RHF residents rally at the nation’s capitol to let our elected officials know that affordable housing should be a national priority.
From The President

Why We Keep Doing What We Do

As many of you know, when I became President & CEO of Retirement Housing Foundation in 1987 my goal was to visit every community every other year. With our growth over the years, now numbering 197 communities in 29 states, Washington DC, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, that is impossible. When we celebrate our five year anniversaries we do those celebrations in our communities because we want to remind the residents and local staff that we are here for you, we want to remind the city and town that this ministry is available and we want to remind political leaders at local, state and national levels of the importance of continuing to expand this vital mission.

On July 18th, we held our 55th Anniversary celebration at Carbon Creek Shores in Anaheim, California. This 40 apartment HUD 202 opened in 1986. The Dayle McIntosh Center for the Disabled is our co-sponsor. Paula Margeson, who is an employee of the Dayle McIntosh Center and is also Vice President of the Board of Directors for Carbon Creek Shores, spoke about the history of Carbon Creek.

The community opened on November 24, 1986 and the Orange County Register reported what Paula mentioned at the celebration, this was the first 202 community dedicated for persons and families with disabilities in the county. The news also said that it was one of the first in the nation.

I was moved by Paula’s words and those of Councilman Stephen Faessel from the City of Anaheim. I was especially moved by the words of former resident Dr. Lysa Nguyen. I asked her for a copy of her talk and for permission to share it with you. Here it is:

When I was 11 years old, my parents, older sister, younger brother and I moved into Carbon Creek Shores. We were one of the first families to move into this community. My dad was a double lower limb amputee (injuries from the Vietnam War) and my mom was a single limb amputee (injury from childhood). We had been living in an apartment in Costa Mesa, but were unable to afford the increasing rent. My dad heard about a new development for low income, disabled people through the Dayle McIntosh Center. He applied for a spot and luckily our family was chosen.

Due to my parents’ disabilities, I never felt like I fit in. None of my school friends had parents who were disabled. However, coming to Carbon Creek Shores opened my eyes to a myriad of people and families similar to my family. Our new home was much easier for my dad to navigate. No longer did we have to take down doors or scuff up hallways so my dad’s wheelchair could fit through the rooms.

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Affordable housing, or the lack thereof, is finally being discussed at the national level. That is due, in large part, to people like you letting your elected officials know that they must begin to address this crisis hitting every state in the country.

It is our hope that it will be one of the issues talked about during the upcoming presidential campaign. The only way that this problem is going to be resolved is if it is dealt with at the state and national levels.

**Affordable Senior Housing NOW**

Residents from North Capitol at Plymouth (Washington, D.C.) and The Carlin (Arlington, VA) attended LeadingAge’s rally in Washington, D.C. in May to draw attention to the need for affordable housing for our nation’s seniors. More than 1,100 seniors from various senior communities in the area sat on the lawn of the Capitol to listen to Senator Tim Kaine (VA), and Congresspersons William Clay (MO), Katie Hill (CA) and Donna Shalala (FL) talk about their views on the affordable housing issues facing America.

LeadingAge is lobbying the Senate for $600 million in new HUD 202 (subsidized, senior housing) construction; increasing funding on the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program; and, expanding funding for Service Coordinators in affordable housing communities.

Funding new HUD 202 construction was cut in 2011 and was only re-instated in 2018 at $105 million dollars. Of that $105 million, only $50 million has been released for developers to apply for building grants. The $600 million being requested would get the program back to FY2000 funding levels.

**Service Coordinators**

Every senior who lives in one of our communities that has a Service Coordinator on staff will tell you how important having them is to their daily living. They help residents by bringing in services that help them maintain an independent lifestyle. Without this help, many low-income residents would need to be placed in nursing homes. Expanding the funding of this program ensures that older adults can continue to live in their own homes.

**Low Income Housing Tax Credits**

While tax credits can be a daunting topic to discuss, basically the federal government determines the amount of tax credits that are available in every state and the states and locales are then allowed to award them to developers as they see fit.

