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Resthaven
faithfully caring.



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Cover photo:
Resthaven resident at
Maple Woods Cottages

Mission-Focused, Today and in 2036

Recently, about 50 Resthaven leaders gathered to imagine what our organization might look like ten years from now. We explored the social, technological, economic, and cultural changes that will shape aging in the years ahead, and then each person wrote a “postcard from 2036,” describing Resthaven’s future.

In the spirit of leaning into technology, I scanned all the individual post cards into Microsoft Copilot, an AI-powered personal assistant, and requested a summary. Knowing AI is not perfect and is no substitute for a human, I did some light editing to ensure clarity and accuracy. Here is what our leaders envision for 2036:

Our leaders imagine a Resthaven in 2036 that remains deeply rooted in its mission while boldly embracing innovation. In this future, advanced technologies—such as AI supported caregiving, smart enabled homes, robotics, and autonomous transportation—strengthen, rather than replace, the human connections at the center of our work. Our Christ centered mission continues to anchor everything we do, ensuring that every person is known, valued, and cared for with dignity.

Resthaven’s continuum of care expands well beyond our campuses, supporting older adults wherever they call home, while our longstanding commitment to affordability and benevolent care remains unwavering. Investments in our team, paired with technology that eases routine tasks, allow caregivers to focus on meaningful, relationship-centered care.

In this envisioned future, Resthaven stands as a regional leader and trusted partner in aging—a place where faith, compassion, and innovation come together to create a life of dignity, purpose, and joy.

What stood out most to me was not the discussion of robotics, or AI-supported care—though those innovations will certainly play a role. What emerged repeatedly was something deeper: a commitment to our mission, relationship centered care, our Christian values, and accessibility to services that are of high quality. This future is bold, and in many ways, it is already taking shape.

Every story in this newsletter reflects the Resthaven we are building together—one that blends compassion, innovation, and community partnership. If this is what today looks like, imagine what 2036 could hold.

We can move toward this future—grounded in faith, strengthened by community, and guided by a mission that has endured for more than 80 years. But we cannot do it alone. Your generosity helps sustain the essential work happening right now and fuels the vision of what Resthaven can become.

Thank you for walking with us, believing in this mission, and helping create a future where every older adult is known, valued, and cared for with dignity and love.

Deedre Schuckert
President/CEO



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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.

The Power of Benevolent Support

Benevolent Care has long been central to Resthaven's mission. In 2025, that commitment grew stronger than ever as Resthaven provided more than \$6 million in benevolence and reimbursement shortfall forgiveness, an increase of over \$1 million from the year prior. This rising need reflects what many older adults face today: longer lives, higher healthcare costs, and increasingly complex care needs. For some, even a lifetime of planning isn't enough to cover the full cost of care.

Helen* is one of those neighbors. A lifelong Holland resident, she raised three children here, worked for decades as a local company, volunteered through United Way, taught Sunday school, and opened her home to every neighborhood child who needed a place to belong.

In her early eighties, after losing her husband, Helen's health declined and she needed daily support she could no longer safely receive at home. But the savings she and her husband built over a lifetime had been stretched to their limit.

Without Resthaven, Helen would have been forced to leave the community she'd loved her entire life—away from her family, her friends, and the familiar comforts that matter most in later years.

Because of donors, she didn't have to.

Your generosity allows Resthaven to say yes when longtime community members like Helen need care but cannot afford its full cost. Resthaven remains the only senior living organization in Holland that provides care regardless of a resident's ability to pay—an essential part of our mission that relies on donor support to sustain.

As the need for benevolence continues to rise, so does our need for the community to stand with us. Every gift ensures that neighbors like Helen can continue receiving compassionate, dignified care right here in the place they've always called home.

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Caring for the Caregivers



“As I walk by my children’s bedroom day after day, I’m reminded of the blessings Resthaven has done for my family and me. I truly felt like a ton of bricks were lifted from my back.”

At Resthaven, our mission is lived out every day by team members who show up with compassion and unwavering dedication. Thanks to donor support, we are able to care for these caregivers in meaningful and practical ways — offering help through life’s unexpected challenges and celebrating their growth and achievements. Your generosity touches their daily lives in quiet but powerful ways.

Earlier this year, one team member was moving into a new home, but their children didn’t have beds for their new rooms. What could have added stress to an already full season became an opportunity for care. Because of donor support, **Resthaven was able to provide beds for the children**, offering comfort and stability right when it was needed.

Another team member and his wife welcomed their baby earlier than expected. With extra recovery time and added expenses, the family found themselves juggling more than they had planned for. Donor support allowed Resthaven to help with a portion of their rent and provide

essentials like diapers and the special formula, easing a burden during a tender season.

