

THE METHODIST OAKS

The past conference year 2008-2009, has been a challenging year as we join with the rest of the world in reacting to the economic difficulties of our nation. At The Oaks initiatives have been put into place reducing costs and creating new revenue streams for the future.

- **PACE** – Our PACE program, started in March of 2008 is proceeding well serving over 30 participants. The Program for the All-inclusive Care for the Elderly is a federal program that uses both Medicare and Medicaid to care for the most frail and poorest of seniors who are still living in their own homes. Qualified seniors receive free transportation to and from a day-care site that provides nourishing meals, medical care, physical and occupational therapy, and socialization and community.
- **Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry** – The Oaks is one of the sites for this wonderful new ministry of the South Carolina Conference, having set aside four home locations on our campus. We expect the home to have residents in place by the time Annual Conference is held. The home will house up to six adult males. One of the first residents moved into Aldersgate and his mother moved into The Oaks. They will be close by and can visit often.
- **Wellness at The Oaks** - The Oaks Wellness program is extremely strong on campus with over 60% of our independent residents participating actively in the program. The heated, enclosed, pool and spacious cardio/strength and exercise rooms are improving the quality of life for many residents and staff. Our new **Passport to The Oaks** program allows seniors in the Orangeburg community to participate in our Wellness and Campus Life programs for a nominal fee each month. We have a waiting list waiting to join.
- **Interpretive Nature Trail** – In April of this year, The Oaks Interpretive Nature Trail was featured in *South Carolina Wildlife Magazine* as a site to visit. The Nature Trail is open to the public by appointment and is used by schools, scouts and others. Claflin University uses the trail as a training site for its Cross Country Team and as an Ecology Lab for the Ecology courses.
- **The Oaks Home Services** – In March of 2008, The Oaks initiated Home Services which serves residents on our campus and a five county area surrounding Orangeburg. Providing multiple non medical care needs allows people to stay in their homes and apartments as long as possible. Part of the Home Services offering is the use of **passive monitoring** technology to provide a level of comfort and social connection with family and friends. We have installed the system on our campus and provide non intrusive monitoring for a number of families.
- **Elderhostel** – The Oaks is working with Claflin University to establish an Elderhostel program using housing available on our campus. The program is in the formative stages at this point, but both The Oaks and Claflin are excited about the possibilities for the program in providing interesting educational programs for seniors throughout the nation.
- **The Board of Trustees** appreciates the support of the South Carolina Conference through apportionments, gifts and prayers. All are important in allowing us to maintain our ministry to the aging population.

Respectfully submitted,

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