Broadwood Terrace is the last HUD 202 to be built in Los Angeles, CA.
Another Way to Volunteer

As you will see, this issue of RHF Today features volunteers because our more than 1700 volunteers make a big difference in the lives of our residents.

When I was in Washington, DC for the annual Leading Age Peak meeting, March 15-18, a number of colleagues told me that RHF had been mentioned several times in the Public Policy Congress the day before as a good example of what Leading Age members should be doing with advocacy. (Leading Age is comprised of 6,000 nonprofit members who provide housing and healthcare across our nation.)

Later I spoke with Tommy Goodwin, Leading Age Director of Member Advocacy, who told me that already this year Leading Age members had sent more messages to members of Congress than the entire last year. He further told me that 229 RHF folks had sent 1,194 messages which made our team responsible for one out of every ten messages Leading Age members had sent. **Thanks to our 229 advocates who responded.** Can you imagine the impact RHF would have if half of our 20,000 residents and 2,900 team members plus lots of our families took up the challenge?

The way it works is when I get a request from Leading Age I pass it on to Chris Ragon, our Director of Communications, and she gets the request out to all of our communities to respond. Thanks to Chris for this good work! When they get the message some of our Administrators and Managers encourage our residents and staff to get involved. Some host a letter writing day in the community room where residents can enjoy one another’s company while they advocate for critical issues.

When I was thinking about this issue of RHF Today honoring volunteers, it occurred to me that Advocacy is another way we can all volunteer and make a difference in our communities, states, and nationally on things that matter to us. And I believe that advocating for affordable places to live and good healthcare is a tremendously needed volunteer activity. In fact, as I’ve stated many times, good health can be an illusion unless you have a good place to live.

Thanks to Tommy Goodwin for reminding me that Thomas Jefferson once said, “We in America do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate.”

Let’s all participate! Thanks for what you do in advocacy and for all the many other volunteer activities that really make a big difference!
RHF - Making a Difference For People

Every year RHF celebrates the best of what our Mission is . . . we hold educational sessions for staff and volunteer board members; celebrate a worship service that reminds us of our religious roots and it culminates in a dinner that honors the best of who we are. We introduce you to these organizations and individuals in the following pages of this newsletter.

The Friend of the Elderly award is given annually to an individual or organization making a substantial and/or unique contribution to the health, housing, social, psychological, and spiritual quality of life for older persons. The first person to receive this award was Mayor Tom Bradley, whose vision of a redeveloped downtown Los Angeles included Angelus Plaza; numerous elected officials, including Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, who championed the cause for housing and services for those with need; and organizations, like Meals on Wheels Association of America for their longterm commitment to providing services for America’s seniors throughout the country.

2015 Friend of the Elderly Award
The National Affordable Housing Management Association
Kris Cook, Executive Director

The National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) is the leading voice for affordable housing, advocating on behalf of multifamily property managers and owners whose mission is to provide quality affordable housing. As an advocate for professional standards for affordable housing providers, NAHMA holds a unique position in the industry. Founded in 1990, NAHMA’s membership today includes the industry’s most distinguished multifamily managers, owners, and industry stakeholders.

Kris Cook, CAE, joined the National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) as its Executive Director in November 2002.

NAHMA’s mission is to support legislative and regulatory policy that promotes the development and preservation of decent and safe affordable housing. NAHMA serves as a vital resource for technical education and information, fosters strategic relations between government and industry, and recognizes those who exemplify the best in affordable housing. NAHMA is the voice in Washington for 20 regional, state and local affordable housing management associations (AHMAs) nationwide. NAHMA advocates a supply adequate to meet the growing need for multifamily, residential affordable housing by bringing nationwide attention to the necessity of preserving decent and safe housing.

The foundation of NAHMA’s vital mission is based upon:

- Solid partnerships with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Congress, the Department of Agriculture’s Rural Development office, the Internal Revenue Service, state housing finance agencies, and housing credit monitoring agencies.
- Promotion of industry standards for professionals in affordable housing management through initiating and maintaining professional education and certification programs.
- Commitment to Communities of Quality® for families living in affordable housing.
- Preservation of existing units of affordable housing.

NAHMA concentrates its efforts on housing policy, finance and other current issues shaping affordable housing legislation and regulation, presenting testimony, drafting white papers and disseminating alerts, newsletters and other communications to its members. NAHMA also maintains strategic alliances with other industry groups, thereby strengthening the voice of the affordable housing industry.

