From The President

The Season of Giving

Every year seems to go quicker and Christmas is near. It is known as “The Season of Giving.” But I know that all year long is a Season of Giving for RHF.

Each year we have a toy drive for the 1600 children and youth who live in our affordable family communities. Residents, team members, business partners and friends give thousands of dollars so that every child receives a toy and youth receive gift cards.

Residents and staff participate in our H.A.N.D.S.® groups (Helping Angels National Donated Support) which last year sewed, knitted and crocheted over 31,000 scarves, socks, gloves, hats and blankets for children in homeless shelters, centers for the abused, hospitals and persons in need.

We provided several youth education scholarships for children and youth in our communities and last year for the first time provided an Aging Services College scholarship for a resident preparing to pursue a career in aging services.

We provided book libraries in 9 of our family communities thereby encouraging children and youth to read and further their education.

Most of all, on every day we provided housing, services and health care to 22,500 persons. And we know first hand that what we read in the news or see on TV concerning the need being so great is real because we have approximately 45,000 persons on our waiting lists.

We serve persons of many different faiths and no religious affiliation but in this season I always think about the nativity story narrative “no Room in the Inn.” So, in this season and all year long, all of us need to be generous with our funds, time and efforts through personal actions, including advocacy with our elected leaders to address the housing crisis.

I also want to thank our team members, our residents, business partners, Board members and generous supporters who make “The Season of Giving” a reality so that the lives of thousands of people are made better.

I wish you the best in the season and every season! Thanks for what you do and please keep doing it!

Dr. Laverne R. Joseph

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Welcome to the Family!

Crenshaw Gardens

On August 14th, an event was held to celebrate the dedication of Crenshaw Gardens, RHF’s newest affordable housing community for families in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti spoke during the program and then visited the new Community Library and Resource Center where he read a book to some of the community’s youngest residents.

Crenshaw Gardens is a mixed use project consisting of 49 affordable family apartments (1, 2, and 3 bedrooms) and ground floor commercial space. Amenities include a laundry room, indoor bike racks, and a community room which contains a small kitchen and a lounge area. The community room opens to a large, central courtyard, which has seating distributed throughout the dense landscaping. The open plan concept apartments feature Energy Star® rated kitchen appliances and water efficient bathroom fixtures.

Financing for the development and construction of Crenshaw Gardens was provided by Citibank, Angelus Trust, Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department, California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, Boston Financial Investment Management and UNIDAD.

St. James Park Celebrates Completion of $14.5 Million Rehab

Shortly after the dedication at Crenshaw Gardens, we celebrated the re-dedication of St. James Park, an affordable community for older adults in Los Angeles that recently received a large-scale renovation.

St. James Park consists of four buildings, one of which is a historic mansion that was reportedly once owned by a member of the Three Stooges. During the $14.5 million renovation, units, corridors, and common areas throughout the entire community were completely remodeled. Energy efficient appliances and water efficient bathroom fixtures were used in the apartments. All the buildings also received new roofing and new ADA accessibility features. A historic restoration to the exterior and a major basement remodel were completed on the mansion. Previously unused, the basement is now a beautiful, functional common area. Some of the other buildings received Seismic Retrofit Program upgrades, new fire sprinkler systems, façade upgrades, and structural repairs.

Financing for the renovation of St. James Park was provided by the City of Los Angeles/HCIDLA, the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, Citi Community Capital, and R4 Capital.
Anniversary Events

55th Anniversary Celebrations

Michigan

The residents and staff of Mill Pond Manor in Saline, Michigan hosted their 55th anniversary celebration for RHF on August 9th. Saline’s Mayor Brian Marl joined in the festivities as a guest speaker.

Nebraska

RHF’s four Nebraska communities, Pioneer Manor, Great Plains Housing, Cimarron Court, and Malone Manor, took turns hosting their RHF 55th anniversary celebrations in late August.

Kentucky

In mid September, Colonial Heights and Gardens in Florence, KY celebrated RHF’s 55 Years of Changing Lives. Speakers at the event included several residents and Kentucky State Senator John Schickel.

Central California

The events on October 2nd at Olson Rotary Village (Delano, CA) and Lowell Place (Bakersfield, CA) concluded the official 55th anniversary celebrations within the communities. The residents were joined by Delano Mayor Joe Aguirre and representatives from the offices of Congressman TJ Cox, Senator Shannon Grove, and Assemblymember Rudy Salas Jr.

