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## Living Units Available

Turner Homes currently has a few open housing units available for immediate occupancy. We also have several more units coming open in the next few months. Applicants must be retired and meet resident application requirements. Options for financial assistance.

### Currently available

- One bedroom apartments starting at \$1000\*
- Two bedroom duplex unit—\$1405\*

### Coming soon

- Two bedroom smaller home—\$1600\*
- Two bedroom duplex—\$1405\*

*\* All units are “plus utilities” (garbage service provided by TRH.)*

## New staff at Turner Homes!

Matt Cone is joining our Turner Homes team as the newest member of our facilities and grounds crew. Matt has experience in home remodeling and construction, and will be a great addition to the team. Welcome Matt!



### Turner Homes January/February 2024 Move-in Special

January and February new resident move-ins\*  
qualify for 20 free lunchtime meals at our  
Creekside Café.

Must be living at Turner Homes by  
March 1, 2023 with all fees paid.

Value: \$175  
(Couples qualify for two meal offers)  
\* New residents only.

## Giving to Turner Homes

**Want to support the great work in Turner?**

### Mail checks to:

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### Donate online:

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Click on the “**Donate**” button  
on our home page  
and follow the directions.

# Creekside Update

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## A Special Message from Tim Long, Executive Director.

Greetings from Turner Retirement Homes!

It is hard to believe, but I heard the word “snow” in the forecast this week. Albeit in the mountains, but still a gentle reminder that the seasons are changing. I’m glad we actually have distinct seasons in Oregon, with all the variety in our weather.

As I get older, I tend to look at life as a never-ending cycle of changing seasons. I remember sitting in fourth grade, pondering if I would ever get through school. Then, all of a sudden, I am looking back wondering where all the years went.

The reality is the cycle, as we know it in this present age, will end. James indicates that life is a vapor, a mist, here one day and gone the next. Lately I have found myself pondering how the stewardship of my life is playing out—probably a good process for all of us to go through, if for no other reason than to be aware of areas that could use some adjustment before our vapor fades, and we move on to heaven.

With everything that is happening in the TRH community right now, I sometimes feel like I

need to pause and come up for air. The past 20 months have been a non-stop adventure. You might think that the many changes in motion right now usher in a slower pace, but there are leaves to rake, gutters to keep clean, and much of our work moves indoors to painting and interior repairs. These don’t even address vision and mission work, or the reverberations caused by a ministry shift that is taking place right before our eyes.

What can I say? Well, this is a very exciting time in the history of Turner Retirement Homes! When you look back over our 90-year history you identify significant seasons of adjustment, change and innovation. I believe we are in another one of those significant moments in our history. There have been things taking place over the past twenty months that have given us opportunity to explore a broader scope of ministry here in Turner, while also enhancing the independent retirement living experience. And there is so much more ahead.

Just like the seasons of the year give us a fresh perspective, change forces us to view things from a new

perspective as well, and the reality is, change is inevitable.

I take pleasure in trusting God when new things are happening, or when I find anxiety creeping in to try and distract me. Change is actually part of God’s desire for us. The Bible speaks of the process of becoming more like our Savior, and that process requires change, sometimes painful, yet glorious, change.

In the next few pages, I want to share some changes on the horizon for Turner Retirement Homes. I want to ask you to add us to your prayer list as we explore expanding the ministry here.

We are blessed with so many faithful prayer warriors and financial supporters. Thank you for supporting this great ministry. Many lives have been, and will continue to be, impacted through your support.

If you are ever in Turner, swing by and have lunch in our Café (Open 11:30 am to 1 pm, Monday through Friday).

Merry Christmas! Tim



## A Year of Big Moves and a New Ministry Partnership With Hope Pregnancy Clinic of Salem.

With the closure of the Residential Care Facilities one year ago, we redirected energy into our independent living properties as well as expanding services to our residents. We launched housekeeping services, reopened our dining area for lunchtime meals, offered yard care, and began the process of dreaming about what God might be calling the Turner Homes community to venture into.

We spent most of 2023 retooling the Hoven octaplex in preparation for new tenants—the Turner Food Bank. The Turner Food Bank is a ministry of Turner Christian Church, so the relocation to Turner Homes will free up space in the church, while expanding the footprint of the great work happening through Turner Christian Church and Turner Homes. The food bank is tentatively scheduled to open in January of 2024.

This summer we hosted 32 baseball players associated with the Mavericks Baseball League. The men lived in the empty assisted living buildings and definitely added a new flavor to the community life. It was an eventful time, and our residents gained access to as many baseball games as they would want to attend. Turner Christian Church hosted several events for the players and several churches in the area joined our residents in group outings to some of the games. You could say it was a bit of “testing the waters” to see if we could cultivate interest in helping Turner Homes find a place in the hearts of new supporters. Two of the men made decisions for Jesus while staying on campus.

The big news that came on the heels of the baseball experience was the birthing of a new partnership with Hope Pregnancy Clinic of Salem. God has opened doors for us to host several new moms who need a safe place to live. A community full of Jesus-following grandmas and grandpas seemed like a natural fit.

Our retirees have responded overwhelmingly favorably to this new ministry opportunity and have already stepped up to serve in amazing ways. We know this is just in its infancy, but it does seem to fit the long history of this community fulfilling the true mission of Christians. James 1:27 says, *“Religion that God accepts as pure and without fault is this: caring for orphans or widows who need help, and keeping yourself free from the world’s evil influence.”* Isn’t it interesting that at Turner Homes God is nudging us to expand our reach for Him beyond just retirees? I like to remind people that Turner Homes initially started out ministry as a boys home—in a sense we are returning to our roots, while keeping focus on our calling in retirement living.

This new partnership with Hope Pregnancy Clinic will give us new fund sourcing, as we seek to bring more of our buildings back on line after years of deferred maintenance, all while serving a greater calling. We are doing more than just encouraging young women to keep their babies. We are helping them find a solid footing for their futures. We are not just telling people we care, but we are actually showing them by our actions. If you are a supporter of the work in Turner, then you are an active participant in all aspects of the Lord’s work here. I can’t think of a better place to be than right in the middle of something God is orchestrating.

Please reach out to me if you feel called to help with this new work in Turner. We are trying to fund this project above and beyond the scope of our regular financial support. The cost to renovate each apartment is estimated to be roughly \$25k to \$30k. We have exterior work to do on the buildings that will add another 75K. The total project is estimated at roughly \$200k for each building we flip, but much of that financial need can be lessened through “in kind” donations like building materials and supplies. Cash is good too. Also, skilled volunteer labor is helpful. Check out the back page of this newsletter to find out more about options for giving.

## Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner Events

Many of our residents gathered in our new café space to enjoy a full thanksgiving meal before Thanksgiving and another big meal for Christmas. Thanks to our kitchen lead, Brittany Albee and the rest of the Turner Homes staff for helping make this a very special time for our residents and some of their friends and family.

