

# Acts

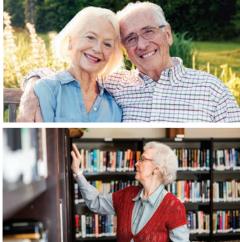
















2019 ANNUAL REPORT



# Our Vision

Acts is an organization where Loving-Kindness and Christian ideals are practiced to meet the needs of those we serve.

# Our Mission

Acts is committed to providing security and peace of mind to seniors by being a pre-eminent provider of retirement-life services, responsive to individual, social, personal, health and spiritual needs in a Christian atmosphere graced with Loving-Kindness, dignity, sensitivity, honesty, and respect without prejudice or preference.





# The Leader in Life Care

Acts has been setting the standard for excellence in senior living since opening its first community in 1972. With a vision founded in faith and guided by a commitment to integrity and Loving-Kindness, Acts has established an unsurpassed reputation for strength and stability in the senior living industry.

# Dear Friends of Acts,

We are pleased to present to you our 2019 Annual Report, which highlights a year of significant achievements and exciting accomplishments. As we look back on the year, we are extremely proud of all that was accomplished throughout the Acts organization and our family of communities. We certainly have a lot to celebrate: a dynamic group of more than 10,000 residents at 26 thriving communities; an outstanding team of more than 8,000 employees committed to our mission; and a strong financial foundation that positions us well for the future.

In this annual report, you'll get a glimpse of some of the exceptional achievements that occurred over the past year. Most notably, our continued operating and financial success. The Acts organization remains healthy and our

As we prepare this letter our nation is experiencing unprecedented challenges from the global Coronavirus pandemic. While the impact of this crisis is being felt throughout the senior living industry and beyond, we are comforted that during these extraordinary times, Acts stands ready to respond, focused and well-prepared to continue fulfilling our mission to provide comfort, security and peace of mind to our more than 10,000 residents.

future looks even brighter. We have enjoyed several years of continued growth and 2019 was no exception. In April, the Acts family proudly grew to a total of 26 continuing care retirement communities with the addition of the **Integrace** communities in Maryland. We are proud to have these premier communities join the Acts family and enable us to expand our presence in Maryland and foster the creation of our fifth operating region, the Acts Chesapeake Region.

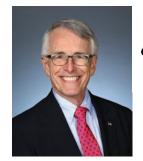
Among other accomplishments that helped to shape our success were achieving high community occupancy levels, continuing excellence in resident and employee satisfaction, and maintaining the highest standards in healthcare quality as evidenced through the annual state and federal surveys of our health care centers. Meanwhile, we made significant progress on various campus enhancements, with many more in development or planned on the horizon.

We hope you find this report informative, inspiring and reflective of our dedication to fulfill our mission. As our programs and services expand in response to resident aspirations and growing our ministry, we continue our path towards the future, always mindful of our founding principles to serve each other in a spirit of Loving-Kindness.

Thank you for being a part of the Acts family. Whether you are a resident, staff member, family member, volunteer, donor, or community friend, we strive each and every day to earn and keep your trust and confidence.

May God continue to bless you and the Acts organization.

Chief Executive Officer



John L. Lotaling. Dr. John L. Esterhai, Jr. Acts Board Chairman

# Highlights of the Year

The following significant accomplishments achieved during Fiscal Year 2019 contributed to Acts' very positive operating performance.

Strong Financial Foundation for a Bright Future

At Acts, maintaining a solid financial foundation is part of our core values and imperative to carry out our mission. Our positive financial standing is underscored by our

96.1%
OVERALL
OCCUPANCY

A- rating from Fitch Ratings, which has repeatedly cited our positive financial performance and effective management practices as key factors in its rating assessment of the Acts obligated group. Our high levels of occupancy also contribute to our strong financial standing, with slightly over 96.1% of our units occupied, sold or committed companywide.



All 26 Acts communities are accredited by CARF for meeting the industry's highest standards in financial and operational performance. Accreditation is a significant achievement that signifies an organization and community have demonstrated efficiency, continuous quality improvement and consumer satisfaction.



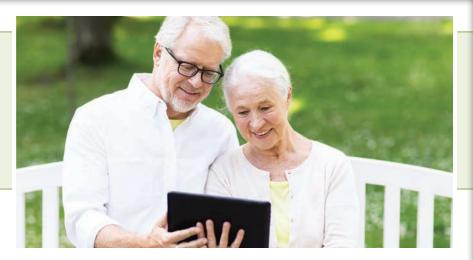
#### **EXPANDING OUR MISSION**

Acts welcomed three new communities into its family with the addition of the Integrace communities in Maryland: **Bayleigh Chase**, **Buckingham's Choice** and **Fairhaven/Copper Ridge**. These communities have well-established reputations and their affiliations with Acts further strengthens our ability to expand and enhance our mission.