A Great Holiday Gift!

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. This project supports RHF’s Resident Benevolence Fund.

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 December 1st and December 31st, 2019 will be wrapped for holiday gift-giving!
National News

Looking Towards the Future

Retirement Housing Foundation (RHF) has signed a Master Development Agreement (MDA) with the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) to begin the pre-development work on an 800-unit affordable senior community in Honolulu, Hawaii.

“We are very pleased to sign this agreement and look forward to building and operating this premier affordable housing community in Honolulu for older adults,” said Dr. Laverne Joseph, President and CEO of RHF.

This project will sit on the six-acre site that currently houses HPHA’s business offices. When fully developed, this community is envisioned to be three, 20-story buildings which will include HPHA’s administrative offices, 800 affordable apartments with resident common area space, and commercial space located on the first floor of the towers.

The project is currently planned to be built in three phases over the period of 10 years and is expected to cost more than $370 million to construct.

With the signing of this agreement, RHF now begins working with a team of professionals that includes Design Partners Incorporated, PBR Hawaii & Associates, Inc., Hida, Okamoto & Associates, Inc., Imata & Associates, Avalon Development Corp., Case Lombardi Law Firm, and Concordia. This group is tasked with handling the incredible amount of issues involved in working through all the government regulations and requirements on a project of this size.

One of the biggest issues facing a large project like this is getting all the funding in place to begin construction. It is hoped that the first phase of this project will begin in 2021.

Dr. Joseph goes on to say, “We are excited to partner with HPHA on this important project, and we are committed to our residents, communities and neighborhoods that we serve.”

Angelus Plaza Gets a Little Bit Greener

So Cal Gas and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power celebrated the completion of a two year project that included installing more than $1 million in energy efficient equipment for Angelus Plaza, an RHF community in Los Angeles, California.

Angelus Plaza is a 1,093 affordable senior community located on two city blocks in the downtown area. The average age of the 1400 seniors that live at the community is 82 and a single senior’s average monthly income is $845 while a couple’s monthly income averages $1407.

While the residents will see a drop in their utility bill, it is projected that the building will save more than $150,000 a year in energy costs with improvements made.
Community News

Halloween at RHF

Riverside Village - Leominster, MA

Riverside Village Apartments hosted a Harvest Festival on October 28th and had over 60 residents of all ages in attendance. Peter Magic from TAP, MassHousing’s Tenant Assistance Program, put on an amazing magic show to entertain all of the attendees. They then had a few fun rounds of Autumn-themed Bingo, followed by some pumpkin decorating!

Independence Square - Evansville, IN

Halloween at Independence Square means that the residents can expect a visit from the children at the nearby Deaconess Children’s Enrichment Center. This year, about 60 children of all ages paraded through the community to show off their creative costumes and collect candy from the residents.

RHF National Office

There was some tough competition at the RHF National Office’s annual costume contest. Early in the day, staff gathered for the costume parade and then turned in their votes for their favorite costumes. While everyone enjoyed lunch with their coworkers, the winners were announced and given their prizes. The first place winners, pictured here in vibrant green, were Carlos and Sal as “Go Green – Operation Romeo, Hotel, Foxtrot.”

Like Us On Facebook

Do you want to hear the latest on what is happening at RHF? Interested in knowing what is going on at a number of RHF’s communities? Check out 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
- Gold Country Retirement and Healthcare
- Mayflower Gardens Retirement Community
- Plymouth Square
- Sun City Gardens
- The Gateway
- Pioneer House
- Angelus Plaza
- Bishop’s Glen Retirement Community
- The Cloisters
- Courtenay Springs Village
- Gaslight Apartments
- LaFontaine Center Apartments
- Park Place Assisted Living
- St. Catherine Retirement Community
- The Carolinian
- Westminster Village
- Farrfield Manor
Veterans Day

Auburn Ravine Terrace - Auburn, CA

The veteran residents of Auburn Ravine Terrace got to ride in the community’s bus as part of the local Veterans Day parade. They were gifted medals for their service and the parade ended with a meal and a special program at the local fairgrounds. After the festivities, everyone returned to the community for an event to honor all 25 of the veterans at Auburn Ravine Terrace.

