encouraged to mingle with fellow residents, enjoy a delicious meal and rummage through free items that have been collected. Any leftover items are donated to local shelters in South Central Los Angeles.

The Mill Pond Riveters
Mill Pond Manor - Saline, Michigan

These lovely ladies, both residents of Mill Pond Manor, worked in the Will Run Bomber Factory in Romulus, Michigan during World War II.

Marjorie Haskins worked in the office making sure all orders were filled appropriately, and Marian Youngs worked the production line. They rode buses to the airport from their local towns every day, which would take hours.

Both ladies were recently interviewed and these videos will be included in a “Rosie the Riveter” display in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, DC.
Centenarians

Angelus Plaza - Los Angeles, California

Soledad Alfaro turned 102 in February of this year. She worked for the U.S. Consulate in Cuba in 1944 and four years later she and her 15 year-old daughter immigrated to the United States. These days she is active in the Latin American Club and enjoys getting together with her daughter, eight grandsons, 17 great-grandchildren and 9 great-great grandchildren.

Woo Wha Chu is a long time resident of Angelus Plaza, having lived there for about 30 years. Before immigrating to the U.S. she was a teacher in China. This April, Woo Wha is celebrating her 102nd birthday. She is active in various activities at Angelus Plaza, from the resident’s club to Bible study. She is always ready to greet her fellow residents with a smile.

Patricia Valenzuela turned 100 years old this February and has lived at Angelus Plaza for 25 years. She enjoys making paper mache artwork and being able to live comfortably at Angelus Plaza.

Bishop’s Glen - Holly Hill, Florida

Harriet Norris turned 103 in April. Born in Michigan, Harriet and her husband traveled throughout the US and Canada in an RV. She was a registered nurse and spent 20 years as a hospice volunteer. She has three children and loves to play bridge and read. She is a friendly person who always has a smile and is willing to share her generous spirit with both residents and staff.

Gold Country Healthcare Center - Placerville, California

Freda Sanor turned 104 in February. She has lived at Gold Country Healthcare Center (GCHC) for a little over two years. She is an active person, but knows how to enjoy her naps. She loves the outdoors and takes a stroll outside daily. While her family doesn’t live locally, her son calls her and she waits patiently for that call to complete her day. Their devotion to each other puts a smile on everyone’s face. Freda is a delight and a welcomed addition to the Gold Country community.

Billie Bedegrew has lived at Gold Country for 10 years. She turned 102 in February of this year. Her life started with excitement, the doctor was late and she was delivered by her father! The family relocated to Sacramento when she was 17. She met her future husband through a friend while she was a senior at Sacramento High, and they were married while she was in college.

They had three children who all live locally and enjoy the Sierra foothills. She is the proud grandmother to six and great grandmother to three.

Happy Birthday To You . . .
Harshfield Terrace - Quartz Hill, California

Rozelle Thompson turned 102 in March of this year. Rozelle is a delight to know, is full of life and loved by everyone at Harshfield Terrace. She likes to read and loves her church and time spent with her family.

Courtenay Springs Village - Merritt Island, Florida

Mary Ferrigno turned 101 in April of this year. She moved into Courtenay Springs Village in May of 2013. She has three daughters and one son. She earned her Masters degree in education and was a teacher. Mary enjoys spending time with family and friends.

Bertha Martin has lived at Courtenay Springs Village since 2014, she turned 104 in March of this year. Bertha was born in Albany, N.Y. and raised in Long Island, N.Y.

She worked for the Hazeltine Company for 26 years building circuit boards for the government/military to utilize during the Vietnam War. She married Frank Martin at age 21 and had 2 children. Once her oldest child was born she decided not to return to work and became a homemaker. Bertha and Frank were married for over 50 years.

Auburn Ravine Terrace - Auburn, California

Bette Johnson turned 102 in May. Bette was born in Duluth, Minnesota. She came to Southern California as a young girl. She was married and widowed very early and raised her two daughters on her own.

