Our Story

Brooks-Howell is a non-profit, charitable Continuing Care Retirement Community owned and supported by the United Methodist Women of The United Methodist Church. It was established in 1956 to provide a retirement community for deaconesses, missionaries, and others approved by United Methodist Women.

Beginning in 1995, our Health Center opened its doors to all denominations and walks of life.

The name Brooks-Howell honors Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, then president of the Woman’s Division of Christian Service, and Miss Mabel K. Howell, former professor of missions at Scarritt College.

Over the years, Brooks-Howell has grown to encompass more than 10 acres close to downtown Asheville.

Our Mission

- To affirm each resident’s dignity, independence and value.
- To provide an atmosphere for an enriching life style in a secure, stimulating Christian community.
- To encourage and assist residents in reaching and maintaining their full potential in the area of physical, social, and spiritual well-being.
- To implement new programs and ministries which address current and future needs.
- To operate on a fiscally sound basis.

Our Vision

Brooks-Howell, a community where people:

“live all of their lives in freedom from care, where they might be an asset to each other, to their community, and to their church.”

Miss Mabel K. Howell
Former Professor of Missions at Scarritt College

To learn more about our story:
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Why Brooks-Howell

- We accept private pay and long-term care insurance
- Sliding scale payment options
- Intermediate/assisted care program
- Respite care from 3 to 30 days
- Low patient-to-staff ratios
- Comprehensive activity programming including intergenerational activities
- Chaplain services
- Non-smoking campus
- Guest housing for out-of-town visitors
- Transportation for off-campus medical appointments

Our Campus

Brooks-Howell is located on 10 beautiful acres in the mountains of Asheville, North Carolina, only a mile from downtown.

Our Health Center has 54 private rooms split between two floors.

Bancroft-Taylor Unit, with 36 private rooms.

Cummings Healthcare Unit, with 18 private rooms.

Campus features:
- Therapeutic Heated Pool
- Chapel that accommodates 200 people
- Media Center / Theater Room
- Comprehensive Library and Reading Room
- Activity / Recreation Center

Health Center Services

- Onsite physician and nurse practitioner
- Onsite mental health services
- Onsite Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy
- Consultation services available for Podiatry, Optometry, Dental, and Wound Care
- Specialized care for residents with:
  - Dementia
  - Post-Operative Orthopedic Care
  - Post Stroke
  - COPD
  - Congestive Heart Failure (CHF)
  - Cardiac Care
  - Diabetes Care
  - IV Therapy Services
  - Palliative Care and End of Life