



SNH Announces Quarterly Dividend of \$.31 per Share

Newton, MA (October 8, 2002): Senior Housing Properties Trust (NYSE: SNH) today announced its regular quarterly dividend of \$0.31/share (or \$1.24/share per year) will be paid to shareholders of record as of the close of business on October 22, 2002 and will be distributed on or about November 21, 2002.

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 28 states.