Before moving to Auburn Ravine Terrace, she told stories of how nice the firemen were in Southern California. I did not realize until she moved here, that her previous apartment was right across the street from the fire station and she had made quite good friends with the firemen.

Bette still goes every week to the Senior Center for her painting class and she is quite active in our Helping Hands Program.

DeSmet Retirement Community - Florissant, MO

Charles Dyall was born in April of 1917. After graduating from college, he spent 4 years in the Army at Fort Leonard Wood in the headquarters photo lab during WWII.

Upon returning home he took over Dyall Portrait Studio from his father, C. Herbert Dyall, who started the business in 1892. He ran the business until his daughter took over in 1980.

Charles is a tennis buff, having been the city and Iowa Wesleyan College tennis champ many times in his younger years. He now lives in Florissant, MO to be close to his son John. He was able to make the first serve at the opening ceremonies for the Florissant Tennis courts. Four generations of Dyalls were in attendance and he served the ball to his great-grandson Owen Dyall age 1 in 2015.
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.

Seabury Heights - Worcester, Massachusetts

Doris Clark turned 101 this past March. She was one of nine children and states she had a wonderful childhood. At the age of 13, her father died and she left school to work in a shoe shop near her home. She eventually went back to school and got her high school diploma.

She raised three children. “I worked all my life taking care of everyone,” Doris says, “but I didn’t do it alone, I had the good Lord behind me all the way.”

Fanya Relkina lived in Belarus, Russia before WWII. She survived very difficult circumstances before and during the war including the loss of her parents and child.

She had four children and now has one surviving son. Fanya graduated from a culinary school and worked for many years in a Russian Cultural Center which existed inside of a very large factory.

Fanya moved to the United States in 2001.

Gateway Gardens – Poway, California

Virginia B. Williams turned 101 in March of this year. She has always been like the energizer bunny with rechargeable batteries. She is enthusiastic and loves activities, people and to be busy. Boredom is her biggest enemy. No matter what her shelf life date is, she intends to live her life to the fullest.

Bixby Knolls Towers – Long Beach, California

Jim Lavia will be 101 in May and is a WWII veteran and has three children.

Pat Russell celebrated 101 in April. She was a secretary and worked for a pathologist, but never watched an autopsy. She has two daughters.
An Artist Amongst Us

In the April 2018 issue of Agingtree.com’s Legacy magazine, you can read about Helene Kereluk, a resident at RHF’s The Cloisters in Deland, Florida in their featured article From Despair to Delight: A story of Self-Sacrifice through love, service and faith. Helene talks about her life growing up in German-occupied Belgium, moving to the United States and developing her love for art.

RHF knows firsthand about her creative talent – she designed the front cover of In The Kitchen with RHF – a collection of time-tested recipes from RHF communities all over the country. 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 visiting the Spotlight section.

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

Join Us On Social Media!

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

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Bishop’s Glen Retirement Community
The Cloisters
Courtenay Springs Village
Farrfield Manor
Gold Country Retirement and Healthcare
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St. Catherine Retirement Community
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Westminster Village

Auburn Ravine Terrace
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Colonial Heights and Gardens
DeSmet Retirement
Gaslight Apartments
LaFontaine Center Apartments
Mayflower Gardens Retirement Community
Pioneer House
Retirement Housing Foundation
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RHF is now 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.

Visit Our YouTube Channel

Follow Retirement Housing Foundation’s YouTube channel for a chance to get to know some of our residents and hear their stories. The two well-received videos that were shown at our annual dinner are available to watch there and we already have plans to add plenty more exciting content. Stay tuned!
Thank You 2018 Major Donors

We are grateful to the following business partners that contributed a major gift to the RHF mission. They were recognized during our 57th Annual Meeting in February 2018.