NAHMA members manage and provide quality affordable housing to more than two million Americans with very low and moderate incomes. Presidents and executives of property management companies, owners of affordable rental housing, public agencies and national organizations involved in affordable housing and providers of supplies and services to the affordable housing industry make up the membership of NAHMA.
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RHF is pleased to present Scott Siehr with the 2015 Manager of the Year Award.

RHF’s 2015 Resident of the Year
Marjorie Grommé - Bixby Knolls Towers, Long Beach, CA

Marjorie Grommé has been an active resident at Bixby Knolls Towers (BKT) for more than 10 years.

“The qualities that drew me to Majorie immediately were her friendliness to me as a newcomer, her sense of humor and, later on, her compassion and devotion to making the Bixby Knolls Towers a great place to live,” states Jackie Grover.

She has served on the BKT Resident Association in numerous positions, twice as President.

She started an “Arm Chair” travel club that viewed videos twice monthly (that she purchased at her own expense) and was attended by many who lived in the community. She is a founding member of BKT’s Project H.A.N.D.S.® group which contributes items to local charities, military who are serving overseas and patients at the Long Beach VA Hospital.

She can be seen working in BKT’s rose gardens and provides silk flower arrangements for the common areas on each of the community’s 13 floors. Her many volunteer activities have enhanced the lives of those living at BKT and in the surrounding Signal Hill and Long Beach communities.

“Marjorie is one of the most outgoing, service-oriented individuals that I have ever had the pleasure of meeting and working with,” states Fred Knirk, President of BKT’s Residents’ Association.

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The Rev. Bryan Sickbert recently retired as President and CEO of the Council for Health and Human Service Ministries (CHHSM) of the United Church of Christ (UCC), a position he held from 1991 to 2014. The Council is a national network of 75 UCC related health and human service organizations with 362 communities and programs offering primary and acute health care services; services to persons with disabilities; services to children, youth and families; services to the aging; and charitable grant-making foundations.

During his years with CHHSM, Rev. Sickbert engineered an organizational turnaround including the restructuring of internal operations and restoration of financial strength; creation of group purchasing programs, and revitalized relationships with UCC judicatories and inter-faith and secular partners at state and national levels.

From 1988 to 1991, Rev. Sickbert was employed by Advocate Health Care, Chicago (formerly Evangelical Health Systems), at Good Samaritan and Bethany Hospitals serving as Administrative Resident and Director of Medical Affairs respectively. Prior to joining Advocate, he served as Minister of Mission at First United Church of Oak Park, IL.

Bryan continues to work with CHHSM as Senior Consultant which includes serving as lead faculty for the Nollau Institute, CHHSM’s executive leadership formation program.

For his many years of service to various United Church of Christ ministries, and especially the Council for Health and Human Service Ministries, RHF is pleased to present Rev. Bryan Sickbert with the President’s Award.

Richard T. Washington retired as Vice President of Business Development on June 27, 2014 after serving the Retirement Housing Foundation mission for 24 years.

He has a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Public Administration degree, both from the University of California, Los Angeles, UCLA. He had previously served as Deputy Director of the Los Angeles HUD office from 1969 to 1986, and then worked as Assistant Vice President at Southmark Mortgage from 1986 to 1988. Prior to coming to RHF, he was Director of Development for the Weinstock Construction Corporation.

During his years at RHF he held numerous positions. He began his career with RHF in 1990 as Assistant Director of HUD Management. In 1991 he was promoted to Director of Management, and in 1993 to Director of Management and Development. In 1999, as the organization grew and responsibilities were separated, Richard became Director of Project Development, and then in 2000 was named Vice President of Project Development, and in 2001 Vice President of Business Development.

As the organization grew his responsibilities also grew, and Richard was always willing to do whatever needed to be done for the good of the RHF mission. We are presenting him with the Chair’s Citation in gratitude for all that he has done during his 24 year career with us.

RHF’s 2015 Chair’s Citation
Richard Washington

RHF’s 2015 President’s Award
Bryan Sickbert
In the past few months, RHF has celebrated the completion of the final two HUD 202 communities to be built in the city of Los Angeles. The federal program that supplied funding for the construction of new subsidized housing for this country’s low-income seniors has not been funded since 2012.

