to North Carolina Baptist Associations and Churches

Baptist Retirement Homes of NC has many reasons to be thankful this year! We are thankful for God's plan, which He called us to over 70 years ago to care for Older Adults in North Carolina. We continue to seek to fulfill that call with excellence every day. Only He knew the great needs that Older Adults would experience in 2022 and beyond. Seeking His guidance and blessings, we look forward to the future.

We are also thankful for the many churches and individuals across North Carolina and outside our state who have answered God's call to help make excellent care possible for many who do not have the financial resources to receive the care they need and deserve. With the challenges of Covid, many of you continued to give to this ministry to care for the needs of Older Adults. Your gifts to the Baptist Retirement Homes of NC Foundation continue to enable us to provide benevolent funding of approximately \$3 million dollars this year, which is assisting nearly 40% of our resident population. 100% of the donation dollar goes directly to benevolent care. Everyone is aware of the rising costs of healthcare and life in general in the present environment. Your contributions of any size make a significant difference and are received with deep appreciation.

Baptist Retirement Homes has been blessed with many new residents in our communities and inquiries from potential residents. If you visit our communities, you will find renovations in full swing. These renovations are updating our garden homes, apartments as well as health care units. Additions to several of our communities are in the planning stage so that more residents can enjoy life in a vibrant, caring setting.

For many years our campuses have been in the Piedmont and Western part of North Carolina. Baptist Retirement Homes is now actively exploring opportunities to have a community and an In Home Care Program in the Eastern part of the state. We also welcome Rev. Hal Bilbo, former Director of Missions in the Stanley Montgomery Baptist Association as our Church Relations Eastern Manager. He will be a great resource for the churches in Eastern NC.

It is exciting to see the growth of Baptist Retirement Homes taking place. The aging population in North Carolina and across the country provides a great opportunity to make a positive impact on many families at a critical time. In addition to capital improvements, we continue to explore ways to reach more older adults with the need for our communities and services.

Baptist Retirement Homes ministry is not confined to the campus of our communities. The ministry of BRH seeks to partner with local churches and associations that have a vision to help older adults through Adult Day Respite, Nutrition, and Housing Application Programs. Our Life At Home Ministry assists Winston Salem/ Forsyth County area Older Adults with reliable, low cost handy man services.

The "Medicine From the Heart" initiative seeks to help Older Adults with limited financial resources (in both institutional setting and those living at home) purchase the medications they

need. Simply filling a medicine vial with spare change, a check or cash that is provided to your church by BRH, or making a donation online at our website literally allows recipients to have basic needs along with their medication. "Medicine From the Heart" is a great mission project for churches, VBS offering, Sunday School Classes, etc. You will directly touch lives in a significant way!

Baptist Retirement Homes of NC will be partnering with Guidestone and the Baptist Foundation for a series of conferences across the state in September to provide valuable information on preparing for "The Latter Years" and the different stages of retirement. Your church and association will receive information soon and will be sharing it with you. The importance of planning ahead is essential as the population is living longer. Join us for this opportunity.

We hope you will visit our website www.brh.org and take a look at our communities. You will get a glimpse of the vibrant activity that is taking place. On the church resources tab you will find a growing resource page for your use. Donations can also be made online securely from our website.

Baptist Retirement Homes of NC is blessed to have support across the state and we never take your prayers and contributions for granted. We also are blessed to have staff at all levels who love Older Adults and go the second mile to make every day special for them. BRH cherishes our Baptist Heritage and values, and continually explores ways to share our biblical compassion for older adults to those in need. God has blessed us with a diverse population of older adults, that blend together into an active caring community. The future is bright because the call to provide quality care for Older Adults is the call of God for us. We know that He will provide as we fulfill that call.

Baptist Retirement Homes would value the opportunity to share with your congregation, Senior Group or Mission Group about this vital ministry and areas of need of Senior Adults. We have speakers across the state that would embrace the opportunity. We also would be thrilled to have a group from your church visit one of our communities and possibly provide ministry with our residents.

May God continue to bless your church as your share the Gospel and as you provide resources of prayer and financial assistance to touch the lives of many through Baptist Retirement Homes of NC and other ministries that God leads you to support!

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