



## Senior Housing Properties Trust Announces 2009 Dividend Allocation

NEWTON, Mass., Jan 15, 2010 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Senior Housing Properties Trust (NYSE: SNH) today announced that the characterization of dividends for 2009 income tax reporting purposes is as follows:

### Common Shares

#### Dividend Allocation Per Share

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Per Share</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Dividend</u>	<u>Gain</u>	<u>Unrecaptured</u>	
							<u>Gain</u>	<u>Capital</u>
01/07/09	01/22/09	02/13/09	\$0.3500	\$0.2665	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0835
04/07/09	04/17/09	05/15/09	0.3500	0.2665	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0835
07/01/09	07/10/09	08/14/09	0.3600	0.2741	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0859
10/05/09	10/15/09	11/17/09	0.3600	0.2741	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0859
TOTALS:			\$1.4200	\$1.0812	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.3388
			100.00%	76.14%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	23.86%

SNH's common share CUSIP number is 81721M109. This information represents final income allocations.

SNH is a real estate investment trust 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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