

The following information is in the form of a brief article for you to use in your congregation's newsletter or communication with your members:

Just like home base, when we live in a place that we call home, we are safe. It is the place to where we return. It is familiar. It is the place where we should experience both rest and activity; be free to express both joy and sadness; prepare and enjoy sustenance that feeds our bodies and minds and where we can exercise and provide hospitality to those we welcome in. The reality for far too many older adults is that home can be overwhelming when our physical abilities begin to wane. The financial burdens of caring for the structure of home can lead to choices of eliminating medicines or food from our daily diets. The isolation of an individual's home literally can contribute to the decline of physical and mental health.

The mission of United Church Homes began by providing a home for the oldest, most vulnerable members of the congregations in the German Reformed Churches west of the Alleghany Mountains. That mission has continued for over a century and today we provide affordable housing communities in 14 states and two Native American nations for older adults, with nearly 3,000 individuals who know the safety of home and still are able to afford the other necessities for their care.

Please join in supporting this vital mission as we continue to provide the environment in which our residents can know what it means to live life abundantly in affordable housing as well as in health and retirement communities. We are United Church Homes after all!