



Wesley Meadows Retirement Community

Frequently Asked Questions **Green House® Home Capital Campaign** *A Compassionate Approach to Living with Forgetfulness*

Why is Wesley Meadows conducting a capital campaign?

After almost 22 years of service in DeSoto County, Wesley Meadows has identified a growing community need for a compassionate approach to living with forgetfulness. We feel that neither our Independent nor our Assisted Living apartments fully address this need, but we are convinced a Green House® Home will.

What is a Green House® Home?

A Green House® Home is a unique architectural and philosophical approach to elder living that provides long-term, intensive, specialized support. Methodist Senior Services constructed the nation's first Green House® Home and continues to operate on the leading edge of this concept. Today, Methodist Senior Services has 21 Green House® Homes at its retirement communities located around Mississippi. Wesley Meadows will be home to the first Green House® Home in North Mississippi specifically for elders living with forgetfulness.

Do we need a Green House® Home in North Mississippi? How will we find residents?

Yes. The new Green House® Home will have 10 rooms. Data indicates an increase in the number of people living with Alzheimer's and other forms of memory impairment. The University of Mississippi Medical Center MIND Center estimates that more than 52,000 Mississippians currently live with dementia.

How can someone move to the new Green House® Home?

Moving to the new Wesley Meadows Green House® Home will be the same as moving into any Assisted Living apartment. Elders will be able to furnish their bedroom any way they want and decorate their door like they do now.

How long will construction take? When is the target completion date?

Methodist Senior Services has lots of experience constructing Green House® Homes. We are a step ahead of the design process and will base this Home on the design of others we have constructed. Past experience indicates construction will take 12 – 18 months.

How much do we need to raise to build the Green House® Home?

Our campaign goal is \$1.5 million.

How will excess commitments be used?

If the campaign exceeds the \$1.5 million goal, excess contributions will be used to fund a maintenance endowment for the Green House® Home.

How can I support the capital campaign?

You can support the campaign in 3 ways. (1) Pray for the campaign and the volunteers and team members who will share the campaign story; (2) Share the campaign story with others who may be interested in supporting this effort; and, (3) Give to the campaign.

I want to financially support the capital campaign. Now what?

Fantastic! Wesley Meadows needs to know this information so we can combine your commitment with those of other generous contributors. Please complete a Pledge Card (you can get one from a campaign volunteer) and mail it to Methodist Senior Services at P.O. Box 1567, Tupelo, MS 38802. You can also complete the Pledge Card or give online at www.mss.org/donate.

How can I fulfill my campaign commitment? How long do I have to pay?

Most campaign commitments are fulfilled by check, bank draft or credit card. Methodist Senior Services also accepts gifts of appreciated assets like stock. Credit card payments can be made online at www.mss.org/donate. Donors over age 70 ½ can contribute from their IRA. It is always a good idea to consult your financial advisor or accountant when planning the most tax wise way to fulfill your campaign commitment. Commitments can be fulfilled over a 3-year period.

My employer matches my charitable contributions. Do you accept matching corporate contributions?

With pleasure! Please share your employer's matching gift form with a campaign volunteer or Wesley Meadows team member and we will complete it.

Will my capital campaign contribution be recognized? How? Where?

Unless you choose to remain anonymous, all capital campaign contributors will be appropriately recognized at Wesley Meadows.