Park Place - Seattle, WA

Park Place was honored with a visit from the Washington Patriot Guard Riders due to a request from a resident veteran and volunteer who is a retired Army Colonel. The Patriot Guard Riders is a volunteer-run, non-profit organization with a goal to ensure dignity and respect at memorial services honoring Fallen Military Heroes, First Responders and honorably discharged Veterans. When the riders approached Park Place, the residents and staff began to sing “God Bless America” to them.

Verde View - Camp Verde, AZ

At Verde View’s Veterans Day celebration, the resident veterans took turns telling stories while they all enjoyed pizza and apple pie thanks to a donation from the Arizona Public Service. The veterans were presented with a certificate from Verde View along with some sweet treats to thank them for their service.

Marymount Manor - Tacoma, WA

Earlier this year, Marymount Manor resident Jerry Gogarty was chosen by Honor Flight, a non-profit organization, to take a trip to visit war memorials in Washington, DC. For Veterans Day, Marymount residents gathered to hear Jerry’s stories from his trip. Here you can see Jerry displaying some of the amazing photos that he took at the memorials.

Follow 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.

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.
Community News

Gelatin Art at Las Alturas
Las Alturas - Los Angeles, CA

We receive submissions about the wide variety of art projects and activities happening within our communities but Las Alturas’s gelatin art is definitely a first! A community volunteer, who has become an expert in gelatin creations and swears by the activity for stress relief, committed to teaching a gelatin class to the residents of Las Alturas. The residents loved being able to make beautiful and delicious gifts for friends and family. Because of the popularity of the first class, there will be two more classes coming up in December where the residents will get to explore new flavor combinations.

We Appreciate our Residents
Charles Major Manor - Shelbyville, IN

Charles Major Manor hosted a “Resident Appreciation Cookout” in August. Though the original plan called for an outdoor event, the extreme heat meant that the event had to be moved indoors last minute. A few residents still managed to find a shady spot outside to enjoy their meal with a view of the community’s scenic grounds. Items for the event were provided by kind donations from Culligan Water Conditioning and Zion Evangelical Church of Shelbyville.

Pink Pumpkins
The Cloisters - DeLand, FL

On October 30th, the atrium at The Cloisters was covered with pink decorations and nearly two dozen pink pumpkins that had been artistically crafted by community partners and residents and staff of The Cloisters. Approximately 100 people gathered for an event held in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month. Attendees enjoyed pumpkin inspired treats and purchased raffle tickets in an attempt to win their favorite pink pumpkin. All raffle proceeds were donated to the American Cancer Society for breast cancer education and prevention.

Crime Prevention
Sagetree Terrace - Houston, TX

The Harris County Sheriff’s Office Crime Prevention Unit recently visited the residents of Sagetree Terrace to discuss various ways to avoid becoming the victim of a crime. Topics included holiday shopping safety tips, fraud and abuse prevention, identity protection, and cyber security. Harris County is home to the Senior Justice Assessment Center, which serves the needs of senior victims of abuse, neglect, and exploitation and is the first center of its kind in Texas.
Three Health Fairs

Farrfield Manor - Columbus, GA

In late September, Farrfield Manor held its 3rd Annual Sassy Seniors Health, Wellness and Resource Fair. They had 18 vendors participate, providing information, promotional giveaways, and door prizes. Thanks to the generous donations from the local community, Farrfield Manor was able to provide snacks for the participants.

Marymount Manor - Tacoma, WA

Marymount held a well-attended Healthcare Fair in October. Vendors at the event included United Healthcare, Aetna, Premera Blue Cross, Dispatch, Humana, and Pierce County Aging and Disability Resources. This event gave residents the opportunity to understand what each healthcare provider has to offer and ask any questions they may have. Each vendor was given “Marymount Bucks” to hand out which residents will be able to use at a community auction early next year.

Towers of Jacksonville - Jacksonville, FL

Towers of Jacksonville resident, Rhonda Riggins, took the lead and worked with several other residents to organize a health fair at the community. University of North Florida, Humana, Wellcare, Secure Choice, Community Hospice, Aging True, and the Jacksonville Public Library participated with manned tables at the event. Several booths had games to play and prizes to hand out.

Food Drive

Valley View Apartments - Manitowoc, WI

Valley View residents and staff heard of the potential closure of the nearby Two Rivers Ecumenical Pantry due to lack of funding and donations, so they decided to hold a month-long food drive where they collected 290 items. They also held several fundraising events, including a spaghetti dinner and cupcake sale, to gather funds to donate to the pantry. Pictured here are resident Doreen Carbon, Service Coordinator Cindy Kalbes and resident Doris Mattie with their gathered donations.

