

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thomas A. Smith



Summer 2018

Dear Friend of River Landing at Sandy Ridge and The Presbyterian Homes, Inc.,

News of River Landing at Sandy Ridge

15th Anniversary – River Landing celebrated 15 years of ministry this summer! To commemorate the 15th Anniversary, all residents and staff received a 15th Anniversary t-shirt which they wore to events held throughout the week of June 11th -16th. The theme for the week was “Happy Days” and residents and staff enjoyed events that included a miniature golf tournament, special luncheons and entertaining evening programs, concluding with a weekend celebration for the community and our neighbors!



Residents enjoyed roasting marshmallows and wearing their festive 15th Anniversary t-shirts.

Mission development – Our future expansion is in full swing as we move forward in order to serve and meet the needs and desires of both current and future residents! We will be building new cottages, apartments, a clubhouse and a new maintenance building on campus. Our health center will be renovated and our wellness center will be significantly expanded as well. “Like” us on Facebook for more updates and photos.

New dining venues – Residents and their families are enjoying the newly renovated dining spaces – The Water’s Edge, a dining experience with a view, open for lunch and dinner; The Wayfarer, an internationally themed dinner venue where the menu and decor rotate; and the Deep River Coffee and Creamery, a coffee shop that also offers sweet frozen treats and pastries. Make plans to come visit, your taste buds will thank you!

Supporting our mission – Thank you to all donors who supported the 2017 Annual Appeal for River Landing! The

focus for the Annual Appeal for 2018 is helping those who need resident financial assistance. We are anticipating that the need for resident financial assistance will exceed \$610,000 this year. Tax-deductible gifts can be made by making a check payable to “The Presbyterian Homes Foundation,” indicating that your gift is for the River Landing Annual Appeal. Online giving is available at www.riverlandingsr.org and appreciated securities are also accepted. Your gifts make a difference!

Words from residents . . .

“On May 31st we graduated from being Residents of the Future to our current status as River Landing residents! The 15th Anniversary Celebration in June was great fun, and a terrific introduction to all of the fabulous people who work and live here. Through the celebration activities, we learned about River Landing’s history and its continued support for this community of residents. We are thrilled to be a part of River Landing! Life here is everything you promised us, and more!”

~ Kerry and Barb Gustafson

Matching scholarship grant – Generous anonymous donors have made possible a matching grant of \$50,000 that will benefit the River Landing at Sandy Ridge Employee Scholarship! If you would like to help maximize this opportunity by making a gift and would like additional information, please reach out to our Director of Development and Public Relations at (336)886-6553. We are grateful for the donors whose vision has made this opportunity possible!



Employee scholarship recipients (front from l - r), Hillary Kindley, Germina Elungu, Destiny Bach, Denia Carpenter, Crystal Carpenter, Gloria Purvis and Jordan Wilson (not pictured). (Back l - r) scholarship committee members: Wiz Horner, Maxine Foster, Jan Koontz, John Hoyt and Scott Lahti (not pictured).

Scholarships for Employees – On July 14th recipients of the River Landing at Sandy Ridge Employee Scholarship enjoyed a celebration with the community. Our 2018 recipients are: Denia Carpenter, Crystal Carpenter, Germina Elungu, Hillary Kindley, Gloria Purvis and Jordan Wilson. Destiny Bach was named as our first ever recipient of the Charles and Alice Fisher Educational Endowment Award.

News of The Presbyterian Homes, Inc. (PHI)

Anniversary celebrations on all campuses – This year, each of our communities celebrate milestones: Scotia Village, located in Laurinburg, NC, celebrates 30 years; Glenaire, located in Cary, NC, celebrates 25 years; River Landing at Sandy Ridge, located in Colfax, NC, celebrates 15 years; and Friends Homes, located in Greensboro, NC, celebrates 60 years overall with the West campus celebrating 25 years!

Mission development – In working to fulfill our mission – to honor God by enriching the lives and touching the hearts of those we serve – our Board of Governors has approved significant mission development and planning processes. River Landing at Sandy Ridge is moving ahead with expansion plans in order to serve additional residents while Scotia Village is engaging in a Master Planning process. Glenaire and Friends Homes continue to work on plans for expansion and renovations as part of their master planning.

Fitch Rating – PHI's Fitch rating of A- has been reviewed and affirmed for the first time. PHI's financial strength ranks it among the top CCRCs in the nation.

Deserving staff members receive statewide recognition – Three staff members have been honored by LeadingAge North Carolina. Hank Lovvorn, Vice-President and Director of Operations, for The Presbyterian Homes, Inc. (PHI) was recognized with the Excellence in Leadership Award. Kelli Underhill, Community Mentor, with River Landing at Sandy Ridge, received the Emerging Leader Award. Sanela Basic, Services Manager over dining, at the West campus of Friends Homes, Inc. (FHI) received the Service Excellence Award. Congratulations to these staff members!

Sincerely,



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