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In August, Marymount Manor (Tacoma, WA) received a generous $23,000 grant from Windows of Hope Foundation to renovate their community room. Like many community rooms in RHF communities, this space serves as the “living room” of the community, providing a space for residents to relax, socialize, entertain and host community groups.

The grant provided new furnishings in the community room and other seating areas, a large, wall mounted television, a cozy fireplace, and some small kitchen appliances for residents to use at community gatherings in the renovated room. The project was completed in time for residents to enjoy their holiday celebrations with the new furnishings and they were honored to have a visit from the Foundation in March to see the finished project.

The Gary E. Milgard Family Foundation was created in 2000 by Gary and Carol Milgard and their children Cari, Lori, and Mark who shared a deep interest in and commitment to philanthropy. In 2016, the foundation reorganized and distributed the funds of the Gary E. Milgard Family Foundation into four new foundations. Windows of Hope Foundation is one of these new foundations.

The Gary E. Milgard Family of Foundations focuses on honoring the legacy of Gary and Carol Milgard. Gary Milgard was the founder of the successful window company, Milgard Manufacturing, Inc., in Tacoma, Washington. Each foundation was created to represent individual interests of board members. Their goal is to support the work of a more targeted group of organizations and demonstrate the value of community service. Windows of Hope focuses on supporting organizations that provide services to the elderly population of Pierce County, Washington.

In December, LeadingAge awarded RHF Charitable Foundation a $25,000 disaster relief grant to provide assistance to Fajardo Housing for the Elderly in Puerto Rico and Sunny Isle Housing in the U.S. Virgin Islands, two affordable senior communities impacted by the 2017 hurricanes. As a result of this award, direct assistance was provided to team members and community funds were provided for capital repairs.

“I want to give thanks for help we received today. We are very grateful and my co-workers too because we can use it in repairs to our homes. I’m going to use it for the repair of the ceiling, specially filtrations and will help me cover a repair for an inverter compressor that was damaged because of Hurricane Maria. Thanks very much. God bless you all.” – Ricardo Justiniano, Social Service Coordinator, Fajardo Housing For the Elderly (Puerto Rico)

Retirement Housing Foundation and RHF Charitable Foundation are thankful for the opportunity to partner with LeadingAge - whose 6,000 members include not-for-profit organizations representing the entire field of aging services, 38 state affiliates, hundreds of businesses, consumer groups, and foundations - in the ongoing recovery of these devastating storms. It is through the generous support of partners like LeadingAge that we are able to make a difference in so many lives.
The following donors made monetary or in-kind donations to RHF Charitable Foundation’s designated funds through the national headquarters office from November 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018.

Dr. Joseph with Bellwether Enterprises’ Senior VP, Jeffrey Mion.

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It was a record-breaking year for the Toys for RHF Kids Campaign. In Spring of 2017, RHF nearly doubled its portfolio of family communities in the Los Angeles area, which added 600 children to Santa’s RHF toy delivery list.

Thanks to a handful of our local senior communities and RHF National Office staff, we launched the Unwrap a Smile with RHF fundraising campaign to help us meet the growing need for toys and gift cards. Thanks to their generosity, we were able to raise more than $19,000 for Toys for RHF Kids in 2017. In addition to the money raised, a few groups of enthusiastic residents from Klein Manor (Los Alamitos) and Bixby Knolls Towers (Long Beach, CA) volunteered to help wrap the toys before loading them on Santa’s sleigh.

Altogether, RHF Charitable Foundation provided toys and gift cards to 1,600 children who live in RHF’s affordable housing communities across the country. Thank you to all of our elves (wrappers, donors, volunteers, and staff) for making the 2017 holiday season merry and bright for RHF kids.

