

WESLEY COMMONS

Wesley Commons continues to be a blessed organization and we remain grateful for our Mission success and growth during this economic downturn. Currently, Wesley Commons is home to over 420 residents that are served by over 260 employees. The impact of this family of 690 individuals is not only evident on our campus, but across the greater community of Greenwood. Members of Wesley Commons can be found supporting organizations such as Lander University, Piedmont Technical College, Chamber of Commerce, Humane Society of Greenwood, and HospiceCare of the Piedmont to name a few. We are also working to better serve local youth through programs such as BEST, a mentoring program in our local elementary schools. Our campus is an impressive collection of caring and compassionate individuals who add great value to our local community

Our waiting list for many of our neighborhoods remained steady throughout 2008. We continue to attract individuals from far and wide. With more than 80% 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. Close involvement with our Resident Committees allows us to continuously fine tune the scope.

While 2008 showed a continued fine tuning of our operations, we remained proactive in our attempts to navigate through the beginnings of the current economic downturn. Our advancements have not come easy and are especially taxed by the current state of our economy. This year has been laden with many challenges which have tested our resolve. Yet, through determination, ingenuity, and keeping our focus on our core Mission, we have stayed the course. The negative indicators of our economy in both the financial and housing markets have had an impact on our future residents. In some cases individuals had to pass up their available position on our waiting list to move into Wesley Commons as a result of such issues. To assist our future residents and to enable better protection from the pain of this turn down, we continue to design and implement new options to enable them to make the right choice.

We remain humbled and honored to be reminded of our most important asset and blessing: our employees. God is good and has provided Wesley Commons with a wonderful team of dedicated and Mission oriented individuals, who pleasantly and compassionately serve our residents day in and day out. Currently, we have begun an awesome task of preparing our employees for our next major advancement in our Mission. It is our desire to retool and rethink how we deliver exceptional services to our current and future customers. We envision a campus which is based upon delivering much more individually focused service and support in a residential setting, as opposed to the current institutional standard prevalent in our country. Noting a shift in consumer demand for various services, we have embarked on a mission not only to redesign certain accommodations in our neighborhoods, but we are redesigning our entire delivery of Health Services.

As you can see, our Ministry to serve our elders continues to grow as a result of our expanding programs. 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. As our economy has been negatively impacted by this downturn, our requests for support have increased, while our donor funds have decreased. Our ability to continue to provide over \$1 million of subsidized services to our residents each year is being tested and strained. With the Methodist Conference providing just over \$192,177 of support in 2008, Wesley Commons' Operational funds made up the difference of that subsidy to those unable to pay for their care.

The support of organizations and individuals such as yourself will help us to continue to provide exceptional services to many through the Mission of Wesley Commons. We thank you for your continued financial support of Wesley Commons.

In His Way,

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