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**Resthaven**  
faithfully caring.



Your prayers, generosity, and trust make it possible for Resthaven to continue its legacy of care—today, and for generations to come.

## Reflecting on Our History, While Planning for the Future

Over this past year, we've been blessed to celebrate Resthaven's 80th anniversary. It has been both humbling and energizing to look back on our early years and see the path God has laid before us over the decades. Again and again, I'm reminded of the power of community, compassion, and faith in action—here at Resthaven and throughout Holland—in very real and meaningful ways.

This year brought opportunities to grow, innovate, and deepen our commitment to those we serve. From welcoming new residents and families, to implementing technologies that support staff and residents, to expanding programs that care for the whole person, we've seen the hand of God at work in both big and small ways. Our workforce has become stronger through training, career development, and ongoing recognition, ensuring that our mission is lived out every day through the people who make Resthaven what it is.

The way forward is not without challenges. As I write this, there are many unknowns both locally and nationally. Funding pressures and workforce shortages continue to affect senior care providers everywhere. These realities

have shaped our strategic initiatives and sharpened our focus. How do we continue to live out our values of Hold the Door, Know My Name, and Walk With Me amid these challenges? What must we do differently in the coming decade to faithfully fulfill our mission of caring for seniors in our community?

Through it all, we've remained steadfast—focused on person-centered care, building meaningful connections, preparing for the future, and stewarding our resources wisely. These priorities remain our guide as we serve more seniors than ever before.

As we close this anniversary year, we remain faithfully focused on our mission, on one another, and on the promise of what is yet to come. Thank you for walking alongside us on this journey. Your prayers, generosity, and trust make it possible for Resthaven to continue its legacy of care—today, and for generations to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deedre Schuckert". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Deedre Schuckert  
President/CEO

Cover photo:  
Resthaven residents at  
Maple Woods Cottages



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## Our Mission

To glorify God by providing a continuum of quality care and services that demonstrates the love and compassion of Jesus Christ.

## Mission Moment: Finding the Right Place to Call Home

For lifelong Hollander Rich, community has always been at the center of his life. A graduate of Holland Public Schools, Rich spent 25 years working at Family Fare before joining Kandu Industries. His greatest joy has always been being around people. When Kandu closed in 2015, Rich became involved in Life Circles PACE, which continued to support his engagement and independence.

For 11 years, Rich lived in an adult foster care home. But, as he aged and his needs changed, his family began to notice that the environment wasn't quite the right fit anymore. "It just wasn't the right approach for Rich," said his sister Diane, who serves as one of his powers of attorney.

With guidance from Rich's social worker at Life Circles PACE, the family began exploring new options. When they toured Resthaven's Maple Woods Assisted Living, it just felt right. The campus—located in the neighborhood where Rich grew up and next to the building where he and his family attended church—felt like coming home.

Rich moved to Maple Woods in June, and since then, he has truly flourished. He participates in activities daily, attends bus trips, enjoys chatting with staff and neighbors, and often expresses gratitude to those who care for him. Most importantly, he's regained some of his independence. "Rich has started making decisions for himself again, and that is awesome to see," said Diane.

Maddie Buresh, Clinical Manager at Maple Woods, said, "Rich brings joy to our community every day. From chatting about the Tigers to greeting everyone with a smile, his positivity brightens our halls and reminds us why we do what we do."

At Resthaven, our faith-based, not-for-profit mission and continuum of care allow each person to find the setting that best meets their needs—physically, emotionally, and spiritually. When residents are in the right place, with the right support, they don't just adjust—they thrive. For Rich and his family, Maple Woods has provided not only comfort and care but also peace of mind, knowing he is truly home.

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*-Maddie Buresh,  
Clinical Manager*



## The Farmstead: One Year Later



When Resthaven first began exploring the idea of The Farmstead, it wasn't just about adding another senior living option in our community—it was about listening. In the fall of 2018, extensive market research was conducted by a long-standing partner, Plante Moran, to determine if there was truly a need. The answer was clear: individuals and families in our community were looking for more.

In the spring of 2019, consumer research surveys were conducted, and the response was overwhelming. Hundreds of individuals shared their perspectives, hopes, and priorities regarding what independent and assisted living should look like. From there, Resthaven hosted nearly 500 people in focus groups, where together we shaped the vision for The Farmstead. Every step was guided by the voices of our community.