#### **New Technology Amenities Drive Resident Engagement**

Acts continues to leverage emerging technologies and solutions to enhance operational innovations and effectiveness in hospitality, care and operations. This includes initiating a multi-year rollout of smart apartment technology, upgraded WiFi, In-House TV experiences, and enhancements to the MyActsLife resident portal to support service requests, resident communication and add an online dimension to community life.

#### **Delivering Outstanding Resident Care**

Acts continues to experience excellent results system-wide from the annual health center surveys, placing



All 26 Acts WillowBrooke Courts were named among America's best by U.S. News & World Report.

our care centers among the best in the country. All Acts health centers met state and federal survey standards, often scoring significantly better than state and national averages with 24 out of 26 Acts WillowBrooke Court Skilled Care Centers earning a 4-or 5-star rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. In addition, we continued to expand and improve the Acts Signature Experience by enhancing our continuum of care with comprehensive and specialty care environments, services and amenities that support and promote healthy aging.

# \$100 Million



**ANNUALLY IN CAMPUS** ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

#### INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

As part of our strategic plan for purposeful growth, several Acts communities completed or are currently undergoing major repositioning and community enhancement projects supporting Acts Signature Experience. In total, Acts manages approximately \$100 million in capital projects annually. The result is stronger communities that honor the investments of our residents and position us to grow our mission in the future.



Cokesbury Village completed an exterior makeover and made significant common area upgrades.



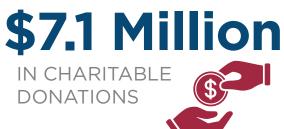
Plantation Estates is adding a new 90-bed WillowBrooke Court.

# Highlights of the Year - continued

#### **Supporting the Mission**

Through Acts Legacy Foundation, including affiliate entities, successful fundraising programs are in place that encourage and facilitate contributions for worthy community projects, and build special purpose funds that benefit residents and employees in the spirit of the Acts mission. In 2019, approximately 4,200 donors provided more than \$7 million in charitable gifts to the Foundation. Through the Acts and community Samaritan Funds, the Foundation directed more than \$2 million of its charitable assets for assistance in fulfilling its resident benevolence commitments. Residents benefited through community enhancements. WillowBrooke Court and OakBridge Terrace equipment and furnishings, and new spiritual life and wellness initiatives with more than \$2 million in donor supported funding. Other charitable funds totaling more than \$100,000 benefited employees though emergency assistance, educational scholarships and Acts Corporate University initiatives.







#### THE STANDARD **FOR QUALITY**

In 2019, a total of 726 employees celebrated milestone anniversaries of five years or more with Acts. A large percentage of our employees have been with the organization for many years, resulting in low turnover rates compared with the rest of the industry.

#### A Dedicated and Engaged Workforce

Acts places great importance on providing a positive, growth-oriented work environment for our employees with employees indicating high levels of satisfaction. Acts' workplace culture, staff development, career growth opportunities and a life/work balance fosters strong physical, mental and spiritual health. The commitment by our staff is further evidenced in our retention rates, where the low employee turnover at Acts continues to be among the best in the entire industry.

#### **BUILDING OUR BRAND**

Overall awareness of Acts continued to grow aided by strong in-house video production, digital marketing, public relations, and social media initiatives. Nearly 60% of new leads now come through the Acts website, where overall visits increased more than 65% from the previous year. The website also had more than 740,000 visits and represents the number one source of prospects who eventually become residents, with 30% of move-ins having first inquired through the website. Acts also appeared in 280 media stories, while our social media channels continued to grow with the launch of Facebook pages for each Acts campus.

#### DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS HIGHLIGHTS

#### **MULTIMEDIA SERVICES**

IN-HOUSE VIDEOS PRODUCED

368% Increase



**IMPRESSIONS** 42% Increase from 2018

#1 EXTERNAL WEBSITE TRAFFIC DRIVER TO ACTS WEBSITE

2.51% Conversion Rate (Standard business average is 1%)



7% Increase



4.229 FOLLOWERS 56% Increase

234K IMPRESSIONS 137% Increase

17K ENGAGEMENTS 464% Increase



226 SUBSCRIBERS 300% Increase

137K PAGEVIEWS 164% Increase

280 TOTAL MEDIA HITS

82% Increase from 2018

reaching 2.5 MILLION

56% **Increase** 



# **MAKING AN IMPACT:**

# Community Benefit & Social Accountability

Through our community benefit and social accountability efforts, our actions and activities within our local communities serve to affirm our values, demonstrate our commitment to our various stakeholders, and fulfill the requirements and expectations as a tax-exempt organization.



Acts is a socially responsible not-for-profit organization, committed to serving our local communities through strong leadership, volunteerism and financial support. Each year, members of the Acts family provide thousands of hours in volunteer service, serve in leadership positions on community boards and clubs, participate in local and national fundraisers, and contribute broadly to the greater community.



Acts welcomes the opportunity to open our doors and share our resources with the greater community. An array of diverse groups, agencies and non-profit organizations visited our communities to hold events, meetings, programs and activities throughout the year. Opening our doors brings Acts and the greater community together, which makes for stronger, healthier communities.