Everyone agrees that this is a strong program for building affordable housing in each state and there aren’t enough monies available. LeadingAge, along with every organization in Washington, D.C. that lobbies for the affordable housing sector, is encouraging the federal government to increase its funding of tax credits to individual states.

**California’s Senior Advocacy Day**

Every year, LeadingAge California hosts an Advocacy Day in Sacramento where seniors from member communities can visit their elected officials and talk to them about the impact affordable housing has on them and why we need more.

More than 50 residents and staff from nearby RHF communities attended this event where they enjoyed a luncheon, where they found out about current proposed legislation that impacted affordable housing in California and then they visited the offices of state senators and assembly members to discuss how the proposed legislation would impact their lives.

**How you can participate**

Throughout the year, RHF asks its staff and residents to make phone calls or send e-mails to their elected officials. It is easy and quick to do. If you would like to be a part of this important process, contact us at info@rhf.org and we will make sure you are notified when you need to contact your elected officials on affordable housing issues.
King James Court and Pine Crest

To celebrate the recent completion of a major renovation, we held a re-dedication event on June 12th at RHF’s King James Court and Pine Crest Apartments located in Orange, Massachusetts.

These communities have provided affordable housing for the people of Franklin County since the mid-1970s. King James Court is a community for older adults with 100% of the 120 units subsidized under Project Based Section 8. Pine Crest is a family property with 114 units subsidized by a combination of Massachusetts rental vouchers, project based vouchers, and Section 236.

While the structures have been well maintained over time, there had been no significant rehabilitation work done since its original construction in 1981 (King James Court) and 1974 (Pine Crest). Meaningful capital improvements resulting from this transaction included implementing necessary life safety and code compliance upgrades, replacing windows, updating electrical systems, and performing other needed capital maintenance.

The refinancing of these communities came about with a mix of tax-exempt bond financing from MassHousing, 4% low income housing tax credits, a Massachusetts Department of Housing and a Community Development loan from the Capital Improvement and Preservation Fund, and a loan from RHF’s Angelus Trust.

Symphony Plaza East and West

The day after the event in Orange, we celebrated the $16 million rehabilitation of Symphony Plaza East and West in Boston.

Constructed in 1980, Symphony Plaza East and West consist of 188 units in Symphony Plaza East and 215 units in Symphony Plaza West for a total of 403 apartments. Initially acquired by RHF in 2001, this property’s facilities and amenities offer one of the few affordable housing resources for elderly and disabled residents with accessibility needs in the historic Back Bay area.

The recent re-syndication extended affordability of these communities for decades to come and financed work, including fire and safety code upgrades and improvements, major buildings systems improvements such as window replacements, exterior skin improvements such as waterproofing and stabilization, interior and exterior common area improvements, handicapped accessibility improvements, and selected unit modernization improvements.

The development was financed by a combination of resources provided by MassHousing, the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This assistance included tax exempt bonds, Section 42 Low Income Housing Tax Credits and Section 8, and Ginnie Mae-backed securities.
**RHF Communities are Active Communities**

**Going for the Gold in Cleveland**
Deaconess-Krafft and Zane Centers - Cleveland, OH

For several years now, RHF has been a sponsor of Senior Citizen Resources, Inc.’s Annual Senior Olympics event held in the Old Brooklyn neighborhood of Cleveland, OH. Participants compete for medals in activities such as basketball, bowling, and miniature golf.

Pictured are some of the residents of RHF’s Deaconess-Zane and Deaconess-Krafft Centers who participated in this year’s event.

**A Beautiful and Bountiful Landscape**
Verde View - Camp Verde, AZ

Thanks, in large part, to the generosity of their local electric company (APS), the raised garden beds at Verde View continue to grow and thrive. APS has donated vouchers and funds that have allowed the residents to have fruit trees and beautiful raised gardens to nurture. These garden beds are especially helpful for older adult residents as they are tall enough to not require bending and kneeling to take care of.

