



## Senior Housing Properties Trust Announces 2010 Dividend Allocation

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

### Common Shares

Declaration Dates	Record Dates	Paid/Payable Dates	Dividends Per Share	Dividend Allocation Per Share				
				Ordinary Income	Qualified Dividend	Capital Gain	Unrecaptured Section 1250 Gain	Return of Capital
01/07/10	01/19/10	02/16/10	\$0.3600	\$0.2460	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.1140
04/01/10	04/15/10	05/14/10	0.3600	0.2460	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.1140
07/02/10	07/15/10	08/13/10	0.3600	0.2460	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.1140
10/04/10	10/15/10	11/12/10	0.3700	0.2528	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.1172
TOTALS:			<u>\$1.4500</u>	<u>\$0.9908</u>	<u>\$0.0000</u>	<u>\$0.0000</u>	<u>\$0.0000</u>	<u>\$0.4592</u>
			100.00%	68.33%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	31.67%

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

Senior Housing Properties Trust is a real estate investment trust, or REIT, 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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