It is estimated by AARP that there are 10 seniors on a waiting list for every apartment of subsidized housing that becomes available in the United States. The need will only grow as more of the Baby Boomer generation retires and the cost of living goes up.

RHF encourages you to contact your U.S. Senators and Representatives to let them know how important this program is to you and those you love. For more information on how to do that, please contact us at info@rhf.org.

RHF Las Alturas
Los Angeles, California

In December, a number of RHF National Board members joined local city officials and Las Alturas residents and their families at the dedication of RHF’s 65th community in the state of California. Located in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles, Las Alturas is a 78-unit, HUD 202/tax credit community for low-income seniors, with 77 one-bedroom apartments and a two-bedroom manager apartment. Las Alturas is RHF’s first Gold LEED community. The ground-level floor of this community includes the entry lobby and resident mailboxes, and offices for the manager and social service coordinator. The second floor of the community houses public space for use by residents and includes: library, craft room, computer room, a beautiful landscaped courtyard with a pet corral and barbeque area.

Las Alturas is a great illustration of the need facing our seniors for affordable housing. More than 600 applications were received in a month’s time for this community.

Broadwood Terrace
Los Angeles, California

Residents and local elected officials and community leaders celebrated the opening of Broadwood Terrace in south central Los Angeles with a party that included wonderful food and great music. Broadwood Terrace is an 89-unit, HUD 202/tax credit community for low-income seniors, with 83 one-bedroom apartments and six, two-bedroom apartments.

The ground-level floor of this community includes the entry lobby, community room with full kitchen, manager’s office, library/computer room, craft room, exercise room, and a beautiful landscaped courtyard with a barbeque area.

Broadwood Terrace is RHF’s first Platinum LEED community and has been designed with a number of environmentally friendly features. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is a product of the U.S. Green Building Council, a nonprofit that supports energy efficient and environmentally friendly building projects.

“RHF is one of a number of national nonprofit organizations who have signed the U.S. Department of Energy’s Better Building Challenge, agreeing to cut our communities’ energy use by 20% in the next ten years,” states Dr. Laverne Joseph, President and CEO of RHF. “RHF Broadwood Terrace represents our commitment in a major way.”
Looking Towards The Future

Congregational Tower
Chula Vista, California

On January 14th, more than 300 residents, family and friends joined elected and community dignitaries to celebrate the completion of a $11.1 million renovation to Congregational Tower. Congregational Tower has 186 units, a combination of one bedrooms and studios.

Renovations in the individual apartments included new bathroom and kitchen plumbing fixtures, new appliances, new cabinets and countertops, new light fixtures, new windows, enclosed coat closet and a refurbished patio/balcony.

The community kitchen is equipped with all new appliances and the community room has increased in size. With the re-configuration, the laundry room has been expanded and a computer lab, a lounge/library, a recreational/media room, a service coordinator office, an arts and crafts room, and an outdoor patio have been created.

The entire building’s plumbing system was replaced.

The refinancing of the community, along with the extensive renovation, ensures that Congregational Tower will continue to be an affordable community for low, and fixed-income seniors for the next 40 years.

Madison Avenue
Loveland, Colorado

Madison Avenue is an affordable, tax credit community for low-income families in Loveland, Colorado. RHF acquired Madison Avenue from the Fort Collins Housing Authority and the acquisition was finalized on December 22, 2014.

Acquiring existing affordable communities (and ensuring they remain affordable) is a growing part of RHF’s mission. RHF’s commitment to preserving as much of our country’s affordable housing for both low-income families and older adults continues to be one of its major goals.

Madison Avenue has 60, one, two, and three-bedroom apartments. It is located near Lake Loveland and Fairgrounds Park.

Plans to refinance the community and begin to make needed renovations should be finalized before the end of the year.

Paloma Terrace
Los Angeles, California

California State Assemblyman Reggie Jones-Sawyer joined RHF’s corporate partners and community leaders to celebrate the beginning of construction of Paloma Terrace, a 59-unit, tax credit community for low-income families, with one, two and three -bedroom units in its design.

The apartments are arranged around a central landscaped courtyard that includes children’s play equipment, a synthetic turf lawn and picnic area with barbeque. In addition, there will be a half basketball court on site with additional outdoor picnic and barbeque areas with gardens and walkways.

There is also a large community room with a kitchen, as well as a library/computer lab, a children’s playroom and a teen activity room in the building. In addition, office space is provided for on-site management staff and a service coordinator.