Verde View’s manager, Cheryl Kunze, has big plans for these gardens. One day, it is her hope that they will produce enough fruit to feed all the residents of the community. She’d also like to form a resident Gardening Club at the community.

**Summer Time at Rio Vista Village**
Rio Vista Village - Los Angeles, CA

Being new to the community, the management team at Rio Vista Village is very happy to report that summer has given them a lot of opportunities to host community events where they can spend time with and get to know their residents better. With the help of their generous volunteers, they have been able to develop a Summer Activities Program where the resident children gather in the Rio Vista Village community room to work on craft projects, paint, play, and watch movies. The Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association will also be giving presentations at Rio Vista Village as part of their community outreach program where they will bring items such as furs, antlers, feathers, and bone replicas. If weather permits, they will also bring six live animals like rabbits, hedgehogs, armadillos, snakes, insects, and lizards for the children to study and learn about.
Community News

The Esperanza Bazaar
Esperanza Apartments - Seattle, WA

In mid June, Esperanza Apartments held a bazaar at their community in hopes of raising money for the Resident Council. The event included hand crafted items, baked goods, and many other items for the sale.

Katherine Sotol, one of Esperanza Apartments’ newest residents, donated her time, supplies, and energy to make a breathtaking quilt (you can see her pictured here in the process of making it). Katherine sold raffle tickets for $1 and the winner got to take her wonderful creation home!

Cooking Up a Storm in Storm Lake
Lakeview Manor - Storm Lake, IA

Featured here is a photo from a recent cooking class that was held at Lakeview Manor Senior Housing. It was sponsored by the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach program and offered to the residents free of charge. The name of the class is “Plan, Shop, Save, Cook” and it helps the residents learn how to shop smarter and improve their cooking skills and nutrition practices. It was presented in four hour-long sessions. Shown here, the residents made chicken tacos at their last session.

Lakeview Manor’s Manager tells us that the program offers many other classes and that they have plans to bring a finance class for seniors to the community in the near future.

Helping to Fill the Pantry
La Mirada Vistas - La Mirada, CA

La Mirada Vistas has recently started receiving deliveries from Interfaith Food Center, an organization that helps to feed residents of Whittier, La Mirada, and Santa Fe Springs, California who have a hard time affording food. Marlene Olsen, La Mirada Vistas’ on-call manager, heard about the program and brought it to the attention of the community’s staff. The Interfaith Food Center, thanks to a recent grant to purchase a van, brings every participating resident of La Mirada Vistas 20 pounds of food per month, including fresh fruits and vegetables, meat, and shelf stable items. La Mirada has had about 70 very grateful residents participate in this program every month.

La Mirada Vistas’ Manager tells us that she also recently enrolled the community in Panera’s Day-End Dough-Nation program which means that they will also soon receive deliveries of bread. She’s sure that the residents will appreciate these deliveries just as much.

The Gateway Gardens Gardeners
Gateway Gardens - Poway, CA

The Bernardo Gardeners Club of Rancho Bernardo very kindly sends six volunteers to Gateway Gardens every month, bringing with them a variety of different projects for the residents to complete. Each stimulating project allows the residents to use their imagination and show off their creativity.

Pictured here is Riina, a Gateway Gardens resident and a big fan of the monthly Garden Club activity, proudly showing off her creation during one of the sessions.
Sun City Sock Hop
Sun City Gardens - Sun City, CA

Sun City Gardens honored its resident and staff fathers with a 1950s style Sock Hop dance. The live entertainment had the crowd dancing and singing for hours and Elvis was even in the building for the festivities!

Some attendees really got into the spirit and dressed up in period-style attire like poodle skirts. The dining staff served old fashioned 50s fare, including miniature hamburgers and hotdogs, French fries, and cola. It was definitely a dance to remember!