Charity care through our benevolence programs assures the continuance of service without burdening government support programs, while discounted care provides opportunities that may otherwise not be available.

### A SNAPSHOT OF BENEFITS TO THE **GREATER COMMUNITIES BY ACTS AND ITS AFFILIATES**



**432,726**RESIDENT & STAFF **VOLUNTEER HOURS** 





\$12.4 Million 🛵 MUNICIPAL SUPPORT, **PAYMENTS & CONTRIBUTIONS** 









### Acts Retirement Services, Inc.

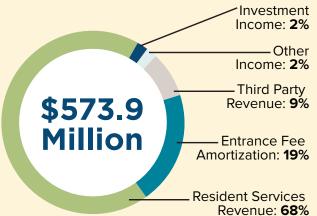
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Consolidated Statement of Financial Position and Summary of Operating Activities For the Years Ended December 31, 2019 and 2018

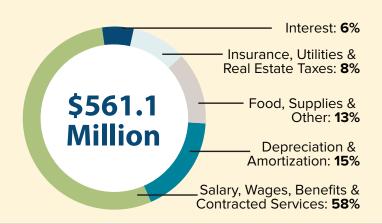
(In thousands)	2019	2018
ASSETS:		
Cash and investments	\$476,798	\$436,381
Property and equipment, net	1,531,082	1,281,471
Other assets	177,222	6 1,853
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,185,102	\$1,779,705

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED REVENUE AND NET ASSETS:				
	Long-term indebtedness	\$852,758	\$742,344	
	Deferred revenue from entrance fees	932,966	740,734	
	Other liabilities	223,356	168,758	
	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED REVENUE	2,009,080	1,651,836	
	NET ASSETS: Net assets without donor restrictions beginning of year	97,757	80,817	
	OPERATING ACTIVITY: Total operating revenue	573,855	495,882	
	Total operating expenses	(561,121)	(481,318)	
	Operating Income	12,734	14,564	
	Total non-operating activity	15,197	2,376	
	Increase in net assets without donor restrictions	27,931	16,940	
	Net assets without donor restrictions	125,688	97,757	
	Net assets with donor restrictions	50,334	30,112	
	TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$176,022	\$127,869	
	TAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED REVENUE ID NET ASSETS	\$2,185,102	\$1,779,705	





#### **2019 OPERATING EXPENSES**



### **Board of Directors**

#### Acts Retirement-Life Communities, Inc.

Members of the Board of Directors of Acts are dedicated individuals who embrace the company's mission, purpose, and values by sharing their expertise in many aspects of senior living. With the exception of the CEO, each member serves as a volunteer without compensation.

Susan B. Allmond

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James H. Worth

Special thanks to Donald Davis, John Marcheschi and Dr. Donna Jacobi who retired from the board after many years of dedicated service to Acts. We are grateful for their contributions to the Acts organization, our residents and communities.





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**David Vega** Strategy & Business Development

> Richard M. Watson Procurement

> > **David W. West** Marketing

**Robert S. Yancey Business Systems** 





## **ACTS LOCATIONS**

#### **NORTHEAST REGION**



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**Fort Washington Estates** Paul A. Nimey **Executive Director** 



**Gwynedd Estates** Donna G. Thompson Executive Director



**Normandy Farms Estates** Harry A. McConnell Executive Director



**Southampton Estates** Jeanne M. Oski **Executive Director** 



**Spring House Estates** Elmer E. Heiland **Executive Director** 

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**Cokesbury Village** Robyn M. Crandall **Executive Director** 



**Country House** Michael F. Salitsky Executive Director



The Evergreens Thomas J. Burke Executive Director



**Granite Farms Estates** Brian R. Levesque Executive Director



**Lima Estates** Meghan E. McGeoy Executive Director

Acts is the largest not-for-profit owner, operator and developer of continuing care retirement communities in the United States, currently serving more than 10,000 residents.







# **ACTS LOCATIONS**

#### **CHESAPEAKE REGION**



Buckingham's Choice Richard A. Curtis Executive Director



Bayleigh Chase George H. Clemes Executive Director



**Fairhaven**Philip L. Burkholder *Executive Director* 



Heron Point of Chestertown
Garret A. Falcone
Executive Director



**Manor House** 

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Pamela B. Kauffman
Executive Director



Magnolia Trace Katherine D. Gipson Executive Director



Park Pointe Village Steven E. Robison Executive Director



Plantation Estates
Stephen W. Messer Patrick D. Picciocchi
Campus Director Executive Director



**Tryon Estates**Dionne M. James *Executive Director* 

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**Azalea Trace**Brenda J. Basford *Executive Director* 



Edgewater at Boca Pointe
Robin J. Gliboff
Executive Director



Indian River Estates
Richard B. Berlin Scott D. Cairns
Campus Director Executive Director



St. Andrews Estates

Joya Marotta Susan B. George

Campus Director Executive Director



Westminster Village
Jeanine M. Ward
Executive Director



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