Luau in Pasadena

Pilgrim Tower East - Pasadena, CA

A Luau, sponsored by a group of volunteers called TLC (Tuesday Love Collaboration), was recently held for the residents at Pilgrim Tower East. A community volunteer and painter named Nancy provided painting materials and led a painting tutorial at the party. About half of the residents said that this was their first time painting. Residents also enjoyed Polynesian music and dancing.
As the holidays approach, we are all reminded of what we have to be thankful for. Whether it is a loving family, good friends, a roof over our heads or food on our table - we all have something in our lives to be grateful for.

Whatever your faith tradition might be, know that all 2,900 RHF team members wish you a wonderful holiday and Happy New Year!


3) Payroll (L to R) Rosa Lara, Gloria Puentes, Jennifer Staley, Diane Lespron, and Brenda Chico.


7) **Budget, Reimbursement and Analysis** (L to R) Michael Rompal, Kent Steckbeck and Fidel Ventocilla.

8) **Financial Services** (L to R) Back Row: Frank Rossell, Chris Purcell and Mike Vukovich. Front Row: Lori Phelps, Vina Dao, Gus Azero and Cynthia Lyons. (Absent: Gloria Galeano)

9) **Administrative Services** (L to R) Back Row: Brian Gonzalez, Alyssa Gauss and Dr. Laverne Joseph. Front Row: Arlene Lacayo, Alexis Vasilchak, SeeSee Young, Sue Cosentino, and Chris Ragon.

10) **Philanthropy** (L to R) Stephanie Milano, Rachel Gould, Alexis Vasilchak, and Stephanie Titus.


12) **Healthcare Accounting** (L to R) Back Row: Elvira Garcia, Peggy Ricano and Elsie Tec. Front Row: Jackie Dizon-Ng and Tess Liwanag

Colonial Gardens (Florence, KY)

Eva Nostheide turned 101 in October. She has lived at Colonial for over 15 years, first at the Heights for twelve years in Independent Living and at the Gardens for three years in Personal Care. Eva enjoys all activities – especially Bingo. Eva has been an avid walker all of her life.

Auburn Ravine Terrace (Auburn, CA)

Wilma Weakley turned 102 in December and she has lived at Auburn Ravine Terrace for 8 years. She was a secretary for Eastman Kodak for 5 years and at an elementary school for about 20 years. She has made many close friends at the community and is very happy.

Harvest Pointe (Loveland, CO)

Chloie Moore, a resident of Harvest Pointe since 2009, will be turning 103 years old in December. Born in Kansas and raised on a ranch, Chloie is known for her exceptional sewing skills, which she uses to contribute to Harvest Pointe’s yearly craft sale, and her sharp sense of humor.

Guadalupe Senior Apartments (Denver, CO)

Maria Sierra turns 102 in December. She moved to Guadalupe Senior Apartments in 1991. She always has a smile on her face and is kind to everyone.

Sun City Gardens (Menifee, CA)

Frank Ferriaiolo was born in Brooklyn, New York and will turn 102 years old in January. He was a Crew Chief on a B-17 in the Air Force, and later worked as a bridge operator for 32 years in New York City. He has three wonderful daughters. Frank loves coming to Sun City’s live musical entertainment and social hour, and consistently wins our group Trivia activity. He is the Assisted Living community’s President of the Resident Council and is revered by many of the residents for his knowledge and compassion. His advice for staying young: “Everything in moderation.”

Pioneer House (Sacramento, CA)

Lydia Wacker turns 102 in December. She has lived in Sacramento all of her life and was married for 65 years. She enjoys talking about her four children and vacationing in Hawaii (where one of her sons currently lives).

Iris Moore turned 100 in October. She has lived at Pioneer House for 3 years. Iris had a beautiful home, where she raised her three daughters. She always made her own clothes. Her friends and family visit her daily and she looks forward to that.
**Binnall House (Gardner, MA)**

**Helen Frenney** will be 103 in January. She was born in Gardner (MA) and has lived there her entire life. She was married to the late Albert Frenney.

She has two daughters, one grandson and four great-grandchildren.