A Meaningful Piece of Art
Malone Manor - Lincoln, NE

Jillian Mulligan, a Malone Manor resident, was one of fifty local artists to be selected to participate in a city beautification project after being encouraged to apply by her son. These artists were each tasked with painting a six foot tall sculpture of a pair of hands.

Jillian was a little discouraged while waiting two long months to learn who her sponsor would be, but was notified early this year that she was to be sponsored by a member of one of the original families of Lincoln and was soon after able to pick up her statue and get to work. The local Malone Center was kind enough to lend her a garage to work in. After nearly four months, some changes to her original plan, and some challenges presented by the weather in Lincoln, Jillian finished her masterpiece, which you can see pictured here. She decided to represent the 50 countries in the world where, according to the UN, women and children are starving.

Jillian’s artwork will be on display at the Germans from Russia Museum until early September.

Why We Keep Doing What We Do

We made many new friends and felt a lot of love and support from our neighbors. A few years after moving into Carbon Creek Shores, my father became ill and passed away. I remember some of our neighbors being with us at the hospital, and later coming to his funeral. That first Christmas after his death, our neighbors (Mr. Duane, Mrs. Mae and their daughter) brought over Christmas presents that filled our living room. My family and I will never forget that day and the love that was shared. This kindness and support continued throughout the years until my mom passed away nearly 14 years ago.

Living at Carbon Creek Shores gave my family stability, a roof over our heads. My parents didn’t have to worry about making ends meet. We didn’t have to choose between paying rent or buying groceries. Because of this, my sister, brother and I were able to focus on school and go to college. My sister is now a pharmacist, my brother works in finance, and I am a family physician. We would not be the people we are today without the help of Retirement Housing Foundation and the Dayle McIntosh Center.

This is why the mission of RHF is so important. Thank you, Lysa, for sharing your wonderful words. We must keep the mission growing so everyone can have a good life.
Milestones

Happy Birthday To You, Happy Birthday To You . . .

Retirement Housing Foundation is lucky enough to have more than 100 residents who are celebrating birthdays in the triple digits. We celebrate not only the years they have lived on this earth but the journeys that they took to get where they are today.

Bixby Knolls Towers

**Gladys Steelman** was born in 1918, in Hardin County Iowa. She has two children, Judge Judith Ryan and son Ken Steelman Attorney at Law. She was married for 45 years, and worked in banking. She is a long time member of the Eastern Star. The prides of her life are her two children and 10 grandchildren.

She moved to Bixby Knolls Towers in 2009 to be with her sister who had lived there since 1998.

**Mickey Beland** was born in 1919, he is a retired surgeon. He served in the Navy during WWII. He and his wife circumnavigated the world from 1979 through 1982 in their 37-foot sailboat.

DeSmet - Florissant, Missouri

**Caroline Laska** turned 100 in August and has been at DeSmet’s independent living community for more than 4 years. She was married to her soul mate for a blessed 55 years and loved being a homemaker and raising wonderful children. She has 2 children, 5 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild on the way.

She loves to watch the Cardinals (baseball) and the Blues (hockey) - whatever you do, you best not interrupt her when she’s rooting for them on the TV!. She thanks God for each and every day given her!

**Ray Neudecker** celebrated turning 100 in August. Growing up in Clement, MN, Ray enjoyed hunting with his cousin. Ray received his Masters in Social Work and retired in 1984. He has lived at DeSmet for three years and enjoys keeping up with current events and making the staff laugh.

Pilgrim Tower East - Pasadena, California

**Bao Zhong Zhang** will be celebrating his 101st birthday in September, which makes him the oldest resident at Pilgrim Tower East (PTE). He lives independently and still loves to cook, shop and socialize with others just to stay active. Mr. Zhang has been with PTE for 15 years. Mr. Zhang has four sons, two daughters, five grandsons, and one granddaughter. Mr. Zhang said he is very lucky and happy that he found PTE.
Milestones

Happy Birthday To You, Happy Birthday To You... 

