

FACT SHEET – WHITE COUNTY'S *EVERGREEN ACRES*

MAY 2021

Organizational Background

- *Evergreen Acres* is a not-for-profit 501(c) corporation formed by members of The First United Methodist Church of Carmi in May of 1978 for the purpose of building & operating a low-income independent housing facility with fifty one-bedroom apartments for the elderly (age 62 & above) and handicapped.
- We operate under Section 202 of the National Housing Act and are regulated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) specific to rental charges, resident rental assistance, and operating procedures.



- In September of 1979 we were approved for a low-interest loan from HUD for \$1,570,037 to construct our building. Purchasing 5+ acres from John Puckett of Carmi, ground breaking took place on 10/19/1980 with construction overseen by general contractor Kelly Pyle (Pierson-Pyle Steel Contractors, Inc., of Carmi) with subcontractors Jim Lambert & Ben Seiler. The City of Carmi agreed to extend utilities to our site as well as build a new street with our facility located at 180 Haley Drive on the west side of Carmi.
- Our first resident, Helen Riley, moved in on 12/16/81, and by May 1982 all 50 apartments had been rented.

Current Organization

- Our current Board of Directors consists of 7 members including myself with Doug Hays and Mike Martin serving as our President and Vice-President. Valarie Berekashvili serves as Secretary to the Board, as well as our onsite Residential Life Director. Other current Board members include Kent Sallee, Dave Cochran, Scott Rice, and Judy Daubs.