

Building a Place to Call Home



Trevvett Court

How a community cares for its older members—recognizing their presence, responding to their needs and providing a place to call home—is a sign of that community's health and well-being.



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On the site of the existing Trevvett Court, The Carmel Foundation will build a new Craftsman style building, increasing the number of apartments from 9 to 14 while at the same time creating a safe, accessible, modern and attractive facility.



*Trevvett Court,
Dolores Street Elevation*

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Seniors are valuable members of our community. They bring wisdom, experience, a connection to the past, and often have a large stake in their communities. Programs that foster their full participation stimulate powerful benefits for our community, families and older adults as well. The Carmel Foundation provides seniors

with opportunities to contribute and remain vital without regard to race, religion, politics or economic status.

The Need for Affordable Housing

The cost of housing in Monterey County is among the highest in the country. The 2006 Annual Housing Report for Monterey County identified lack of affordable housing as the most critical local issue. The need for affordable housing is growing dramatically, heightened by two facts: the percentage of Americans over the age of 65 is growing

rapidly and approximately 10 percent of these Americans live in poverty with a median income between \$14,000 and \$15,000.

A Place to Call Home

Since 1950, The Carmel Foundation has made affordable housing central to its mission of serving seniors on the Monterey Peninsula.

The current housing facilities include three buildings in Carmel-by-the-Sea: Trevvett Court currently with nine units, Haseltine Court with 12 units and Norton Court with 24 units. Due to its

increasing age and upkeep requirements, the Board of Directors voted in 2006 to rebuild Trevvett Court, originally built as a motel in the 1940s. This property is owned free and clear by the Foundation.

"A vibrant community is home to all its people— young and old alike. Making certain that Carmel is liveable—and affordable—for its seniors ensures a richness among us that spans the generations. Let's build for our seniors and learn from them the meaning of community and family."

Rep. Sam Farr



Residents in our apartments qualify as low and very low income according to the guidelines for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). With the average age of 79, their lack of financial resources makes them a vulnerable population. Our affordable rents are based on 30% of the resident's gross income (but no less than \$150 per month). The average rent is \$300. Current residents in Trevvett Court are gradually being moved into our other two facilities as we have vacancies.



A fundamental goal of our Housing Program is to assist our residents in maintaining quality of life as they experience the changes and challenges of aging and declining health. Our staff and services provide a safety net for our residents, many of whom do not have family members to help them. This may include delivered meals for homebound residents, housekeeping assistance and transportation to medical appointments and grocery shopping.

The stories of the residents in The Carmel Foundation housing show how critically important affordable housing is to our community:

- Clara, born here in 1933, attended school at Sunset Elementary and her relatives served on the Carmel-by-the-Sea fire and police departments. Clara shares that, "If it wasn't for the Foundation, I don't know what I would do."
- James, 73, came to the area as a butler to a local family, but after retirement, it came down to not having a place to live. James shares that he is so grateful for the affordable rent.
- Judith moved to Carmel in 1978 before it became an upscale community. Now 77, Judith has macular degeneration. She says that experiencing diminishing vision as she ages is most frightening and appreciates the ability to continue to live in an area where she has lived and worked for many years.
- Because of our housing, Bunny, 99, is able to remain in the community where she has lived for 60 years. She states, "I can live independently and take care of myself because of the Foundation." For Bunny, her family is the Foundation.



Goals for Our Trevvett Court Project

The Foundation aims to respond to the local need by:

- Providing affordable housing for local seniors
- Rebuilding a declining facility to ensure cost-effective maintenance and more efficient energy and water use
- Increasing the number of units at Trevvett Court from 9 to 14
- Creating a safe, accessible and supportive living environment

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT/CEO

The Carmel Foundation has been an integral part of our community since 1950. Beginning as a meeting place, it has evolved into a state-of-the-art program supporting a diverse cross-section of seniors. Our comprehensive programming responds to the interests and needs of the over 4,400 local seniors we serve. The Housing Program is a centerpiece of the programs and services offered by The Carmel Foundation.

"Quiet persistence created The Carmel Foundation and continues with its plans for a new Trevvett Court. Carmel-by-the-Sea is proud to have the Foundation as its neighbor and recognizes it as the gold standard for how a community cares for its older members."

Sue McCloud
Mayor, Carmel-by-the-Sea

The Carmel Foundation initially identified housing as one of its most important objectives. Since then, our dedication to creating affordable housing options for local seniors has never wavered. We embrace the value that safe, affordable housing is the basis for healthful living as individuals age.

The Carmel Foundation exists because of friends from the past who believed in its mission. Now, we invite our community to join in an exciting partnership to create affordable housing options for local seniors. Your participation in the Foundation's capital campaign, "Building a Place to Call Home," will make a significant difference in the lives of our seniors now and for years to come.

Sincerely,

Jill Sheffield

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President/CEO



A CALL TO ACTION

Please join us with a generous contribution to this campaign. Naming opportunities will be available as donor recognition.

CAMPAIGN COSTS

Construction	\$2,800,000
Architectural/Engineering	400,000
Campaign Costs	300,000
Building Contingency	500,000
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Total	\$4,000,000



Judith Harkness, resident

“When you’re older, it’s important to be able to stay in the community where you’ve always lived.”



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