Pioneer House - Sacramento, California

Florence Palmer was born in July of 1918 in Ogden, Utah. She grew up in the city taking care of her father. Married at the age of seventeen, she has one son John, and a stepdaughter. She has five grandchildren, but prefers all staff to call her grandma. She has lived at Pioneer House for five years. In her spare time she reads the Bible, enjoys having visitors, making jokes, and loves cats, jewelry and music.

Shirley Gomez celebrated her 100th birthday in July. She was born into a large family (seven children) in Arizona. She has one daughter and two grandchildren. She enjoys sewing and eating good food.

Mildred Roberts will celebrate her 102nd birthday in September. She loves going to church and when she isn’t working on word search puzzles you can find her striking up a conversation with everyone she meets.

The Cloisters - DeLand, Florida

Dorothy Foster is 101 this July and has lived at The Cloisters for 11 years. Before moving to The Cloisters she enjoyed volunteering for various organizations, reading and helping others. Dorothy worked in the retail industry during the war. After the war she became a stay at home mom and full time volunteer. She has 3 daughters, 7 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren. Dorothy contributes her longevity of 101 years to good genes and staying involved. Dorothy stated, “I have had a very blessed life.”

Park Place - Seattle, Washington

Geneva Willins celebrated her 102nd Birthday at Park Place in June. Mrs. Willins was born in St. Louis, Missouri and moved to Tacoma, Washington in 1942 with her late husband Eddie, who was an Army cook stationed at Ft. Lewis.

Mrs. Willins served as a Nanny for an affluent Seattle family for nearly twenty years, helping to raise their five wonderful children. Geneva claims that her secret to longevity is staying active in her church and avoiding the night life….she never drank alcohol nor smoked cigarettes.

Mrs. Willins has resided at Park Place since 2016, where she truly enjoys all the nice people, the food, and the cleanliness of the community. At her birthday celebration Geneva showed everybody in attendance that she still has some pretty darn good dance moves.
Happy Birthday To You, Happy Birthday To You . . .

Fajardo Housing for the Elderly - Fajardo, Puerto Rico

**Rafael Fuentes**, a resident of Fajardo for nine years, will be 106 years old this year. He is from a town in Puerto Rico called Rio Grande, which means Big River. A lover of nature and gardening, Rafael does not enjoy television and does not have one in his apartment. He puts great emphasis on eating well and staying healthy.

Plymouth Square - Stockton, California

**Harriet Judson**, who turns 101 this year, was born in the home her father built. Coincidentally, the house used to sit on the very same grounds that Plymouth Square sits on now.

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

Towers of Jacksonville - Jacksonville, Florida

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.

Courtenay Springs Village - Merritt Island, Florida

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

**Carroll (Pat) Eddie** was born in July of 1918 on a farm in Indiana. He grew up in Louisville, Kentucky where he raised and trained horses. He was in his second year of college when he was called to serve his country in the Army in 1940. He served in the Army until WWII was over leaving the Army as a Colonel. Pat enjoys walking, socializing, and listening to music.

**Martha Eastep** was born in Altoona, PA on September 26, 1914. She was a 1st grade school teacher for 25 years. She and her husband enjoyed traveling all around the world. Martha is still very active and enjoys dancing at parties, bingo, playing LRC game, socializing, listening to music, spending time outside, and going out to lunch with friends.
The Carlin - Arlington, Virginia
James Taylor turned 101 in June and has been living at the Carlin since 2014. He was born in South Hampton County, served in WWII and was the first African American professional plumber in Arlington, VA. Mr. Taylor stays active and is determined to keep strong “The only thing that keeps me going is the Lord”.

Colonial Heights - Florence, Kentucky
For the last three years Jerry Guenther has lived independently at Colonial Heights and will turn 100 in September. Jerry has had a wonderful life and has two sons who appreciate their delightful mother. She loves the activities and all of the friends she has made at the community.

Lillian Cusentino will be turning 100 in September and has lived at Colonial Heights and Gardens since 2001.