Helen enjoys watching TV, going out to church and going out to eat with her friends. She can often be found in the lobby sitting by the window enjoying the outside.

**Bixby Knolls Towers (Long Beach, CA)**

**Doris Conway** will turn 100 in January. She and her cat, Smokey, have called Bixby Knolls Towers home for 4 years.

**Lea Koon** turned 100 in December and has lived at Bixby for more than five years. She raised three children. When she was younger she enjoyed quilting, now she enjoys playing her piano.

**Bette & Don** (not pictured) **Barden** are both celebrating their 100th birthday this year. They have been married for 77 years and have three children, six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Don loved to golf and traveled frequently with Bette before they moved into Bixby Knolls Towers in 2014.

**Bishop’s Glen Retirement Community (Holly Hill, FL)**

**Mae Cromartie** is touted by her friends as a “southern lady” using descriptions such as sweet, very social, very kind. She turned 101 in November.

She was born in and moved from North Carolina to Florida with her husband Sam. Mae loves to read and walk. Bishop’s Glen is perfect for her because of the wonderful lakes and wildlife, as well as the fantastic library that allows her to read daily and exchange her books often. She wants everyone to know, yes, she is getting older, but she’s still going strong!

**Pilgrim Tower East (Pasadena, CA)**

**Paul Derian** has lived at Pilgrim Tower East for more than 22 years. He will turn 101 in January.

He enjoys his daily afternoon coffee with his friends at his community.
Angelus Plaza (Los Angeles, CA)

Chui Lin Tam turned 102 in November. She has lived at Angelus Plaza for over 30 years. She enjoys exercising daily and taught Yuanji Dance to many of her fellow residents. According to Chui Lin, exercise and having an appetite is the key to her longevity.

Raymond Yeh turned 102 years old this fall. Raymond has helped out his fellow residents since he moved in to Angelus Plaza in 1990. He helps translate for the non-English speaking residents and volunteered for the Angelus Plaza Senior Activity Center. He said the key to a long life is to eat healthy and stay fit.

Wen Yeh will turn 101 in December. Mr. Yeh has lived at Angelus Plaza for 28 years, having lived in China and Taiwan before coming to the United States. He feels that the key to longevity is exercise.

Towers of Jacksonville (Jacksonville, FL)

Lucille Nagy was born in January of 1918 in Pennsylvania. She grew up in New York as the eldest of 9 children. She moved to Jacksonville, FL when she was 28 years old, worked as a bookkeeper and lived in a boarding house. After selling her home she moved to the Baptist Towers (now The Towers of Jacksonville) in 1990 and worked as a receptionist in The Towers until she broke her arm in 2014 and was unable to write. Lucille lives alone and takes care of herself and friends who need help.

Lucille has lived through 28 Presidents, cars with rumble seats, and the explosion of the technology industry. She does have a cell phone and iPad. Lucille has 3 daughters, 7 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and 8 great, great-grandchildren.

Westminster Village (Clarksville, IN)

Catherine Goforth celebrated her 100th birthday with 120 family members and close friends. Some came from as far away as California and Seattle. She has lived at Westminster Village since 2009.

She enjoys all the activities and events with longtime friends who live at the community. Throughout her life she has been very active in business, civic, social and religious organizations.

Minnie Ice celebrated her 100th birthday in November with her family this year. Though she was born in Kentucky, she has lived most of her adult life in Indiana where she raised her four children with her husband, William. She has five grandchildren and eight, great-grandchildren.

DeSmet (Florissant, MO)

Gladys Theisman has lived at DeSmet for two years and turned 101 in November.
Happy Birthday To You! . . .

**Milestones**

**The Gateway and Gateway Gardens (Poway, CA)**

**Mary (Connie) Keller** turned 102 in December and, among other things, served her country in the United States Army. She is an avid swimmer and, in her travels around the world, has swum in some exotic spots, including the English Channel.

**Catherine Owens** turned 101 in November and can usually be seen driving her motorized scooter around the community. She has a standing hair appointment at the Gateway’s Beauty Salon that she never misses.

**Charles "Chuck" Oellien** celebrated his 100th birthday in October with his family.

**Irene Stene** will be turning 100 in January. She has lived at Gateway Gardens for the past 5 years.

**Courtenay Springs Village (Merritt Island, FL)**

**Stella Tomlinson** was born in West Virginia 1916. She was married to Stuart Tomlinson for 43 years and they raised two daughters. She was a homemaker and avid gardener and very active in her church. She has lived at Courtenay Springs Village for three years.

