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These fine gentlemen meet early in the mornings on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. They have coffee together and share stories. This is just one example of the benefits of living in such a special community!



Property Management—Phase 1



nearly eighty buildings. Our office compliance coordinator, Misty Struble, has helped us move this project forward.

In 2023, we started the process of consolidating all property management related documents into a standard system. This was a first step toward what will eventually be a computer database. The goal is to use technology, in the future, to help us better manage the care of our facilities. Each book on the bookshelf represents one of our

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May 2025

My How Time Flies—Tim Long, Executive Director



It is with enthusiasm that I celebrate my third anniversary as Executive Director with Turner Homes on May 1. It has been quite the adventure to date. There are incredible people living here and an amazing team of people working for the ministry. There is also a strong and supportive team of Trustees to guide the way.

When I arrived, in May of 2022, the Turner Homes ministry was facing some hard realities. We had many facilities in need of repair, and Assisted Living residents were dealing with conditions that were sub-standard. The biggest challenge was that we were operating woefully in the red financially each month, and the projections weren't giving much hope for a strong and vibrant future.

In July of 2022, after assessing, planning, and much prayer, the decision was made to close our Assisted Living. The decision was excruciatingly hard and the journey to get through the closure required

diligent work, grace, mercy, patience, an overriding attitude of love, and complete trust that God would lead us through. With a focus on "safe landings" we were able to relocate 18 residents to new facilities. We provided added transition funds for employees that would need to find new jobs, and we began the process of shoring up the organization. The closure of the Assisted Living had an immediate positive impact on our balance sheet.

After the Assisted Living was closed, we spent 2023 installing roofs, painting homes and other buildings, and upgrading mechanical systems. We partnered with organizations like Catalyst NW, Winema Christian Camp, Crabtree Christian Church, and Real Life Christian Church in Bend, to provide support for the ministry projects. We even had an opportunity to provide hands-on practice for a group of apprentice carpenters from Chemeketa Community College. It was a fruitful year and each month we could see gains on many fronts.

In 2024 we approached the Marion County tax assessor with paperwork and supporting documents for tax relief as a not-for-profit. God showed us great favor through the process and our request was approved! That was a strategic tipping point for Turner Homes.

As we worked through the emotions and the void left by the closure of the Assisted Living, we started seeing new ministry opportunities emerge.

The Turner Food Bank (sponsored by the Christian Church in Turner) moved into a former Assisted Living building and set up a premier food pantry for the residents of Turner and beyond.

We began to provide housing for single moms with new babies. One of our moms even gave her life to Jesus and was baptized.

We transitioned three duplexes into housing for income challenged families.

We opened up the basement of historic Davis Hall to Operation Christmas Child, an organization that builds Christmas gift boxes for children around the world.

We made space available for the Turner Historical Society, "Yesterday in Turner," to set up and organize the historical assets of the City of Turner.

Over two summers we hosted a total of nearly 50 baseball players from the Maverick Baseball League. Three of those men made decisions for Jesus, and one was baptized in Mill Creek in Turner.

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Now we see new opportunities on the horizon. Of late, we are moving toward providing several homes to missionaries who are in the States on furlough. All this has been in motion while continually focusing on enhancing our Independent Living retiree community.

You could say that Turner Homes is on a good trajectory! There is much more to do, but things continue to move in a positive direction. This is a great time to be connected to Turner Homes for sure! Which leads me to a message of thank you, as well as a challenge or two for your consideration.

On behalf of the residents, staff, and leadership team of Turner Homes, I want to express appreciation to our supporting churches and individuals who faithfully cover our work in prayer. What is happening right now is beyond human abilities. Movement forward is dependent on God's blessing and direction. Your prayers make a difference and they are critical as we navigate new waters!

Thank you to the churches and individuals who faithfully support our work financially. We work to stretch every dollar, and every dollar given matters and makes a difference. We would be greatly limited without your faithful financial support and that is why we don't take it lightly when we know that a donation is the fruit of a conscious decision to partner in the mission of Turner Homes.

Financial support comes in a variety of forms. One form is through the blessing of an estate donation. We don't know when God is going to call us home, but we can prepare an investment for when our time does come by making a donation part of our estate planning.

In 2021 we launched an endowment. The goal of the endowment is to add a layer of stability for the organization for years to come. Our initial goal was to see that endowment funded at \$500,000. We are currently at about 50% of goal.

Another great tool for helping to fund our work is to donate stocks and other investments, and many times you can realize tax benefits on the capital gains, when giving this way. It is not complicated to execute some of the strategies with a tax advisor helping you along the way.

One last thought: Turner Homes benefits when churches and individuals engage with us as volunteers on projects and with other expertise in leadership. If you know of individuals, churches or church groups who might come help, or if you are aware of good candidates for significant leadership roles within the ministry, please let me know.

And remember, we exist to help churches provide affordable housing for Christian retirees. Send us your retirees!!! Looking to a bright future! Tim

Changing-up Our Service Vehicles



Meet
"Lily" (white),
"Pearl" (white),
and "Sterling" (silver)!



Through the years, Turner Homes has been blessed by churches and individuals who have donated service vehicles. Although helpful, as these vehicles age, they can get expensive to operate and maintain. Over the past year we started the process of purging older equipment and adding vehicles that can meet the need of changing services within our Independent Living community, all without breaking the bank. This year we purchased three used Nissan Leaf cars. All three cars have roughly 50% battery life, but they are perfect for our property footprint. Pearl is driven by our housekeeper. Lily is used by our kitchen services for meal delivery. Sterling is now used for resident tours and other needs. At the end of the day, they pull into their little parking spots and plug in. These are solid cars that are better than golf carts because they are street legal and are weather proof. We hope to eventually locate a fourth car for our maintenance team. If you want to donate toward this project please contact the office.

Valentine Luncheon A Big Hit After Weather Delay!

There were big plans for a Valentine's Day luncheon on February 14th, but winter weather caused a delay.



Creekside



Office



Historic Davis Hall

After a several day delay, we gathered and shared a very special time together. Special thanks to our incredible staff at Turner Homes for making these gatherings so amazing!



Trustees Seth Morley and Jon Remy, joining in with several residents on the special day. Trustee Steve Vincent also attended but is not pictured.



It was a full house!

Below: Gary and Melody Taylor, Bo and Joan Yetter and Hal Lottis



Above: Residents George and Debbie Jeffries.



He Didn't See That Coming!

There was a big surprise as part of the Valentine festivities.. The Turner Homes trustees, staff, and residents, with ring leader Neil Walker, conspired to surprise our Executive Director with an appreciation celebration. By all accounts, Tim wasn't aware of the plan. We have had quite a ride the past three years and the timing was right to appreciate the work that happens through the Executive Director's office. Hats off to all the people who helped make this a special day. Tim wants to convey, "Thank you" to everyone involved in this special day.