Gateway Gardens - Poway, California
Martha Parry turned 101 in July. She has lived at Gateway Gardens for the past five years. She remains very active in the community, playing Canasta with a group of eight residents and friends, can be talked into playing Rummikub (she’s been playing it for decades!) and vows she can beat all opponents in a game of Scrabble.

Eldene Whiting turned 100 in July. She was born in Rock Valley, Iowa and moved to the San Diego area in 1922. Eldene has lived at The Gateway since 2010.

Angelus Plaza - Los Angeles, California
Sheng Wang turned 101 in August. Sheng Yaw Wang was born in Taiwan before he immigrated to the United States. He has lived at Angelus Plaza since 1989.

Sheng says the key to longevity is to do whatever makes you happy, go wherever it makes you happy, and eat whatever makes you happy.

For him, happiness involves getting the chance to sing and play the drums.
Project H.A.N.D.S.®

For The Greater Good

Project H.A.N.D.S.® (Helping Angels National Donated Support) is the award-winning brainchild of Judy Shaw, RHF’s Director of Service Coordination. It is created on a very basic premise that everyone has the ability to contribute to the betterment of their community if they want to. In 2018, 1,362 residents volunteered 64,262 hours to provide 31,008 items for distribution throughout their communities for people in need.

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

Do you want updates on our Project H.A.N.D.S.® groups all year long? It just so happens that we often feature Project H.A.N.D.S.® stories on our social media pages...

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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.
Gathering Supplies for those in Need

While the hand crafted items that many of our Project H.A.N.D.S.® groups create are beautiful and so appreciated, the three communities featured on this page are showing that you don’t need to excel at handicrafts to be a part of H.A.N.D.S® and make a difference!

In Macon, GA, Ingleside Manor’s Project H.A.N.D.S.® and Neighborhood Watch Group, in partnership with Peach State Health Plan, donated 100 book bags with school supplies to the local Southfield Elementary School. Between money raised to purchase supplies and items that were donated, the Ingleside residents were able to gather hundreds of pieces to fill these bags with, including composition books, crayons and other needed school items. These bags were assembled at the Neighborhood Watch meeting on July 8th and were then presented to several school staff members, including Deborah Searles, a counselor with Southfield Elementary School who happens to be the cousin of a late former Ingleside Manor resident named Gladys Young. The project was dedicated to Gladys.

The H.A.N.D.S.® group at Towne Creek Apartments in McKinney, TX recently donated basic hygiene kits to Streetside Showers, a non-profit that provides approximately 80 showers each week to the homeless individuals within a three county area of north Texas. Streetside Showers was created with the mission to offer hope and help restore human dignity to the homeless community.

Though their original goal was to assemble 25 kits, with the outpouring of donations received, the Towne Creek Project H.A.N.D.S.® group was able to make 100 kits! They plan to continue this project throughout the year and provide as many kits as they can to this very worthy cause.

The summer project for the Project H.A.N.D.S.® group at Pinewood Manor in Bremerton, WA involved assembling gift bags to aid the homeless. We are told that this project brought together a larger turnout of resident volunteers than any other project ever completed at Pinewood Manor. Some resident family members even came to help out!

The 26 bags of personal care and food items that they put together, which included a note telling all about the mission of Project H.A.N.D.S.®, were donated to the Kitsap Rescue Mission. This local non-profit provides services like temporary shelter, meal programs, case management, employment counseling, and mobile showers to the homeless population in Bremerton.
We are grateful to the following people and agencies that have volunteered, donated or participated in our Project H.A.N.D.S.® program from 7/1/18 to 6/30/19. Though we strive to list every person involved, this list may not be all-inclusive:

“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.”