**The Cloisters (DeLand, FL)**

**Mary Ebbitts** attributes her longevity to being pretty easy going and not letting much faze her. Mary turned 101 in December.

**Dorothy Foster** has lived at The Cloisters for 12 years. She worked in the retail industry during the war. After the war she became a stay-at-home mom and full time volunteer. She has three daughters, seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and four great, great-grandchildren. Dorothy attributes her longevity of 102 years to good genes and staying involved. Dorothy states, “I have had a very blessed life.”

**Mayflower Gardens Convalescent Hospital (Lancaster, CA)**

**Therene Pearson** is a California native, growing up in San Diego and then with her grandparents in Redlands. She was married for 58 years and had two children. Her family has now grown to include five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and one great, great grandchild. She has lived at MGCH since 2010.

She celebrated her 102nd birthday in October.
Dear RHF Family and Friends,

On behalf RHF Charitable Foundation (RHFCF), I wish you a joyful holiday season! Through the generous support of our donors, we continued to serve RHF’s 22,500 residents through a variety of programs and services.

It is with great cheer, I share with you that in (fiscal year) 2019 RHFCF:

- Provided more than $225,000 in emergency rental assistance
- Partnered with Windows of Hope Foundation to build an outdoor recreation area at Marymount Manor (Tacoma, WA)
- Delivered holiday gifts to 1,600 kids living in RHF communities
- Awarded $9,250 in Youth Education Scholarships to RHF resident children and young adults.
- Distributed funds through Project H.A.N.D.S.® to help communities purchase crafting supplies for residents to create 20,000 items that were donated locally
- Opened Community Library and Resource Centers, featuring books and games for children of all ages, at 5 affordable family communities
- Hosted a Financial Fraud Prevention program in various affordable senior communities, in partnership with U.S. Bank

This holiday season, you can support RHF’s mission by making a gift to RHF Charitable Foundation using the enclosed donation envelope. Please be sure to mark which fund you would like to support. I look forward to sharing how your gift is serving RHF residents in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Stephanie L. Titus, M.B.A., CFRE
Vice President of Philanthropy

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This December, RHF Charitable Foundation will deliver gifts to 1,600 children living in RHF communities, honoring a tradition that began more than 20 years ago.

Toys for RHF Kids, collects monetary donations throughout the year and partners with toy manufacturers Mattel and Jakks Pacific to provide a present for every RHF kid for the holidays. Younger children (infant-9 years old) receive a toy and older children (10-17 years old) receive a gift card to Walmart or Target.

As part of this annual tradition, the toys will be lovingly wrapped by our RHF “Wrappers,” who include RHF senior resident volunteers before being loaded on Santa’s sleigh.
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Educating Our Seniors

In coordination with and support from U.S. Bank, RHF Charitable Foundation continued its Senior Financial Fraud Prevention program that was started last year. Two additional programs for RHF’s affordable senior communities were completed over the summer.

Residents at Culver City Rotary Club (Culver City, CA) enjoyed a program with U.S. Bank volunteers on July 17th, and residents at Las Alturas (Los Angeles, CA) enjoyed their program with U.S. Bank volunteers and RHF staff on September 18th, as part of U.S. Bank’s outreach efforts for National Hispanic Heritage month.

Both events were presented in Spanish and English by U.S. Bank staff volunteers from offices all over southern California. The programs featured information on common scams targeting seniors, as well as resources and helpful tips that our seniors could use to protect themselves and their finances.
Dr. Joseph Recognized For His Work In Affordable Housing

On October 9th, Dr. Joseph was awarded the 2019 Affordable Housing Management Association’s Pioneer of Affordable Housing award.

While his 32 years at the helm of Retirement Housing Foundation, where the organization grew from 65 communities in 12 states to 197 communities in 29 states, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands was cited as one of the reasons for this prestigious award, he was also recognized for his more than 50 years of tireless advocacy efforts on behalf of senior and affordable housing.

Dr. Joseph has gained national stature, respect and recognition for his resolute and tenacious work in affordable housing. He frequently addresses professional and service organizations and churches regarding various housing and social service programs, and has testified 12 times before Senate and Housing Committees on issues concerning national housing and services legislation.