



ROGERSON COMMUNITIES

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James F. Seagle, Jr. joined Rogerson Communities in 1973 and initiated Rogerson's transition from a single rest home for older men to the multidimensional organization it is today. Its scope includes management of 21 communities and five adult day programs that serve more than 1,500 families; real estate development; consulting assignments; advocacy and education; and fund raising, both with foundations and individuals.

Mr. Seagle is a recognized leader in the field of housing and services for elders. A past president of the Association of Massachusetts Homes and Services for the Aging, he has been a delegate to the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging. Mr. Seagle worked closely with the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to draft assisted living legislation, and he created an industry task force to increase Medicaid reimbursement for dementia day care. He frequently lectures at state and national forums.

As an innovator, Mr. Seagle refined the service coordinator model for independent housing; established the area's first adult day health program; and worked with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to develop a dementia day care model. In addition, he created the Boston Alzheimer's Center (now Rogerson House), which offers a full program that serves families with assisted living, a day center, respite care, education and support. Mr. Seagle was an early initiator of fitness programs for frail elders and created the first apartment housing model for persons disabled by HIV. He continues to support and participate in a number of nonprofit provider alliances.

A graduate of Denison University, Mr. Seagle also earned a certificate in nursing home administration from Babson College and is licensed in Massachusetts as a nursing home administrator.

Mr. Seagle's publications include *Congregate Housing for Older People* (coeditor), Lexington Books, 1982, reprinted 1985; and *Farnsworth House: A Nonprofit Board Creates Congregate Housing for the Elderly* (coauthor), 1987.

Rogerson Communities has been providing housing and health care for elders and low-income individuals and families since it was founded in 1860. Today, the non-profit organization serves more than 1,500 Greater Boston families through 26 facilities and programs. These services include housing, adult day health programs, fitness training and memory loss care and treatment. Visit Rogerson.org for more information.