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*A Special 125th Anniversary
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Christian Care Communities*

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The beginning of 125 years:
the first Christian Care Home.

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Marking a Milestone

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

WHEREAS, Christian Care Communities has consistently demonstrated its deep commitment to quality care . . .


WHEREAS, Christian Care has become nationally recognized for its strong heritage of innovation and for effectively partnering with higher education institutions in preparing competent health and human services professionals to care for elders . . .

WHEREAS, throughout its entire operating history, no person has been asked to leave any facility operated by Christian Care due to his or her inability to pay for the services rendered;

WHEREAS, Christian Care contributes meaningfully every day to the public good by providing accessible and affordable senior housing and caring, homelike, individualized nursing, rehabilitative, social and spiritual services;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

This honorable body urges the citizens of the Commonwealth to participate in the observance of the 125th anniversary of Christian Care Communities.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort, this the 1st day of April in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nine and in the 217th year of the Commonwealth.

125 Years Ago...

Its cornerstone having been laid that August, the Statue of Liberty is unveiled and dedicated by newly-elected President Grover Cleveland.

Dr. John Harvey Kellogg patents "flaked cereal."

Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" is published.

The Ringling Brothers Circus premieres.

The first edition of the Oxford English Dictionary is published.

The son of a former slave, 17-year-old Scott Joplin arrives in St. Louis, Missouri, and Ragtime - the earliest form of Jazz - begins its rise to popularity.

The first long-distance telephone call is made from Boston to New York.

Construction begins on Chicago's first skyscraper: it will rise to a then-astounding 10 stories.

George Eastman patents paper-strip photographic film.

And in May, the Christian Church Widows' and Orphans' Home of Kentucky opens its doors at 1013 East Jefferson Street in Louisville.

...And Today

Today, Christian Care's network of retirement communities and services for Older Adults are located throughout Kentucky:

Bowling Green: Village Manor Apartment Homes, Christian Health Center

Corbin: Patio Homes, Apartment Homes, and Christian Health Center

Grayson: Apartment Homes

Hopkinsville: Garden Homes, Patio Homes, Apartment Homes, Christian Health Center

Lexington: Adult Day Care

Louisville: Apartment Homes, Assisted Living, Christian Health Center

Owensboro: Patio Homes, Apartment Homes

Taylorsville: Apartment Homes

Constant Care – Where and When it's Needed

As Christian Care Communities celebrates 125 years, we are reminded that at the heart of this ministry's story is care.

Growing up in Harrodsburg in central Kentucky, I often heard about the work of Christian Care, or as I knew it back then, the Christian Church Homes. But my first real connection with this ministry came through my parents. After I left home, they were empty nesters – but not for long. They began to bring children from Christian Care's Danville campus to our family farm for summer stays and weekend visits.

Years later, as it has been for countless families, Christian Care Communities was there for my family. When my mother became very ill, we were unable to give her the kind of care she needed. That's when we turned to the Christian Health Center, which provided the constant, expert care she needed, at first for short-term rehabilitation help and then during the last three months of her life. The health center was a godsend for my husband's mother, too, when she needed a safe living environment (Chapel House) and later nursing care (Christian Health Center).

Generation after generation, Christian Care has been there for individuals and families when life comes full circle. And it's a growing commitment as this ministry continues to work to provide the best possible life for Older Adults.

Children visiting the Sallee family farm in Harrodsburg.

More than ever, people want more care in their own homes, and we're working to provide care and support in that way. But if they reach a point where that's just not possible, they will know Christian Care's statewide network of Older Adult communities will be there – for them.

On behalf of Christian Care's Board of Directors, thank you for partnering with us and sharing our vision to provide compassionate care where and when it's needed. It's only possible with your help.

Charlotte S. Tharp

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Chairperson
Christian Care Communities
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Charlotte S. Tharp, Chairperson of Christian Care's Board of Directors, with her mother Anna Mae Sallee.

Faith Guides Our Future



Since taking in our first resident in 1884, Christian Care Communities has grown exponentially to become Kentucky's largest non-profit provider of affordable housing and long-term care for Older Adults.

This faith-inspired ministry has enhanced

the journey of life for thousands of individuals and families whose lives have been touched by the compassionate care of our communities.

What was originally designed as a ministry FOR Christian Church members in need has evolved into an extraordinary outreach ministry OF Kentucky's congregations.

