



Senior Housing Properties Trust Announces Quarterly Dividend of \$0.35 per Share

NEWTON, Mass.--Senior Housing Properties Trust (NYSE: SNH) today declared its regular quarterly common share dividend of \$0.35/share (\$1.40/share per year). This regular quarterly dividend will be paid to shareholders of record as of the close of share trading on October 17, 2008 and distributed on or about November 14, 2008.

Senior Housing Properties Trust is a real estate investment trust which owns independent and assisted living communities, nursing homes, rehabilitation hospitals, wellness centers and medical office buildings throughout the United States. SNH is headquartered in Newton, MA.

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