

2021 Annual Report

Danny Sanford, Chief Executive Officer

If you drove onto the Still Hopes campus today, you would encounter huge banners that read “Still Hopes Strong”. There are few times in my life where I can say I’ve read words that ring as true as do these. Just as with many of you, Still Hopes has encountered unprecedented challenge, as well as opportunity, over these last 18 months. However, through the challenges, there has been great strength demonstrated by residents, family members, and staff alike. That strength is witnessed in our residents, who trust us every day to keep them safe, even when they have grown weary of all the “rules”. It is also found in our amazing staff who show up, day after day, with positive attitudes, to do their good work. I say with assurance, that you have reason to be proud of this Episcopal Community as it continues to thrive and works to achieve a very bright future.

Last year I reported to you that our HopeWell apartment building was nearing completion. I can now say the building is complete, on time and on budget. Residents began moving into HopeWell in February of this year. At this writing there are only 2 of the 80 HopeWell apartments available and seeing this new family of residents move in and become a part of Still Hopes has been a real joy. We now embark on a reinvention/expansion of our Bistro venue. Residents are excited for the future of that space, which will include both a re-invented dining venue and a pub. Along with my report this year, we are including a fly-over video of our campus so those who have not been here for a few years can see how we have continued to enlarge our mission. We have also had some exciting staffing changes, including the hiring of David Smart, who is now our Vice President of Operations. We also have called a new Chaplain, The Reverend Douglas Gray to fill the role vacated by Reverend Rich Crozier, who has retired.

Off campus, we see our efforts at York Place slowly but surely come to life. A definitive agreement for the York Place project has been drafted and is being finalized now, and the redrafted Bylaws are being considered for the continuing governance of York Place as an intergenerational retirement community campus with day programming for children and youth. It is exciting to see this project moving forward and very soon now it will begin to take shape as we develop the master land plan for the re-invention of the York Place campus in York, SC.

Still Hopes’ Mission is to provide a faith-based community where life will be rich and full as God intends it to be, holding to our values, serving one another with dedication, and promoting health and wellness for all. As always, we pledge to honor this Mission through our good work at Still Hopes. You can rest assured that we will continue to find ways to further brighten the journey of our residents and their families. Your support is vital to our success and we thank you for your kindnesses, both with your monetary support and your prayers. It is my pleasure to bring you this report and to continue to serve this great ministry organization.

Blessings,