The legacy entrusted to Christian Care's Board, staff, volunteers and supporters reminds us each and every day of the values that drive this organization. In response to the call of Jesus Christ, we:

- **Work** with compassion for Older Adults and their families.
- **Embrace** aging as a valued part of life.
- **Care** for the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being of those we serve and those who serve with us.
- **Always** seek ways to improve and grow.
- **Respect** the dignity of each person.
- **Exemplify** integrity, excellence, and accountability.

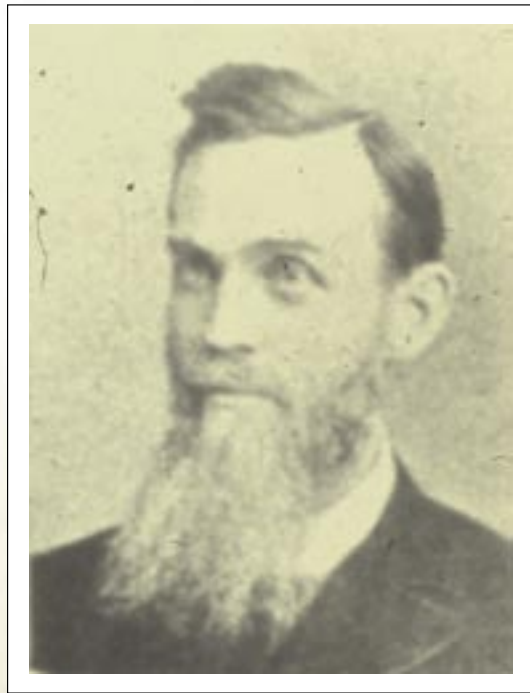
Celebrating our first 125 years provides more than ample motivation for anticipating what the NEXT 125 years will bring!

Keith Knapp

Keith Knapp, Ph.D., C.N.H.A.
President & Chief Executive Officer

A Dying Wish Brings to Life Caring Communities

This is the faith-inspired legacy of caring that today is Christian Care Communities.



Brother William A. Broadhurst

The year was 1871. A young woman lay dying at Louisville's City Hospital, overcome with sadness, knowing her young son had no place to go, no one to care for him.

"I have loved the church," she told her pastor William A. Broadhurst, who was at her bedside. "It has been my desire to live to raise my boy that I might see him a Christian, but God wills that I must die now. Can I hope some Christian will take my boy? Why have we no home for such as this, like others?"

Brother and Mrs. Broadhurst took pity on the child and welcomed him into their home, where the Broadhursts and members of the Floyd and Chestnut Street Church congregation cared for him.

With the support of his church members, Brother Broadhurst went to work to establish a home that would care for widows and orphans from Christian Churches across Kentucky. A home where they would find protection, care and friends.

In May, 1884, the dream becomes a reality, and the Christian Church Widows' and Orphans' Home of Kentucky opened its doors at 1013 East Jefferson Street in Louisville.

About the home Brother Broadhurst wrote: "(It) is a fact. Its work is already on record. Hearts have been made happy that were sad in the fearful thought of being homeless and friendless."



Louisville City Hospital in the 1800s



Beautiful Birney House in Danville, Kentucky, is home to orphans in 1949.

Did You Know?

Floyd and Chestnut Street Christian Church later became Broadway Christian and today is the Douglass Boulevard Christian Church.

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Ministry Makes a Difference

Christian Care Communities is the oldest partner in ministry with the Christian Church/Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Today, we continue to rely on support from the Christian Church and a wide range of donors, including individuals, churches,

foundations and businesses, as Christian Care is Kentucky's largest faith-based, not-for-profit provider of affordable housing and long-term care for Older Adults.



Matrons of the Christian Church Widows' and Orphans' Home (1936).

More than ever, the ministry that began in 1884 is committed to individuals and families who need care – and a place to call home.

No one who has ever turned to Christian Care for care and housing has ever been turned away due to inability to pay the full cost of care.



