

THE OAKS

Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide superior retirement living Continuing Care and a working environment that nourishes the human spirit and preserves personal dignity by addressing the whole person in an atmosphere which witnesses Christian Values and love.

The Oaks was established in 1953 and opened with the first ten residents in 1954 at its main campus just south of Orangeburg, SC. Today, the Oaks serves more than 500 residents and clients on its main campus, at its PACE facility in Orangeburg and in the greater Orangeburg community. On the main campus, the Oaks provides several active Independent Living options, Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing Care as well as Rehabilitative Services. As the retirement environment has changed, The Oaks has expanded its services and where and how it provides them.

The Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) provides holistic medical and health-related care to poor, frail, elderly clients in the greater Orangeburg community and is operated in a modern day facility located at 153 Founders Court, Orangeburg, SC. Senior Solutions and Live at Home Technologies provide services that improve quality of life and allow clients to stay in their homes and communities longer and more independently than they would be able to on their own.

On campus, The Oaks offers many activities that nourish residents and clients physically, mentally and spiritually. These activities are now available to the community through the Passport to The Oaks, which allows these clients to participate in activities and use facilities such as the swimming pool and fitness center. Senior Solutions and Live at Home Technologies are also available on campus, allowing residents to stay in the Independent Living and Assisted Living options longer. As part of the Oaks broader Christian mission, space and support have been provided for the first Aldersgate Home in South Carolina. Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry is a ministry of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church that provides residence and support for adults with developmental disabilities. The Oaks site provides for 6 male residents.

The Oaks is a 501 (c) (3) corporation, which is a not for profit charitable and religious organization. It is directed by the Oaks Board of Trustees which is a twenty-one member board consisting mainly of South Carolina United Methodist clergy and laity. Each board member is qualified before being asked to serve, resulting in each member bringing particular skills to benefit The Oaks. The Board of Trustees is committed to the mission of The Oaks and works closely with the Chief Executive Officer and his staff to look strategically at The Oaks' future. The Board of Trustees, Executive Committee and Finance Committee meet at least quarterly to monitor the status and review the direction of The Oaks. There are sub-committees of the board that meet regularly throughout the year ranging from committees that consider services offered to board governance issues. In addition, annual planning sessions are held with the Board of Trustees and executive and senior staff to determine the future direction of The Oaks.

As the retirement environment and the needs of those individuals who are served continue to change, The Oaks will remain committed to its ministry and mission and provide new and innovative services to do so. If you are not already familiar with The Oaks, we invite you to contact us, visit our facilities and find out more about our services.

Andy Cox, Chairman of Board of Trustees