

Leland House Ribbon-Cutting Celebration

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 10:30 AM | 21 NEWTON STREET, WALTHAM, MA



68

apartments
(66 1BR, 2 2BR)

100%

affordable to households with
incomes up to 60% AMI

\$37M

total development
cost



Honoring a legacy

A WALTHAM TREASURE

- 1879** The Home for Aged Women of Waltham is incorporated to provide compassionate care for American-born women over the age of 60 who had lived in Waltham a minimum of 10 years.
- 1885** A \$55,200 bequest from the estate of Mrs. Hannah C. Leland enables purchase of the land and construction and furnishing of the building, as well as creates an endowment for its operation.
- 1892** Doors open to the renamed Leland Home for Aged Women. Waltham resident Henry Walker Hartwell of the noted Boston firm Hartwell and Richardson designed and erected the Colonial Revival frame home.
- 1936-1962** The home expands substantially via five land purchases. Additions bring new residential rooms, a nursing center, and a solarium.
- 1946** Influenced by benefactor and Waltham resident U.S. Representative Robert Luce, the home welcomes couples and men, changing its name to the Leland Home.
- 2014** The Leland Home becomes affiliated with Deaconess Abundant Life Communities, a Methodist nonprofit dedicated to serving elders.
- 2020** The well-loved and well-utilized community resource, now covering 1.5 acres and serving 38 seniors, closes its doors.

LELAND HOME BECOMES LELAND HOUSE

- 2022** A serendipitous meeting between the CEOs of 2Life and Deaconess causes the two to recognize their shared mission. Through careful planning, 2Life purchases the Leland Home property.
- 2023** 2Life breaks ground on this exciting project, with the goal of bringing a modern, purpose-driven, joyful community to even more seniors.
- 2024** Residents begin moving in in December.



The original Leland Home. (credit: Waltham Historical Society)



Leland Home residents, summer of 1936. (credit: Leland Home)



Ground-breaking for Leland House in 2023, with Hannah Leland's portrait in attendance. (credit: 2Life)

An exciting new Waltham community

AN IDEAL LOCATION

The new Leland House has 68 affordable apartments: 66 one-bedroom and two two-bedroom. Residents have easy access to the adjacent William F. Stanley Senior Center and are just steps away from the transit-rich and thriving commercial corridor along Waltham's Main Street.

BUILDING RIGHT

Leland House has been designed and built to the highest standards of universal design, adaptability, resiliency, and sustainability. The 100% electric powered building meets Building to Passive House standards, for example, which brings improved health, economic, and environmental benefits to residents and addresses the important objective of reducing the building's carbon footprint. Universal design elements (particularly in bathrooms and kitchens) enable residents to remain in their homes even as their physical abilities change.

CREATING COMMUNITY

The ground floor of Leland House features a vibrant, universally designed Village Center, including a welcoming lobby, reception area, library, lounges, game room, wellness room, and classroom. Homey and inviting, these spaces foster interactions of all types, from formal get-togethers to impromptu chats.

HONORING THE PAST

The new three-story building thoughtfully incorporates many elements from the original home: a door, a beautiful arched window, two fireplace mantles, and many decorative accessories.

SERVICE-ENRICHED LIVING

Residents benefit from the wide variety of programs and services typical of every 2Life community. Leland House offers on-site maintenance staff, care coordination services, and 24-hour emergency staff response. In addition, residents can participate in lifelong learning, wellness, cultural, and social programs.



Leland House's welcoming front desk. (credit: Dellbrook / Justin Valadez)



To the right as you enter Leland House, Hanna Leland's portrait has pride of place. (credit: Dellbrook / Justin Valadez)



All apartments are light filled and beautifully appointed, with fully functioning kitchens to maintain independence. (credit: Dellbrook / Justin Valadez)

Thank you!

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PROJECT TEAM

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Sustainable development consultant:

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Answering a critical need

2Life Communities is at the heart of positive change in the affordable senior housing ecosystem — within our walls and beyond.

- 2Life currently manages 1,600+ apartments across seven Boston-area campuses, providing affordable, service-enriched housing for 1,800+ seniors.
- We create spaces where all seniors can find meaningful connections and live with dignity and joy in housing that responds to their economic circumstances.
- 2Life residents come from 61 different countries and speak 33 different languages.

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2Life's mission is to ensure that all seniors have the opportunity to thrive. To that end, we develop, own, operate, and provide supportive services to every one of our communities.

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