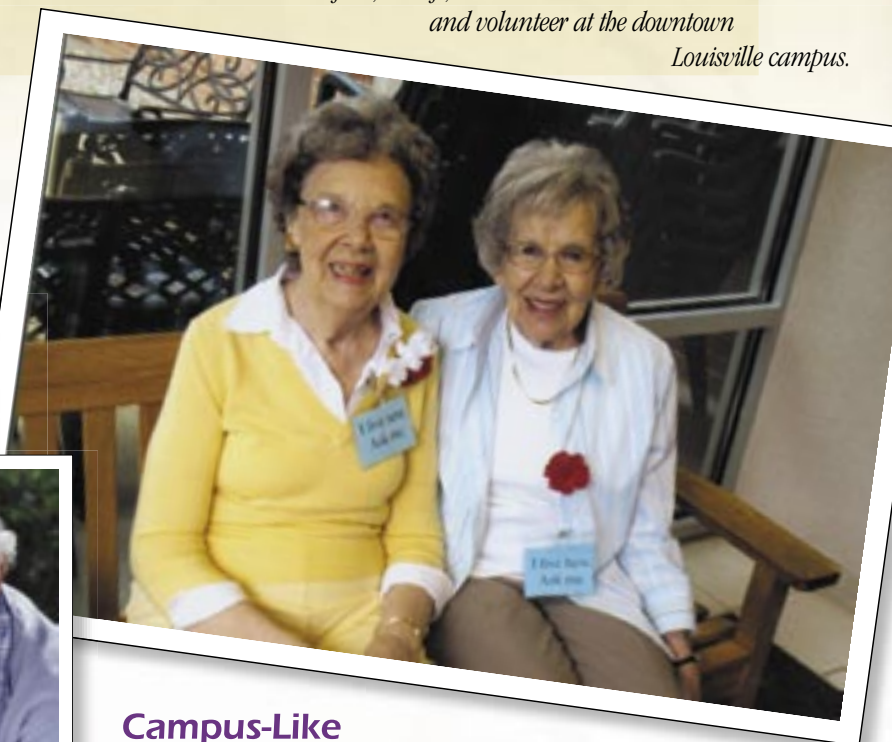
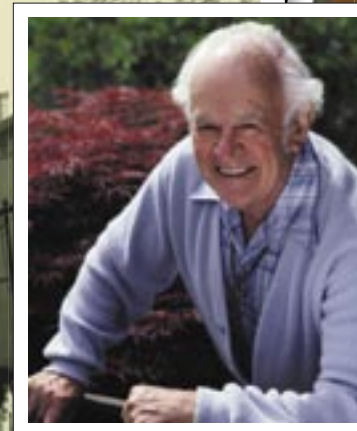
Widows' and Orphans' Home, Louisville, Kentucky (1927).



Chapel House, part of Christian Care's campus in downtown Louisville (1970s).

Changing Times, Changing Needs: The 1940s

As the number of widows needing housing increases dramatically and fewer children were being orphaned, Christian Care, under the leadership of Arthur B. Stockoff responds, purchasing The Cordtlandt Hotel in downtown Louisville for women.



Ramona Clifton, on left, now a resident and volunteer at the downtown Louisville campus.

Campus-Like Communities for the Elderly

In 1955, Farris Clifton, a young minister, becomes Superintendent of Christian Care, envisioning campus-like communities for Older Adults, where husbands and wives could age together and get the care they needed, without being separated.

In a ministry spanning nearly 30 years, Rev. Clifton oversees the expansion of the downtown Louisville campus and the construction of campuses for Older Adults in Corbin and Hopkinsville.

With campuses and programs now also in Bowling Green, Grayson, Lexington, Owensboro and Taylorsville, Christian Care is still building on the tremendous foundation of the Clifton years.

Coming full circle, Farris now resides at the Christian Health Center in downtown Louisville, and his wife Ramona has an apartment at Chapel House on the campus.

Creating communities where Older Adults can live independently, retain their personal dignity and be nurtured spiritually.



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Architect's rendering of Friendship House on Christian Care's campus in downtown Louisville (1970).

1990

Christian Care opens its Adult Day Center in Lexington to provide personal care, nursing care, activities and meals in a home-like setting for adults with physical or mental impairments.



Sunrise: A New Day for Children

To ensure the well-being of children and families for generations to come, Christian Care puts the Children's Program in the hands of Sunrise Children's Services in 2007, where it would have the greatest opportunity to grow and expand.

Christian Care's Stepping Stones program for individuals with acquired brain injuries, transitions to Mentor ABI, a company that provides rehabilitation services for persons with acquired brain injury and other neurological conditions.

"In partnership with our supporters, we worked to expand services and facilities and to partner with churches to help pastors and families find solutions to issues related to the care of Older Adults."

Dr. Kirk Alliman
President/CEO, Christian Care Communities
2002-2009

Sharing Faith

Through our Pastoral Care program, our chaplains minister to and nurture the spiritual well-being of residents and their families, as well as those who serve them. It's an approach to caring for the whole person – body, mind and spirit – that continues to set Christian Care apart from other Older Adult communities.



Award-winning commitment and recognition for quality care from the U.S. Department of Housing in 2009.