Now, one full year after opening, it is a joy to see that vision fully realized. Independent Living at The Farmstead

is completely occupied, creating a vibrant community where friendships and connections flourish. The Farmstead Assisted Living is not only serving Resthaven residents who have transitioned within our continuum of care, but also warmly welcoming residents from across greater Holland and beyond.

The Farmstead is fulfilling the needs it was designed to meet, serving as a conduit for connections, engagement, and peace of mind. Residents have shared how quickly they've built friendships, how dynamic daily life feels with opportunities to gather and participate, and how reassuring it is to know support is available if ever needed.

One year later, The Farmstead stands as a testament to what can be accomplished when we set out to respond to a need for the community. It is more than a campus—it is a place where relationships thrive, friendships grow, and older adults experience the security and peace of mind they deserve.

"We've made good friends, love our apartment, and appreciate all the staff does for us. Living next to Van Raalte Farm is an added blessing as we walk and enjoy the farm often.

There are activities, exercise classes, and events every day that we can choose to participate in.

We feel very blessed to be here and be a part of this community."

*-Dave and Linda Wagner*

"We have been residents of our apartment since June of 2024. We love our new retirement community and have made many friends here. We find The Farmstead a joyful place to live, and I love having no real estate taxes, no utility bills, and no lawn or snow maintenance responsibilities.

There are lots of opportunities here that call us together for joy and laughter.

We are both especially thankful we got to move in here in good health and together."

*-Bill and Barb Bredemeier*

# Renewing Our Legacy: Maple Woods Campus Expansion

In April 2026, Resthaven will break ground on an exciting expansion on the Maple Woods Assisted Living campus—a project driven by community need and fueled by your generosity.

A 2023 market study revealed a growing demand for accessible assisted living options and noted that the 70-year-old Maple Woods building located on 32nd Street presents structural limitations for some. To support this endeavor, we launched the Renewing Our Legacy capital campaign earlier this year, aiming to raise \$2 million for this \$7 million investment. Thanks to our supportive community, we achieved our goal, raising \$2 million and counting!

This expansion will add accessible units to ensure that all residents can live with dignity and comfort, upholding Resthaven's 80-year commitment to Christ-centered care. We're deeply grateful for your support, which will see Maple Woods remains a place of compassion and care for generations to come.



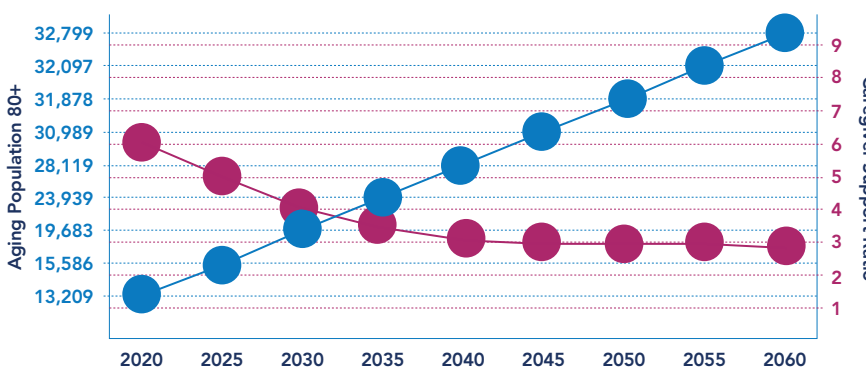


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# Senior Living in 2025: Trends, Challenges, and Opportunities at Resthaven

At Resthaven, our commitment to providing exceptional care and active community life remains steadfast amid a rapidly evolving senior living landscape. The aging population is growing, caregiver availability is shrinking, and expectations for both medical care and lifestyle amenities are higher than ever. By embracing innovative workforce strategies and cutting-edge technology, Resthaven is proactively addressing these challenges to ensure that our residents, families, and community continue to thrive. Here's how we're navigating these changes and what it means for you.



*Projected Growth of Aging Population vs Declining Caregiver Ratio*

Source:  
1. U.S. Census Bureau

## Workforce Pressures: Building a Stronger Team

The senior living sector is facing a critical challenge: a nationwide shortage of caregivers. This workforce crisis impacts how we deliver care, but at Resthaven, we're tackling it head on with creative solutions that empower our team.

- **Career Ladders for Growth:** We've established career ladders for direct care workers in both skilled nursing and assisted living, offering clear pathways for professional development and retention.
- **Pioneering Training Programs:** Resthaven is proud to be Michigan's first not-for-profit to implement the Certified Medication Aide program in skilled nursing. Our inaugural cohort saw eight Resthaven CNAs complete training, enhancing support for team members, nurses, and residents.



