

ROLLING GREEN VILLAGE
STATEMENT OF NEED AND PURPOSE

Rolling Green Village is the project name for the Greenville Baptist Retirement Community, chartered as a non-profit organization by the State of South Carolina November 5, 1976.

Its origin followed a two-year study of the problems on the aging.

The study revealed:

1. Astonishing growth in number of persons above age 60. (50% faster than the population growth rate.)
2. Quality of retirement living was threatened by inflation, insecurity, diminishing health and physical strength, burden of maintaining a home, frustration of hiring competent help, fear of the unknown, and increasing loneliness. (50% of women at age 65 are widows)
3. No private, religious or federal program was being planned to address these problems.
4. A challenge for establishing a model institution providing life residency with supportive social services including a health care facility which would enhance the quality of life.

The Greenville County Foundation at its 22nd Annual Meeting, November 14, 1978, reported the same conclusion in its joint study with the Greenville Hospital System.

The purpose of Rolling Green Village will be to provide more than just a place where one hopelessly waits for the conclusion of life. An environment will be established where length and quality of life may be increased. There will be freedom from the personal burdens and uncertainties of private living. There will be opportunities to pursue a personal abundant life which may include recreation, hobbies, and fellowship with others. Residents will be admitted on a non-discriminatory basis. Over 1000 inquiries have been received from potential residents.

No single existing project can provide all that Rolling Green Village will offer. This development will enhance the scope of the outstanding social and medical services available in the Greenville community.

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