



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

NEWTON, Mass., Jan 07, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- 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 January 22, 2009 and distributed on or about February 13, 2009.

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.

A Maryland Real Estate Investment Trust with transferable shares of beneficial interest listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

No shareholder, Trustee or officer is personally liable for any act or obligation of the Trust.

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