

THE METHODIST HOMES

Methodist Homes Corporation was created in 1956 as a non-profit dedicated to improving the lives of God's "older children" by providing safe, affordable housing and healthcare in Alabama and Northwest Florida. A ministry of the United Methodist Church, affiliated with its North Alabama and Alabama-West Florida Annual Conferences, MHC has become the state's largest integrated wellness and health network for people sixty-two years of age or older.

MHC is a respected innovator in senior housing whose homes are designed as places to live, not just exist. We create loving, life-enriching, spiritually based communities for older adults and their caregivers, both families and staff. Within our walls, we are resident-focused, anticipating and meeting their needs. Beyond our walls, we reach out to the community with our knowledge and skills. Our facilities provide a wide range of senior housing and health services, including Garden Homes, independent living, assisted living, special care assisted living, skilled nursing care, Alzheimer's care and affordable housing apartments.

A Commitment to Quality Life

The longer we live, the more likely it is that we will exhaust our retirement savings. At many facilities for older adults, residents whose fiscal resources run out face a harsh reality: they're asked to find care elsewhere. That has never been the case at Methodist Homes' retirement communities. **In fact, since the day Methodist Homes began, no resident has ever been asked to leave for lack of funds.**

THE FOUNTAIN OF LOVE

The program that allows us to fulfill our commitment to our residents is called, appropriately, the *Fountain of Love*. Not only does this commitment assure residents that they will always have a home in our retirement communities, it also means all residents receive the same high quality of health care and other services, regardless of their financial situation.

We are living much longer. The number of older persons needing Methodist Homes' care is growing. The resulting demand for financial assistance as residents' assets are exhausted is challenging the very existence of this mission, yet we refuse to force a resident to leave due to an inability to pay. Your gift is simply the lifeblood of this ministry. Our residents who require assistance have no other options but you, me, and Methodist Homes. So, it comes down to this...**if our church congregations will not help our elders, to whom does Methodist Homes turn?**

Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

1. What is Methodist Homes' commitment to its residents?

The mission of Methodist Homes is to enrich the lives of older adults and all those who serve them in faith-based communities, where life is celebrated, relationships are valued, teamwork is embraced, service excellence is expected and the touch of God's love is ever-present and ageless. As a ministry, Methodist Homes serves as many needing care as possible. Costs are kept as low as is practicable without sacrificing quality of care or quality of life. Methodist Homes has never asked a resident to leave for lack of funds. Our ministry is one that is inspired by organizational efficiency and loving concern.

2. What is Methodist Homes' *Fountain of Love*?

The *Fountain of Love Fund* was created to be an ever-flowing source of money to help individuals in our Methodist Homes whose own finances have been exhausted. This fund provides security and assurance to individuals who do not have sufficient income to pay for their care.

3. Why does Methodist Homes raise *Fountain of Love* funds each year?

Methodist Homes maintains a firm commitment to provide services to all of its residents, regardless of ability to pay. Therefore, an ever-flowing source of funds must be available to meet the needs of those who can no longer afford to pay their entire monthly charges.

The North Alabama Conference and Alabama-West Florida Conference budgets together provide about 7% of the cost of free care given to needy Methodist Homes residents each year. Donations from individuals, churches, Sunday School Classes, employees, United Methodist Women's groups, foundations and others help to make up the difference.

4. Does Methodist Homes have an endowment to help pay for its programs?

The Jewell D. Dennison Fountain of Love Fund was created in 2007 with \$2 million endowment, and an additional \$3 million has been added over the last 2 years. The interest earned on this \$5 million endowment is used for the *Fountain of Love* program.

5. Who may I call if I have further questions?

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