This will be RHF’s 11th family community in the state of California.
An Act of Kindness
Westover Manor - Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Many of RHF’s senior communities have a special relationship with the First Responders in their communities. After all, when faced with a crisis, these men and women of the Fire and Police Departments are there to help them, any time of the day or night.

So when Dale Attwood, a developmentally disabled senior at Westover Manor realized his cat, Dolly, was stuck inside his reclining chair, he dialed 911 and Officer Andrew Tran responded.

“I went up to the apartment and he had the recliner tipped to the side, but I knew it was already too late,” said Officer Tran.

With Dolly’s death, Dale had lost his best friend and couldn’t be consoled.

“Officer Tran called me one day and told me he would help get a kitty for me,” Atwood said. “And I told him I’d love to have a black one, just like Dolly.”

It took the officer two weeks and phone calls to numerous animal shelters in the area, but he was finally able to find a kitten for Dale. He hand delivered the cat in the middle of a snowstorm, along with food and supplies.

“Dale said it was the best thing that ever happened in his life,” said Pamela Shafer, Social Services Coordinator at Westover Manor, “This kitty has replaced so much sorrow for him.”

Saying Thank You
Mayflower Gardens Retirement Community - Lancaster, California

Each year the Mayflower Gardens Pioneer Club (the resident organization at the community) donates three very nice gifts (one for each shift) to their local Fire Station #84 for all they do for the residents.

With over 700 residents on Mayflower Garden’s campus, the fire station is typically at the property daily. Their kindness, concern and swiftness to respond is so appreciated that this year the residents wanted to do something different.

One of the residents mentioned that the firemen were expected to buy their own groceries, paper goods and cleaning supplies for their station, so the Pioneer Club members shopped for paper goods, spices, snacks, box food items, cleaning products and purchased each shift a $150.00 local grocery store gift card.

During the community’s annual Christmas Dinner for the residents, three representatives from the Fire Station came to receive their gift.

2015 Empty Bowls McKinney
Towne Creek Apartments - McKinney, Texas

Residents of Towne Creek Apartments have participated in a city-wide project that benefits the hunger initiatives at the McKinney Community Lifeline Center for the past three years.

With the help of longtime volunteer Toni Andrukaitis (who provides the supplies and the instructions on what to do), residents paint bowls that are given to St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, a local nonprofit that sponsors the project.

McKinney’s Community Lifeline Center’s goal is to assist residents manage short-term crisis and navigate their way back to self-sufficiency. Their Empty Bowls McKinney project raises needed funds for the Center’s hunger programs that provide food to low-income residents of McKinney.
S.M.I.L.E.
Gold Country - Placerville, California

The Assistance League of the Sierra Foothills embodies the true meaning of empowering others to succeed. In 2013, Gold Country became a part of their Senior Multi-Interest Leisure Enrichment (S.M.I.L.E) program.

These volunteers come in as a group and share their expertise once a month with our residents. They assist with painting, constructing bird feeders, making holiday cards, leading Game Day and Beauty Day.

The residents’ quality of life is enhanced with their one-on-one interactions. Gold Country Skilled Nursing residents receive a bonus once a year in December when the group hosts their annual Senior Holiday Shopping Spree. The Spree consists of the League bringing gifts to the facility were residents get to go shopping for their loved ones for free and then find a gift for themselves.

Pets Forever
Harvest Pointe - Loveland, Colorado

Pets Forever is a Colorado State University sponsored non-profit program designed to help low-income elderly and disabled Larimer County residents maintain ownership of their pets for as long as possible, and to improve the health and well-being of these pets and owners by providing needed help and resources.

The Program provides direct services to clients and their pets including:
- In-home animal care (e.g. dog walking, brushing and grooming, feces removal, litter box cleaning, etc.)
- Companion dog walking (walking with pet only or pet and owner).
- Transportation of animals to/from vet or groomer.
- Home delivery of pet food and supplies.

Many Harvest Pointe residents utilize this service. Many times a day, a CSU student can be observed interacting with our residents and pets which brings a vitality and energy into the environment. One special volunteer, CSU sophomore Nikki Stokes (pictured with Rocky the cat), who is majoring in Bio Medical Sciences started with Pets Forever in the fall of 2014. She decided to volunteer because her Pre-Veterinarian Advisor stated this would give her experience with animal contact and provide service hours.