These stories reflect a simple truth: **donor generosity allows Resthaven to step in with compassion when our caregivers need it most.**

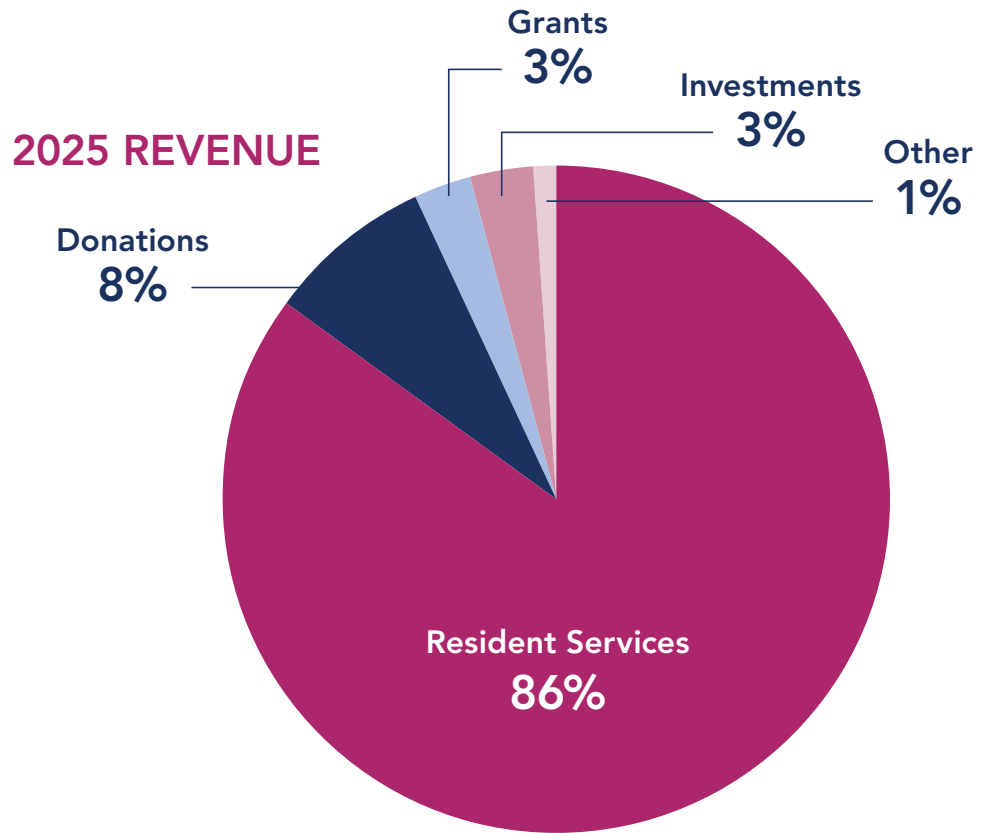
Your support also fuels their professional growth, helping fund education, certifications, leadership training, and opportunities that strengthen our entire team. It encourages them, recognizes their work, and reinforces a culture where our team feels valued and supported.

When you give to Resthaven, your support reaches far beyond programs or budgets. It reaches people. It lifts families. It eases burdens. It strengthens the caregivers who bring our mission to life every single day.

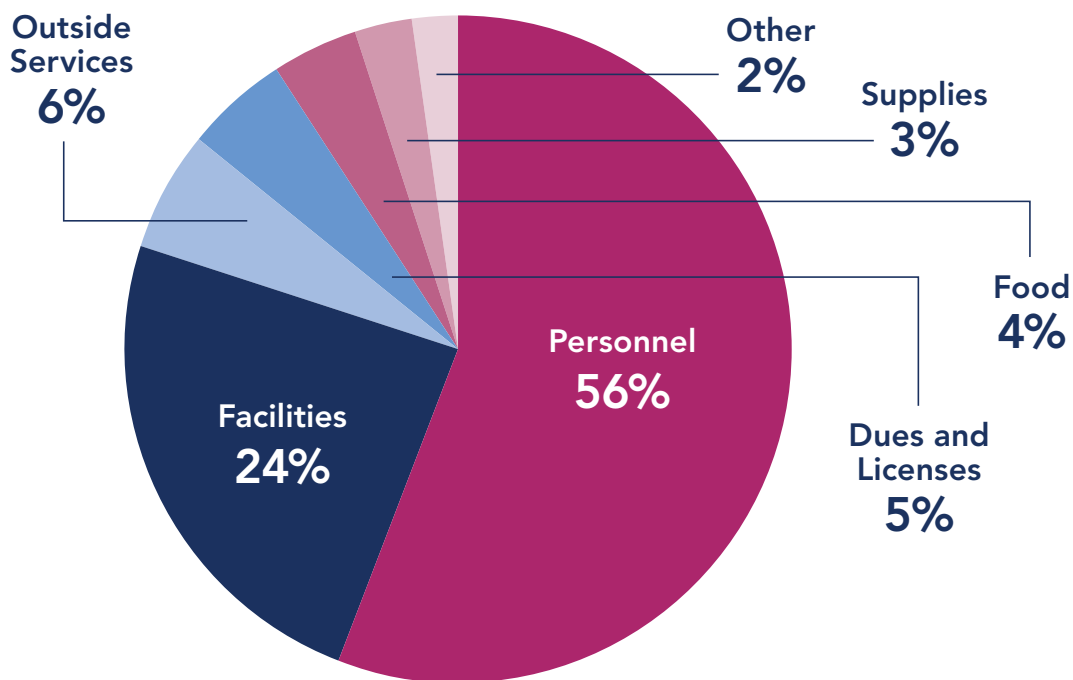
Thank you for making these moments of compassion possible.

