Hopeton Village
Chillicothe, Ohio, National Church Residences

Located in Ross County about one hour south of Columbus, the rural community surrounding Hopeton Village experiences marked disparities in overall health, access to care, and income, which is reflected in the resident population at Hopeton Village. Ross County ranks 82nd out of 88 counties in Ohio for health outcomes with more than 17 percent of residents with incomes below the poverty line, compared to the state average of 14 percent. Hopeton Village aims to provide affordable and appropriate housing and health services for low-income older adults from this community.

Hopeton Village’s professional staff – including a full-time service coordinator, consulting physician and related service providers from the community – work to address these health disparities and improve quality of life by creating individualized health and service plans for both its independent living and assisted living residents.

An Affordable Approach to Assisted Living
Hopeton Village is a unique senior housing community that offers affordable independent housing, and after a recent $9 million renovation, now provides affordable assisted living apartments thanks to the HUD Assisted Living Conversion Program.

With this integration of healthcare and housing, Karon Knisely was able to move back to the community she loved. Knisely, who lived in Chillicothe most of her adult life, had been with her husband in an out-of-town nursing facility for several years. After her husband passed away, she remained in the nursing home for two years until an assisted living conversion unit became available.

“I really like my three-room apartment at Hopeton Village and the services offered here,” Karon said. “I'm home again in Chillicothe. This is a much nicer environment for me and more independent than a nursing home.”
Residents in the assisted living program receive an evaluation from the Area Agency on Aging. This assessment includes medical diagnoses, current medications, physical history, social history and functioning for activities of daily living. Hopeton Village healthcare staff members work from the evaluation and the results of a physical examination to create a plan to maintain good health, and to involve the resident in social and community activities. Ongoing assessments detect changes in the residents’ health and determine additional need for support.

At Hopeton Village, housing is the hub for healthcare delivery. Located next to skilled nursing, adult day care and home health care programs, Hopeton Village provides seniors with a seamless continuum of care and flexibility to meet changing health care needs. Future implementation of an aging-at-home medical practice will provide residents with 24/7 access to medical care.

**A Green, Safer Environment**

With a grant from the HUD Green Retrofit Program, Hopeton Village made substantial utility-saving improvements with new energy-efficient heating, air conditioning, lighting and ventilation systems. Energy Star aluminum windows and doors further energy conservation, and an education program teaches residents how to reduce individual energy usage.

The assisted living conversion grants allowed for extension renovation to improve accessibility and contribute to the safety and convenience of apartment living for persons with mobility impairment, memory impairment and other functional disabilities.

**National Church Residences**

National Church Residences is the nation’s largest not-for-profit developer and manager of affordable senior and family housing, with 320 properties in 28 states and Puerto Rico, comprised of approximately 23,500 units, or nearly 25,000 residents. The mission of National Church Residences is to provide quality housing and care at affordable prices in communities of caring persons. NCR’s ministry is national in scope and originates from a Christian commitment of service to older adults, which began in 1961. NCR is committed to providing services in assisted living, nursing home, full-service retirement communities and permanent supportive housing.