Moving here from Littleton, CO and leaving her birth family, Nikki states that this has “turned out to be so much more. Coming here makes me feel like I belong, and I have a whole group of grandparents. I had grown up with large dogs, but now I understand how small dogs have different personalities and behaviors, and I can experience that first hand. I need to handle them differently. This experience has really broadened my experience and sense of community.”

Tell Us What You Think
National Headquarters - Long Beach, California

More than 20,000 people throughout the country call an RHF community “home”. It takes two years to complete a survey of all the communities and once that is done, we start all over again! For those that participate in the survey (and that is more than 12,000), they are given the opportunity to get their names in a drawing for a WalMart gift card (they can send their survey in anonymously if they so choose).

National Board member Rev. Norma Nomura DeSaegher pulled the winning names for Judy Shaw, Service Coordinator Manager and the person who oversees the process. This survey’s winners: First Place - Alice Nunez (Southpointe Villa - Rialto, CA); Second Place - Jun Zhi Jia (Angelus Plaza - Los Angeles, CA) and, Third Place-Eugenia Messervey (Bishop’s Glen Retirement Community - Holly Hill, FL).
Peace Village - Palos Park, IL

Amy Boberg, turned 103 years “young” this past January 24th. She has been a vital part of Peace Village since 1990. She remains active to this day and is a part of our Peace Village Choir.

Pearl Steinweg, 102, has been a resident of Peace Village Circle Inn since April, 2011. Pearl owned her own clothing store and is still quite the fashionista today! She’s quite passionate about bowling, both Wii and at the local bowling alley.

Louise Swannie turned 100 in March and has been a resident of Peace Village for 18 years. Among many volunteer opportunities at Peace, she served as Chairperson of the Prayer & Meditation Committee for 10 years and was Resident Council President for 2 years. Louise has lived a life of service and has lived life to its fullest. She says: “I’ve been blessed!”

Jack Wilson turned 104 in February. He’s been a resident of Peace Village Circle Inn for the past 3 years and enjoys reading, watching sports and playing Sudoku puzzles. Jack grew up in Chicago and spent 41 years as a street car and bus driver. He is a proud World War II vet and is a widower with two daughters.

Angelus Plaza - Los Angeles, California

Soledad Alfaro turned 100 in February of this year. She worked for the U. S. Consulate in 1944 and four years later she and her 15 year-old daughter emigrated to the U. S.

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.

Courtenay Springs Village - Merritt Island, Florida

William Dayka turned 100 in March. He is a three war veteran and a retired deep sea fisherman. William now spends his days playing cards and enjoying all types of music.

Josephine Deluca celebrated her 100th birthday in January. She was born in Ireland and loves a good party!

Ella Hofstetler turned 100 in April. She is an avid reader and loves to stay on top of current events.
Bishop’s Glen - Holly Hill, Florida

Sadie Gorman turned 107 years old in April. Originally from Massachusetts, she has been living at Bishop’s Glen for about 18 years.

Harriet Norris turned 101 in April. She was 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 3 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.

The Concord - Pasadena, California

Isabel Vasquez turned 100 in February and has lived at The Concord since 2008. She is a regular at all resident activity events. Isabel can always be found in the community room enjoying conversation with other residents or her favorite pastime sunbathing in the community back patio. When asked what she likes most about living at The Concord she replied my neighbors, I like that I can knock on their door if I need help with something.

Gold Country Healthcare Center - Placerville, California

Freda Sanor turned 101 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 daily outside. 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.

Gwen McGinley turned 101 in April and has lived at GCHC for almost a year. Gwen is legally blind but that doesn’t stop her from doing the things she loves. Her day begins with a walk and visit to our courtyard. She loves the facility cats, bus outings, and arts & crafts. Her family visits her often and that is her favorite thing. She has many friends and you can usually find her in the activity room or outside enjoying the sun.

Jennie Troxel - Cape May, New Jersey

Jennie Troxel turned 100 this March and celebrated this monumental event by partying the entire month! So much of her life has been in service to others, 33 years as a volunteer at Cape Regional Medical Center.

Jennie will tell you, “I love being a volunteer; it’s good for your mind and I’ve met many, many friends.”
Volunteers

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 and it seems only fitting that we take a few pages in this publication to recognize a few of the thousands of individuals and groups who make a difference to our residents and in our communities on a daily basis.

