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2026 Annual Report to Churches and Associations

As we celebrate 75 years of serving older adults, we first thank God for the opportunity to care for others and the blessings we have received over these years. We also thank the churches and partners who have supported our work, invested in our growth, and believed in our mission.

In the past year we have experienced many notable events across our campuses. Recognizing the growing need for quality senior living facilities, we have completed additional homes at our **Taylor Glen** Campus in Concord which added fifty new residences to their community. The **GREEN HOUSE®** at Taylor Glen was completed and opened to memory care residents in the spring, showcasing an innovative model of care that prioritizes resident autonomy and dignity.

Taylor House, our assisted living community in Albemarle, received a beautiful renovation this year. Opened in 1926 as Yadkin Hospital, the historic Taylor House can accommodate 28 older adults, many of whom receive need-based subsidies through the Foundation. Residents now have a new elevator and updated common areas, which along with compassionate caregivers offer comfort as well as peace of mind.

Located on the **Brookridge** campus in Winston-Salem, **EverTogether** construction is underway with plans for occupancy late this year. Our innovative couple's memory care will allow couples managing a memory care diagnosis to spend days and nights together, with the caregiving spouse having around-the-clock access to trained and dedicated staff. This patent-pending design will be the first of its kind in the nation and has already received national recognition for its innovative design and solution to vital needs of aging adults with memory loss.

We're pleased to share that **Brice Pointe** is coming to the coastal town of New Bern, North Carolina with plans to open in 2030. As New Bern's first Life Plan Community, Brice Pointe will provide a full continuum of on-site care including assisted living, memory care, skilled nursing, and rehabilitation. Independent living residents will enjoy peace of mind knowing that compassionate, high-quality care is available should it ever be needed.

Ardenwoods, located in scenic western NC, recently added a staff chaplain to their team. The opportunity to add this position was possible after the community became part of the ThriveMore family two years ago. Both residents and staff are already seeing the positive benefits of our chaplain, and we are proud to share that all our communities now have chaplains on site as part of our commitment of care.

Medicine from the Heart, our unique program which helps pay for prescription co-pays for seniors in need, has expanded to a third location with plans to begin a fourth partnership in September of this year. Funded entirely by donations, Medicine from the Heart supplements over \$30,000 annually to assist vulnerable older adults with the costs of vital medications.

Our **ThriveMore at Home** Program, offered in the Raleigh and surrounding area, has enrolled 43 independent older adults who have chosen to age in place in their home with 17 more applications in process. This program offers members a lifetime promise of care and services at the high standard demonstrated in our legacy of caring for North Carolina seniors.



In May of this year, ThriveMore received an extraordinary and deeply meaningful gift — **a generous donation of land in Wendell, North Carolina**, from Jimmy Faison. Located just outside of Raleigh, the intent is for the property to one day be home to a new ThriveMore retirement community, expanding our organization's ability to serve older adults across North Carolina and carry its mission into a growing region of the state.

We are delighted to let you know we have added members to our **Development Team** this year, allowing us to connect with more residents, churches, and partners across the state. Additional staffing gives us opportunity to share our mission, apply for more grants, and invite more people to join us as we work to expand our care for older adults across NC.

This year we have evaluated how we communicate our message, and as a result you will receive less physical mail as we work to connect with you through email and social media. Additionally, we will not promote a designated **Week of Prayer and Offering for Older Adults** in 2027. We believe this shift will allow us to be better stewards of our resources and allow churches more flexibility in supporting our work. We propose you **designate a gift to Baptist Retirement Homes Foundation** in your annual budget or designate one Sunday during the year to collect a special offering to support our work. We encourage you to consider directing your support to the new **Pastoral Legacy Fund** or the **Good Neighbor Fund**. Both newly established funds will directly benefit those who would like to join a ThriveMore community and need assistance with entrance fees. Regardless of how you may designate your gifts, rest assured that your contribution will be used to support older adults and enhance their quality of life in a faith-centered environment.

Baptist Retirement Homes Foundation will continue to do the good work to which we have committed, providing excellent care for older adults in the faith-based model on which we were founded, continually pursuing more ways to reach older adults who need our communities and services. Please **contact us to schedule a program or presentation for your church**. We value the opportunities to share our mission and ministry, and we always welcome you to visit and share in our communities. We thank you for the many ways you support our ministry and pray that God will continue to bless you.

With gratitude,



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Please contact me with any questions, if you would like more information, or to schedule a presentation. We would love to hear from you! 336.748.6471 - sshaffer@thrivemorenc.org

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