Cornell Chapel and Gathering Place on Christian Care's Hopkinsville campus (2006).

A storied history is still being written . . .

Jim Seale may know the storied history of Christian Care Communities better than anyone.

While he was working as administrator of the Christian Health Center in the early 1980s, a special assignment came his way. He was asked to document and preserve the ministry's first 100 years.

"Christian Care has lived up to its reason for being. It's always been willing to change paths and patterns to provide what was needed to serve those in need."

Dr. Jim Seale

He began to comb records, but soon found that many of the ministry's earliest records had been lost in the 1937 flood. He tapped church publications dating back to 1884 at the Lexington Theological Seminary and Disciples of Christ Historical Society. He interviewed Board members, former employees and residents. And as he pieced the rich history and milestones together, he enlisted his wife Mary Dudley to type the work: *A Century of Faith and Caring*.

"It's a ministry that really began as an act of faith, and that faith has been its guiding principle though all the years," said Dr. Seale, who served as a minister in central and eastern Kentucky before joining the Christian Health Center in Louisville. "From the beginning, the goal has been to meet the needs of people – to care for people".

Now 78, the man who penned the story of Christian Care's first 100 years is once again a part of the Christian Care story. In 2006, he and Dudley moved to Christian Care's Hopkinsville campus to be closer to family.

And ever the storyteller, he's quick to relate the stories he now hears firsthand.

"Over and over again, I hear stories from people who tell me 'this is the nicest home I've ever had.' Or they'll tell me: 'I don't have any family; I don't have any money, but I've got a place to live at Christian Care.'"

Stories that he knows will undoubtedly make up the next chapters of a very storied history.

"This ministry is the people who work and worked there. They devoted their lives to caring for people. There have been changes, but Christian Care's focus of caring for the least among us has never changed."

Dr. Daniel Gilbert
President, Christian Care Communities
1985 to 2000



Dr. Gilbert (pictured above) resides in North Carolina, where he still works as a consultant and volunteer. To mark Christian Care's 125th anniversary, he is chronicling the last 25 years of Christian Care's history.

In Gratitude . . .

To Christian Health Center Residents & Staff
"When Mom became ill and knew she was coming to the Christian Health Center, she was so happy. She knew she would be treated with respect and care. We must confirm, that during her seven months there, her care was exceptional. Thank you for taking such good care of her and making her feel comfortable and loved. God bless."

Doug and Sara Ded

"My sister and I entrusted our mother Mary Yoder to Christian Health Center in Hopkinsville many years ago. We do not believe she would have received such loving and professional care anywhere else as she did with you and wish to express our gratitude for all of your efforts.

What a shame that nursing homes like yours do not exist all over the United States . . . God bless all of you and know that we will remember your kindness always."

*Arlene Eagle
Alicia Fisher
(daughters)*

Memorial gifts can create a lasting tribute to your loved ones. If you would like to make your gift in honor of loved ones, we will gladly send gift acknowledgments as directed by you. Please remember Christian Care in your estate planning.

Gratefully Acknowledging Our Partners in Caring

Please remember Christian Care Communities in your estate planning.

On behalf of all the individuals and families we serve, Christian Care Communities gratefully acknowledges the following donors for their gifts received between March 1 and July 31, 2009.

For more information on gift-giving opportunities, please call us or visit our secure website at www.ChristianCareCommunities.org to donate or learn more about our ministry and outreach.

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125th Anniversary Celebration Prayer

God of joy and happiness, God of singing angels and celebrations, we come before You grateful for the caring presence of Your Holy Spirit. We gather our thoughts now to celebrate life and work, friends and family, church and mission. We celebrate 125 years of faith and what it means to care for another.

In the early years of this ministry our brother in Christ, Your child William Broadhurst spoke up to say, "The Orphans Home is a fact. Its work is already on record. Hearts have been made happy that were sad in the fearful thought of being homeless and friendless."

Today, O God, we work diligently to keep his words true fulfilling the words of the prophet Micah to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with You. Times have changed over this century and a quarter more, O Lord. Yet Your faith in us, generation after generation, has been undying.

More and more it is our Older Adults who are orphaned by geographical separations and economic strain. Those we care for and how we offer that care may have changed in these 125 years, however, by whose strength we care and whose call we care has not.

We are but Your servants, O God, be with us now as we continue to write the script of quality care for Older Adults throughout this commonwealth for the many years more that You may grant us.

Amen.

Prayer by Chaplain M. Douglas Harvey