**Pictured: Jasmine, LPN at Resthaven’s Care Center since 2018. Photo has been changed to protect the privacy of our team members.*

2025 By The Numbers



2025 EXPENSES





448

Number of Employees



288

Independent Living Residents

\$1,401,125



Invested back into all campuses for improvements and upgrades



219

Assisted Living Residents

\$145,465

Invested into team member assistance and development



448

Skilled Nursing Residents

\$6.5 Million

of Benevolent Care and Reimbursement Shortfall

Thanks to your generosity, 2025 has been a year of impact; with your support, we'll create an even brighter future in 2026.

The Impact of Spiritual Care at Resthaven

Supporting the emotional and spiritual well-being of residents and their families is one of the ways Resthaven truly stands apart. Life's joys, challenges and unexpected turns continue no matter a person's age, and thanks to donor generosity, our two full-time chaplains are there to walk alongside residents through every season.

Recently, Chaplain Tricia has been supporting a resident and her husband through the unimaginable loss of their adult son. Their world was shaken, and in their grief, they needed someone to sit with them, pray with them, and help them carry what felt unbearable.

Tricia became that steady presence.

She visits regularly; sometimes listening as they share memories, other times simply sitting beside them in quiet comfort. Her presence reminds them they are not alone as they navigate the painful steps of grief. As the resident and her husband shared, "we have appreciated the way Tricia helps us to view trials in our later life through the lens of our faith."

Stories like theirs unfold at Resthaven every day. Our chaplains celebrate joys, offer hope on heavy days, and meet people exactly where they are, emotionally, spiritually, and personally.

Spiritual Care is possible at Resthaven because donors believe, as we do, that it is essential.

Your support ensures that when someone reaches out for comfort or connection, a chaplain is ready to walk alongside them. It allows Resthaven to offer not only excellent care, but also genuine compassion and community. The impact may be quiet, but it is deeply felt.

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Moments that Matter

Life Enrichment at Resthaven is about far more than activities—it's about creating moments of joy, purpose, and connection to community. These moments happen because donors and local partners choose to give.

One of the most beloved outings among residents is a trip to Russ' for pie and coffee. It may seem simple, but for many who call Resthaven home, these visits are filled with warm memories, familiar flavors, and opportunity to connect with the Holland community they cherish.

On a recent trip, the dining room buzzed with energy as eight residents settled in with slices of pie, and mugs of coffee. One resident smiled as he remembered coming to Russ' with his kids on Saturday mornings. Another shared stories of celebrating birthdays in the iconic booths with the telephones to phone in the order to the kitchen. Laughter and reminiscing filled the table, creating the kind of easy conversation that can warm an entire afternoon.

Among the group was Karen*, a resident living with dementia. In recent months, her speech has become softer, less clear, and conversations have become more challenging. But when she sat at the table at Russ', a place she had visited countless times throughout her life, something shifted.

Karen held the menu, studied it, and placed her order with the waitress clearly and confidently. She spoke in full, meaningful sentences. Her voice was stronger and more confident than our team had heard in months.



Being in a familiar setting unlocked memories of how to interact in a restaurant, how to read a menu, place an order, how to carry herself with ease and purpose. It was a beautiful moment.

These outings may be simple, but their impact is profound. This year, Russ' Restaurant generously donated gift cards to offset the cost of these trips, making moments like Karen's happen. You, too, can play a part in bringing joy and belonging to those who call Resthaven home.

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The Power Behind Our Purpose

I am struck again and again by one truth: **Resthaven's donors are the catalyst that turns mission into action.** Every act of care, every renovated space, every life enriched through companionship, purpose, and dignity—all of it begins with the generosity of our supporters.

Resthaven's team members are the "hands and feet" of this organization, carrying out the day-to-day work of serving older adults and supporting their families. But the truth is, **we can only do that work because our donor community makes it possible.** Your support is the spark that allows us to move from intention to impact. You are the ones who make it feasible for Resthaven to not just exist, but to *thrive*.

Without you, many of the things that make Resthaven so special simply wouldn't be possible. You help us create warm, welcoming environments where residents feel seen and valued. You allow us to provide programs and experiences that bring joy, comfort, and connection. You strengthen our ability to care for those who rely on us most.

As you read through the stories in this newsletter, I hope you saw your own impact reflected. You helped make those stories possible.

Your giving ensures that the mission established eight decades ago continues to be lived faithfully today. The founders of Resthaven imagined a place where older adults could experience compassion, dignity, and Christian hospitality. Thanks to your generosity, that vision remains alive and vibrant—not as a memory, but as a daily reality for the people we serve.

Every dollar matters. Every donor matters. You are truly the power behind our purpose, an essential part of Resthaven. We are honored to do this work alongside you.

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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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No one knows what the future holds, but it pays to be prepared for whatever comes next. Resthaven has your needs in mind—for 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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