RHF’s 2015 Volunteer of the Year
John Crnkovich - Towne Creek Apartments, McKinney, TX

John Crnkovich has been delivering mail and happiness to Towne Creek Apartments since 2003. He is a bright spot for the residents anytime he visits. Even though he is the local postal worker, he is “John the Mailman” to the residents, by the special attention and care he brings.

John has a history of providing events for the residents on his days off, such as Breakfast, Pizza Party, Cook-Outs, as well as making donations of needed items for Pot Lucks or other celebrations for the residents.

“He spends his time and money to throw us parties,” says Towne Creek resident Katharine Peltz. “He waits on us, happily bringing the food to our seats, and fussing over us, making each resident feel special and cared about.”

He is known for making sure each female resident and staff receives one red rose on Valentine’s and Mother’s Day. John visits residents who have been hospitalized or have had to move on to Skilled Nursing communities.

Betty O’Mary says, “There are times when we often feel alone and a little forgotten by our busy families but John’s attention during his visits here and his spontaneous events . . . boost our spirits and provide wonderful fellowship within the residents. John has definitely earned his angel wings.”

RHF is pleased to present John Crnkovich with the 2015 Volunteer of the Year Award.

RHF’s 2015 Local Board Member of the Year
Stacey A. Moore - University Center, Indianapolis, IN

Stacey A. Moore has been a board member of the University Center for 12 years and the board chair 5 years. Stacey’s grandmother and aunt were two of the original residents when the facility was built in 1986.

Stacey is Director of Human Resource & Facilities at United Student Aid Funds, Inc. in Indianapolis, IN. When she is not working Stacey spends a large portion of her time serving in her church and the community.

Stacey has engaged her congregation into the life of University Center over the past years by hosting joint activities for the two groups. A Biannual prayer breakfast provides an opportunity for residents and members of the congregation to connect in a more meaningful way and the Open Houses she instituted also provide opportunities for the faith and resident communities to meet and get better acquainted.

Stacey is married to Stephen Moore and they are faithful members of University United Methodist Church, with a blended family of three daughters, two sons, and nine grandchildren.

RHF is pleased to present Stacey Moore with the 2015 Local Community Board Member of the Year Award.
Volunteers

Ruth Houts
Courtenay Springs Health Center - Merritt Island, Florida

Mrs. Ruth Houts is Courtenay Springs Health Center’s Volunteer of the Year! Ruth is a resident of the health center and president of the health center’s resident council.

Along with her duties as president, she hosts crochet and needlepoint classes with employees, other residents, and young adults. Ruth donates all the hats, blankets, and whatever else she creates to other residents to brighten their day!

Mrs. Houts also paints, sketches, sculpts, latch hooks, knits, and just about anything she can think of!

Sarah Choi
Angeles Plaza - Los Angeles, California

Sarah Choi has been a valued member of the Angelus Plaza Senior Activity Center’s resident volunteer team for three years, donating approximately 6,000 volunteer hours of service.

She is an artist who shares her skills by volunteering twice a week as an instructor, providing all supplies for our Paper Quilling class. Under her guidance, beautiful 3D pictures are created and exhibited twice a year, given to participant family members and sold in our annual silent auction, which supports the center’s programs and services.

Ms. Choi also initiated, created and coordinates our Sewing Club. She and fellow volunteers, collect gently used items of clothing from the community. Repairs are made, donations collected for clothes and proceeds given in support of those we serve, via our Center. The Sewing Club opens its doors to the public twice a week and participates in our annual rummage and holiday gift sales.

Terry Gary and Rocky
Gold Country Skilled Nursing - Placerville, California

Terry Gary and her dog “Rocky” have been providing our residents with pet therapy visits in Skilled Nursing, Assisted Living and Independent Living since 2008. Rocky is a Shetland Sheepdog who is certified with Therapy Dogs International, Inc.

Terry and Rocky visit Gold Country twice a month and he has grown from a shy well behaved dog to a sweet friendly confident “I will let the residents do whatever they want to me” dog. He is getting close to retirement age and the residents will miss him and his owner Terry when this happens.

Sarge
Westminster Health Care - Clarksville, Indiana

James “Sarge” Wonsch has volunteered at Westminster Health Care for the past 10 years. He brings his dogs in for pet therapy every Wednesday. He provides a Bible Study and Communion every Saturday. He donates devotional books, Bibles, CD’s and movies for our residents to enjoy. Sarge volunteers to help “chaperone” all of the community’s special events such as Prom, Fall Festivals, Holiday Parties and wherever else they need him.

