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President and CEO of Leading Affordable Housing Provider to Retire

Dr. Laverne R. Joseph has announced that he will be retiring as President and CEO of Retirement Housing Foundation (RHF), a non-profit provider of housing and services, as of March 1, 2021. He has served in this position since July of 1987.

During Dr. Joseph's 33 years with RHF, the organization has more than tripled in size. Dr. Joseph has gained national stature, respect and recognition in the fields of senior and affordable housing. He is a founding member of the National Affordable Housing Trust (NAHT), serves on LeadingAge California's Public Policy Committee and Affordable Housing Cabinet, frequently addresses professional service organizations and churches regarding housing and social service programs and issues, and has testified 12 times before Senate and Housing committees on issues concerning national housing and services legislation.

Dr. Joseph is a 1960 graduate of Ursinus College (Collegeville, PA), a 1964 graduate from Lancaster Seminary (Lancaster, PA), and an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. Dr. Joseph was Senior Pastor of Peace Memorial United Church of Christ (UCC) in Palos Park, IL from 1966 until 1987. He also served as Executive Director of the church's housing and health care ministries.

A committee assembled by the RHF National Board of Directors has begun the process of searching for Dr. Joseph's successor in partnership with Korn Ferry, a global organizational consulting firm. RHF's staff and some stakeholders will be consulted as a part of the search; they will be given the opportunity to share their knowledge and provide input as to the qualifications that are needed to lead RHF and build upon the foundation that Dr. Joseph will be leaving RHF with.

About RHF:

Founded in 1961 and headquartered in Long Beach, CA, RHF is a national non-profit organization with a mission to provide a range of housing options and services for older adults, low-income families, and persons with disabilities. RHF is affiliated with the Council for Health and Human Service Ministries of the United Church of Christ and LeadingAge and its state affiliates, and also co-sponsors housing development with other varied denominational and community organizations. RHF sponsors and manages 197 communities in 29 states and Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. More than 22,500 people call an RHF community "home."

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