Winston Churchill

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When Sharon Williams, a resident of Mount Beulah Terrace in St. Louis, MO, found out that the community had never participated in Project H.A.N.D.S.® she decided to change that. Sharon admittedly isn’t an avid seamstress but she was determined, so she turned to the internet to research some projects she could work on that didn’t require sewing. She is pictured here with a baby blanket and pillow she made. She hopes that this is what is needed to get the ball rolling and that she will soon be joined by her fellow residents.
The residents of Towers of Jacksonville in Jacksonville, FL have just recently started with Project H.A.N.D.S.® and have chosen Ronald McDonald House to be the charitable entity they are donating to. The graduating nurses from University of North Florida come by twice a month to do health screenings, but they also provide craft items for the H.A.N.D.S.® group to work on while they wait for their screening.
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Congratulations, Ms. Dahae Hwang!

Dahae is the recipient of RHF Charitable Foundation’s Aging Services scholarship, a youth education fund award designed for young adults living in RHF’s family communities who are interested in a career in aging services.

Hwang was recently accepted at Samuel Merritt University to pursue her master’s degree in nursing. A resident at Harvard Heights (Los Angeles, CA), Dahae is a caring young woman who enjoys learning and helping others. When she is not studying, she enjoys running marathons, reading, yoga, volunteering in her church, and working with underserved populations.

Dahae and her family immigrated to the United States from South Korea when she was 7 years old. Her favorite quote by Maya Angelou - “People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel” – has carried her throughout her academic journey.

She fondly remembers her 3rd grade teacher Miss Kim, who helped her learn English by teaching her 10 new words a day on flash cards, Dr. Stemp, who helped her develop good study skills, and Dr. Peterson, who helped her develop her research skills. It was their belief in Dahae that planted and nurtured a seed in her to help others by making her feel so special when they took the time to give her the help she needed to grow and excel.

Hwang is now inspired and determined to pass on that feeling on to others.

She is the first in her family to graduate from high school and attain a college degree. She completed her undergraduate studies at UCLA Extension, Mount St. Mary’s College, and CSU Los Angeles; and she is looking forward to this next chapter in her education. While she’s a bit nervous about moving away from home for the first time to pursue her academic dreams, Dahae has already explored several opportunities to volunteer at medical clinics and homeless outreach near her new campus in the San Francisco bay area.

When she graduates, Hwang hopes to work with seniors and assist them with gaining access to health care to improve their quality of life. She also hopes to apply her previous thesis research to benefit seniors with chronic illnesses. We wish her the best and look forward to seeing her at February’s annual awards dinner to hear about her experiences at Samuel Merritt University.

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RHF Charitable Foundation continues to expand its pilot program of Community Library and Resource Centers for RHF’s low-income family communities in Los Angeles.

This summer Centers have been installed at Bonnie Brae, Crenshaw Gardens, Paseo at Californian, Sonata at Riverpark, and Witmer Height.

With the assistance of grants from First Book National Book Bank, Kidsguide Magazine, and JetBlue, these Centers were designed to feature a variety of classic and contemporary books and games for children of all ages.

Special thanks to Alice Sexton for her inspiration and guidance in launching this program.
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.

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Clark Harshfield, one of RHF’s founders, wrote in his memoir . . . in 1969
“A good private secretary was needed. I called the State of California Department of Human Services and requested a referral for the secretarial position. To my surprise, the state agency came through with a winner. . . . I hired Linda Francis (Listoe) on the spot.”

Linda Listoe would be the third employee to work at RHF and 37 years later she retired as Sr. Vice President of Corporate Services and Corporate Secretary. Linda Listroe died on June 12, 2019 at the age of 78.

“As the third RHF team member in our 58-year history, Linda was critical to our growth, and she had a wonderful historical memory,” says Dr. Laverne R. Joseph, President and CEO of RHF. “In February, I had the opportunity to talk with her at our Annual Meeting. She will be missed.”

Linda truly embraced the phrase “other duties as assigned.” Over the years her job included everything from finding sites to build properties on, working with architects and construction companies, filing HUD applications and attending the final closings with HUD. She knew the organization inside and out.

RHF will celebrating her life at the national headquarters in Long Beach on August 20th at 4 p.m.