



SNH Announces Quarterly Dividend of \$.31 per Share

Newton, MA (January 6, 2003): Senior Housing Properties Trust (NYSE: SNH) today declared its regular quarterly dividend of \$0.31/share (or \$1.24/share per year) to be paid to shareholders of record as of the close of business on January 23, 2003 and to be distributed on or about February 21, 2003.

Senior Housing Properties Trust is a real estate investment trust headquartered in Newton, MA which has \$1.2 billion invested in senior living properties located in 29 states.