That’s a Wrap, Folks: 2017 Holiday Toy Drive

Chang Nam & Un Suk Oh
Grace J. Oh
Ho & Hee Oh
Myung Eun Oh
Ruby R. Oh
Soon Oh
Sun Yang Oh
Yoon Oh
Abel Ortega
Jin & Jung Pack
Kwi Rye Pae
Kuong Sook Pae
Ho Paek
Angie Jen Pai
Seung & Kyung Paik
Bo Ock Pak
Chunsik & Haengja Pak
Ik S. Pak
Kwang Cha Pak
Kjong Ye Pak
Myoung Hui Pak
Elizabeth Palomares
Consuelo Palomino
James Pan
Michael Pan
Yin Di Pan
Yu Ain Pan
Yu Ping Pan
Suk Soo Pang
Carmen Parenzuela
Choon & Yang Park
Chum Park
David Park
Do Won & Soon Cho Park
Gemmer Park
Jane Park
Kay Park
Kilwon Park
Kum Park
Kyui Som Park
Kyung Park
Kyung Won Park
Myung Ja Park
Noh Park
Ok Ja Park
Richard Park
Seung Eun Park
Son & Jung Park
Soon I. Park
Soon Bok Oh Park
Soon Kyu Park
Won Yi Park
Young Park
Young Shin Park
Yun Sun Park
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Consuelo Roman
Alejandro Romboa
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Wang Rui
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Jung Soo Shin
Min Ja Shin
Moo & Yong Shin
Myoung Ok Shin
Sai & Sang Shin
Soon N. Shin
Young Shin
Young & Ok Shin
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RHF Charitable Foundation Approved As a
Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) Member

In the summer of 2017, Philanthropy was again notified that our CFC application was approved. This makes it easier for federal employees to make a donation to us via payroll deduction and/or check. We received assistance from Health and Human Services Charities of America, a non-profit organization and a federation that reviews applications and distributes donated funds. There are currently more than 30 federations within the CFC, most of them organized around a specific theme. Approximately 1,900 national organizations and 40,000 local organizations qualify for the CFC annually.
In Memory of . . .

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Cheryl Howell

… Pat Carter
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The RHF Circle of Friends is our legacy society. There are many ways to qualify for membership, such as RHF gift annuities that provide lifetime income to the donor, life insurance, real estate gifts, charitable remainder trusts, and gifts from pension fund assets and/or simply including RHF in your Will or Trust.

We are grateful for our RHF Circle of Friends members:

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If you have named Retirement Housing Foundation as a beneficiary of a planned gift, please allow us to honor you as a member of the RHF Circle of Friends. If you would like more information about how to include RHF or an RHF community in your will, or structure a life income gift that benefits you and your family, please call (562) 257-5141.
Our staff members perform important daily duties to make shelter and service a reality for the people we serve. Staff members who additionally choose to voluntarily support RHF Charitable Foundation through monetary donations are contributing to the fiscal health of our mission. We are extremely grateful for their optional financial commitment as well as the investment they already have made with their hearts, lives and careers.

The following staff members personally contributed to our mission since our last newsletter:

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You Did It!

The purpose of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is to provide housing and community development assistance and to make sure everyone has access to “fair and equal” housing.

Established in the Housing Act of 1959, HUD Section 202: Supportive Housing for the Elderly, is a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program that provides capital advances to private, nonprofit sponsors to finance the development of housing for elderly residents.

This program provides very low-income elderly with options that allow them to live independently.

In 2012, the federal government stopped funding the construction of new Section 202 housing – saying that the hiatus was for one year only. In 2013 there continued to be no funding for this program . . . in 2014, no funding . . . in 2015, no funding . . . and yet more than 10,000 people a day are turning 65 in America.

Throughout this entire time, nonprofits and the residents they served were letting their elected officials in Washington, D.C. know that funding this program was crucial through letters, phone calls and visits to Capitol Hill. They have finally listened.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act for 2018 that was just passed by Congress includes $105M in new funding for Section 202 construction. While we need more – this is a start. We will still need your letters and phone calls to make sure that program remains funded – and even grows, because there is such a need – but for right now you need to know that you did it!