Sarge’s family will tell you that it’s impossible to get him to go to family functions during the holidays because he would rather be with the residents of Westminster. Sarge has not missed a Christmas celebration over the past 10 years. Over that time he has even volunteered to dress up as Santa a time or two.

During his stay here he continued to socialize and interact with the residents, staff and families of our community. Sarge has touched the lives of so many people over the years. His passion and commitment to serving God and our residents has been second to none.
Every year, RHF’s national headquarters hosts a weeklong schedule of activities known as its Management Conference. Executive Directors and selected staff from its multi-level retirement communities, managers from RHF’s west coast affordable communities, representatives from communities’ local boards from throughout the country, the national board of directors and staff from the national headquarters meet to attend educational sessions, conduct business that is necessary for the running of a large organization like RHF, worship together and culminating in a dinner that celebrates what is best about RHF.

RHF’s Annual Worship Service

Thursday evening is reserved for the annual worship service that is hosted by a local United Church of Christ (UCC) church. This year Community Congregational UCC (in Los Alamitos, CA) hosted more than 250 RHF team members, local and national board members, advisory commission and guests. Brian Magnone, RHF’s VP of Treasury was the guest speaker. The service includes singing by a choir made up of RHF team members, Community Congregational Choir, and the Los Altos UCC Choir under the direction of David Joseph, Director of Music at the Los Altos UCC.

RHF’s Annual Dinner

More than 480 staff, corporate donors and guests come together at the end of the week to celebrate accomplishments made in the previous years and individuals who have made a difference in our communities (their stories are in this newsletter).

RHF Team members who have 10, 15, 20, and 25 years of service are also recognized. This year, special recognition was given to Gail Gardner, Administrator at Pioneer Towers for her 40 years of service to RHF.

Being Taken For A Ride

Congregational Tower - Chula Vista, California

For the residents at Congregational Tower (Chula Vista, CA) transportation became a major concern when the local bus company, MTS, instituted a policy which stated that only 2 people with carts, strollers, etc. may be in a bus at one time. This resulted in public buses leaving residents stranded at bus stops, with them hoping that they would be able to get on the next bus that came along – but with no guarantee that they would. Safe transportation to and from medical appointments, the grocery store, and other errands is an essential part of life for someone who doesn’t drive.

Along came the Community Congregational Development Corp (CCDC) Board of Directors (Congregational Tower’s founders) who gave a local nonprofit organization, Renewing Life, a $300,000 grant over a 3 year period ($100,000 a year) to provide free transportation for Congregational Tower residents.

A schedule is currently being developed to meet the residents’ needs and which will include outings to the local shopping centers; monthly or bi-monthly social outings to places like Balboa Park, Seaport Village and such; as well as arranging trips to and from doctors and other necessary appointments.

The residents and staff of Congregational Tower are grateful to the CCDC board for funding this much needed service and for all the support they have given the community over many years now.
Thank You 2015 Major Donors
We are grateful to the following businesses that contributed a major gift to the RHF mission. They were recognized during our 54th Annual Meeting in February 2015.

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In the summer of 2014, RHF Foundation 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 Aging and Disabilities Charities of America (ADCA), 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, like ADCA, organized around a specific theme. Approximately 1,900 national organizations and 40,000 local organizations qualify for the CFC annually.
Thank you

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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 have not yet done so, but would like more information, or you would like to receive specific details about how to include RHF in your will or structure a life income gift to RHF that benefits you and your family, please call 562-257-5141.
RHF Team Givers

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 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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They Will Be Missed

RHF lost two of its most dedicated national headquarters’ volunteers with the passing of Yuri Masuda and Rev. Hal Schultz this winter.

Yuri Masuda was the wife of retired RHF National Board member Tom Masuda. Yuri served faithfully on the RHF Advisory Commission for 20 years (several years as Secretary) until her retirement in August 2014.

Yuri was a quiet lady with a heart of gold, and we will miss her.

Rev. Hal Schultz was relatively new to the RHF family, having only served three (3) years on the National Board of Directors.

As a retired CPA, Hal had a wealth of knowledge and was an instrumental member on RHF’s Finance Committee and Acquisitions and Project Development Committee. He was also clergy in the United Church of Christ.