

**National Church Residences  
Rev. John R. Glenn Foundation  
Questions & Answers**

The following are some commonly asked questions about the foundation. Please feel free to use this information at any time. We appreciate your interest in and support of the Rev. Glenn Foundation and the NCR mission.

**What is the Rev. Glenn Foundation?**

The Rev. John R. Glenn Foundation is the main charitable fund of National Church Residences. The Rev. Glenn Foundation supports National Church Residences mission of providing affordable housing and supportive services for older adults, families and supportive housing for formerly homeless adults and families.

**WHO IS THE REV. JOHN R. GLENN?**

Rev. Glenn is a Presbyterian minister who founded National Church Residences in 1961. He served as president of NCR for 27 years until his retirement in 1988. His commitment to providing affordable housing and supportive services has resulted in a leading not-for-profit; church-related organization that today serves over 20,000 residents at 300 locations in 30 states and Puerto Rico.

(Note for new staff and others: Rev. John R. Glenn is not related to the former U.S. Senator and astronaut of the same name. Rev. Glenn and his wife Betty currently reside in Bristol Village, NCR's flagship retirement community in Waverly, Ohio).

**WHO STARTED THE REV. GLENN FOUNDATION?**

The Foundation was established in 1984 through a gift honoring Rev. Glenn by William E. Blaine, Jr., a prominent Columbus attorney and businessman and longtime National Church Residences Trustee. It was Mr. Blaine's dream to establish a fund that would honor our founder and also help NCR continue to provide decent, safe, affordable housing and services to more modest income people.

**WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE REV. GLENN FOUNDATION?**

The Foundation secures financial gifts that are used exclusively to support National Church Residences ministry of housing and services for low and moderate -income persons. Gifts to the Foundation enable National Church Residences to more effectively develop additional affordable housing and support significant resident care needs.

Since 1989, direct assistance from the Rev. Glenn Foundation has supported 75 existing or developing NCR communities with loans and grants that total over \$1,000,000. These funds have typically been used for land acquisition, site development, emergency relief, and service coordination staff and needed amenities.

### **WHO OVERSEES THE REV. GLENN FOUNDATION?**

Members of the NCR Board of Directors govern the Foundation. Since 1992, a full-time NCR staff member has coordinated fund-raising and grant activities for the foundation. **100% of the money donated to the foundation directly supports National Church Residences' mission. None is used for fund raising related overhead.**

### **WHO SUPPORTS THE REV. GLENN FOUNDATION?**

The foundation is supported by gifts from individuals, including residents of NCR communities and their families, NCR Trustees, and staff. The Foundation also receives support from corporations and local companies that do business with residents, local service clubs, and church groups.

### **WHY ARE YOU ASKING FOR SUPPORT NOW?**

- ◆ Limits in federal funding programs have made it nearly impossible to develop adequate housing without private financial contributions.
- ◆ NCR must also pay substantial preliminary development costs, including land acquisition, engineering, architectural, and environmental fees.
- ◆ Federal cost controls limit amenities that National Church Residences considers critical for filling the long-term needs of older adults.
- ◆ Many localities cannot offer critically needed grants to assist with development and construction.
- ◆ **Service coordinators are needed to work in conjunction with the greater community to establish programs and support for residents and to coordinate a system of information & referral. Rev. Glenn Foundation supports service coordination programming at NCR communities that do not qualify for program funds from the federal government.**