





Cam Shelhamer















ABHM Offers Residents Solution to Hearing Loss

nhancing residents' quality of life is one of the highest priorities for American Baptist Homes of the Midwest (ABHM). When residents suffer loss of hearing, enjoying conversations with friends, family, church services, entertainment and other activities becomes difficult. As a result, seniors often withdraw from life-enrichment programs and become disengaged.

Which is why ABHM partnered with Eversound. Eversound designs and develops proprietary audio technologies, which help seniors hear clearly during

movies, presentations,

group activities and conversations. The headphone system is specifically tuned to the needs of seniors and provides an enhanced listening experience compared to conventional hearing aids.

"While hearing aids amplify all sound, Eversound focuses in

on the source of what someone is listening to and amplifies that specifically," says Leah Atz, wellness director at Thorne Crest Senior Living Community in Albert Lea, MN.

Thorne Crest was the first of ABHM's communities to use the Eversound technology, and the results have been overwhelmingly positive. Resident Cam Shelhamer says: "I can hear so much better with the headset. Otherwise, I have to be face-to-face to read lips." For those like Cam who have experienced hearing loss, Eversound has had a transformative effect.

"You really see Eversound's impact when residents have headsets on and they just light up," Leah says. "They become so engaged. It's like night and day." Residents have used the Eversound devices at theater productions, movie outings, care consultations and in everyday conversations.

"You can tell on residents' faces when they're only picking up bits and pieces of what's being said," Leah says. "When you put the Eversound on them, they're smiling." 66

Eversound enables our resident who have hearing loss to hear again with a level of clarity they haven't experienced in years. The response from ABHM residents and staff to the Eversound technology has been extremely positive and increased resident participation in our life enrichment programs and improved resident quality of life."

> — Jeff Hongslo President/CEO

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Why It's Critical to Our Work

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Depending on the gift arrangement you choose, you can:

- Feel secure about the future of your loved ones.
- Maintain control of your assets for life.
- Receive tax benefits.
- Give more than you ever thought possible.

Here are a few popular planned giving options:

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GIFT IN YOUR WILL OR REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST

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