*Left-to Right: Latavia Washington, Amber Van Eck, Mary Rhea, Daisy Trujillo, Lina Jacobs, Amelia Smith, Heather Vanlent, Paula DeSantos, Sherronda Whittington.*

Through workforce investments, state-of-the-art programs, and strategic technology adoption, we're ensuring that Resthaven remains a place where residents, families, and staff flourish.

### Adapting with Purpose: Meeting Residents Where They Are

The demographics of senior living are changing. In assisted living and skilled nursing, residents are older, with more complex medical needs, yet they also seek engaging, lifestyle-driven experiences. Balancing these needs and desires requires innovative programming and resourcefulness, especially as the available caregiver-to-resident ratio is expected to decline over the next 15 years.

Resthaven is responding by piloting programs that enhance resident care while optimizing staff time. By integrating automation, we're freeing up our team to focus on meaningful interactions—ensuring that every resident feels known and valued.

### Technology & Innovation: Enhancing Care and Connection

Technology is no longer a luxury—it's a necessity. From fall detection to predictive analytics, Resthaven is leveraging groundbreaking tools to improve resident safety, streamline operations, and elevate the care experience.

- Kami Care: A fall detection system that identifies the root causes of falls, helping us prevent future incidents.
- Precise MDS: Automates required assessments for Medicaid and Medicare, reducing administrative burden and allowing staff to prioritize resident care.
- Sensi AI: A predictive care tool, anticipating resident needs before they arise. Resthaven will be the first continuum of care community to test it.
- Know Your Score: A risk assessment program, piloted with more than 100 Resthaven residents this past summer, to help seniors identify and address factors that could impact their independence.



### Resthaven's Commitment

The challenges facing senior living are real, but so is Resthaven's resilience. Guided by our core values—Know My Name, Walk With Me, and Hold the Door—we are building a future that prioritizes community, connection, and care. Through workforce investments, state-of-the-art programs, and strategic technology adoption, we're ensuring that Resthaven remains a place where residents, families, and staff flourish.

Thank you for being part of our mission. Together, we're shaping a vibrant, sustainable future for senior living in Holland and beyond.

## Valuing Every Life: Why Your Support for Resthaven Matters

For the eight years that I've worked at Resthaven, I've been a witness to incredible moments that remind me why our mission is so vital. Our donors, supporters, and community members bring those moments to life. Your support of our annual fund powers four key programs that uplift lives in quiet, yet deeply meaningful ways: Benevolent Care, Spiritual Care, Life Enrichment Programs, and Staff Development and Appreciation.

While you may be able to see your support for other non-profits produce visible outcomes, Resthaven's impact is felt in the heart. Think about Gloria, who rediscovered her love for music through Music Therapy funded by your gifts. Or Tom, whose final days were filled with peace and dignity, thanks to our tender care. These stories may not yield tangible products, but their significance is immeasurable—a restored smile, a comforted family, a life honored.

Your donations to the annual fund sustain these programs, ensuring that we have skilled and compassionate team members, welcoming places to call home, and times of connection for those we serve. In a world that often celebrates the immediate, supporting Resthaven is a powerful act of lasting kindness, affirming that every life matters.

Thank you for standing with us to create a community that holds all ages in high regard.



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## Keep the Momentum Going

As a not-for-profit, we are dedicated to ensuring quality of life for all residents. Consider a donation today to join our mission of providing a true home and a vibrant life for those in our care.



**\$2,500**  
per team member for CNA certification and training.  
Your assistance supports ongoing education, skill enhancement, and recognition programs to deliver compassionate and top-quality care.



**\$3,500**  
per month for one resident's benevolent care.\*  
35% of residents at Maple Woods and 70% of residents at Care Center receive Benevolent Care.



**\$3,000**  
per month for life enrichment bus trips, music guests, etc.  
Your donation helps us provide enriching activities, events, and trips that focus on bringing joy to our residents' days.



**\$2,500**  
per month for chapel services.  
With your generous contribution, we're able to honor our mission, supporting residents and their families in their faith and through life's transitions.

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# Always ready for what's next.

Resthaven has your needs in mind—from the active, independent lifestyle you're living today to the care needs you may have tomorrow. We're here for you from beginning to next.

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