

WESLEY COMMONS

Fiscal Year 2006 marked another year of continued accomplishments for Wesley Commons. Our Ministry of Care and Vision of the Future remains vibrant and solid. Our Wellness Program continues to serve over 250 residents per week in a variety of structured and free form programs managed by three full time wellness staff members. Class types range from weightlifting and water aerobics to yoga and massage. Approximately 60% of our Independent Living residents participate in over 30 different classes each week and roughly 30% of our Assisted Living residents participate in our programs as well. The Skilled Nursing Facility also participates via satellite Wellness Programs. Participation in our Wellness Programs has added more than improved health for our residents; it has sparked a youthful energy and excitement felt campus wide.

In addition to our resident focused wellness programs, we have now begun an extensive wellness initiative for our 260 employees. After an extremely successful Employee Health Fair, Administration developed staff focused wellness programs designed to holistically support our greatest asset and their physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing.

We currently serve over 430 residents on our campus. We are very pleased to see our campus occupancy at 96% and growing higher each month. The waiting list for many of our neighborhoods is impressive and our memberships for our wellness programs have proven to be very attractive to individuals living in the Greater Greenwood area. With more than two-thirds of our residents moving to Wesley Commons from all areas of the Southeast, we have re-engineered our services and amenities to accommodate this booming population. Involvement with our Resident Committees allows us to continuously fine tune the scope of our offerings.

In conjunction with our overall growth, we continue in our quest to redefine nursing care in a manner that replaces the current definition of a "Nursing Home." In doing this, we have begun our first phase of evaluation, where we will deconstruct our current health system and will design our vision of a person centered health service. We plan to mimic our extremely successful, 12 resident Special Care House, Jasmine Cottage, in the development of a "neighborhood" of cozy "home based" skilled nursing homes to replace the traditional monolithic hospital design of today. The challenge, which we remain vigilant to overcome, is to design this exceptional program to be affordable and viable for a Medicaid and lower income population. We believe that if we can achieve this goal, it will spread to others, so that in the near future, a skilled nursing home will look and operate in such a special manner that it bears no resemblance to today's "homes."

As you can see, our Ministry to serve our elders continues to grow as a result of our expanding programs. The support of the Methodist Homes Support Fund and other Private Supporters enables Wesley Commons to provide subsidy to many residents across our campus. In 2006, Wesley Commons provided over \$1,300,000 of subsidized services. With the Methodist Conference providing just over \$130,000, Wesley Commons' Operational funds made up the difference of that subsidy to those unable to pay for their care.

Wesley Commons', Methodist Oaks' and Methodist Manor's need for support will only increase as our communities continue to grow and conversely, our state and federal funding for our nation's seniors continues to be reduced. Wesley Commons' current level of support is extremely taxing on our resources; our ongoing Ministry will not be possible without the constant support of our friends, such as the Conference. I thank you for your continued financial support of those who built our great nation and deserve our fullest attention.

In His Way,

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