



# ROGERSON COMMUNITIES

*Innovative Solutions in Housing and Health Services since 1860*

## Historic Timeline

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- 1860 Organization founded in Boston's South End as the Home for Aged Men.
- 1957 Home relocated to new building on three acres overlooking Jamaica Pond and named changed to **Rogerson House** in tribute to Charles E. Rogerson, the organization's eighth president. Rogerson House now provides assisted living and day program services to people with memory loss and dementia.
- 1978 Rogerson opens one of Boston's first adult day health programs, now expanded and known as the **Rogerson Roslindale Adult Day Health Program**.
- 1982 **Farnsworth House** is developed in Jamaica Plain.
- 1983 Beacon Chambers Hotel is redeveloped as **Beacon House** for low and moderate income elders on Beacon Hill.
- 1987 Derelict Roslindale High School is redeveloped as **Roslindale House** and **Florence House** to provide subsidized elder apartments and affordable "life lease" elder co-ops.
- 1991 Rogerson takes over management of **Pond Home** in Wrentham.
- 1995 Rogerson transforms the former Peter Faneuil School on Beacon Hill into **Peter Faneuil House** for low-income singles and families.
- Name changed to **Rogerson Communities** to better reflect organization's expanded mission.
- 1996 **Joy Street Residence**, the nation's first specially designed residence for low-income people living with HIV/AIDS, opens on Beacon Hill.
- 1999 **Community at Pond Meadow** opens in Wrentham, offering clustered housing for moderate-income elders.
- The long-vacant Longfellow School in Roslindale reopens as **Longfellow House** for low-income elders.
- Rogerson assumes management of **Council Tower** in Roxbury and is named development consultant for nearby historic parcel of land also owned by Forward Inc (former home of the Home for Aged Couples).
- 2000 Rogerson takes over management of **Springhouse**, a Jamaica Plain retirement facility.

- 2001 Roslindale rest home **Sophia Snow House** names Rogerson as the development consultant for adjacent parcel in Roslindale.
- Rogerson Brookline Adult Day Health Program** opens.
- Roslindale Public Gardens at Longfellow House** open.
- The Board of Directors ratifies a new strategic plan calling for doubling number of persons served.
- 2002 The Campaign for Rogerson Communities begins, ultimately raising over 3 million dollars.
- 2005 Rogerson accepts a management contract with **The Dana Home of Lexington**.
- Rogerson launches **Rogerson Fitness FIRST<sup>SM</sup>**, an innovative fitness program for elders.
- Renovations are completed on **Carleton House**, the first building on the Forward Inc. campus, and begins to provide housing for low-income working families.
- William B. Rice Eventide Home** engages Rogerson to assist with plans to replace its 70-year-old facility.
- 2006 Rogerson completes **Sophia Snow Place**.
- Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center. engages Rogerson to redevelop its HUD 202 residence and adult day health program, **Hong Lok House**, in Chinatown.
- 2007 **Spencer House** opens on historic Forward Inc. site providing apartments for low-income elders as well as a space for the **Rogerson Egleston Adult Day Health Program**.
- 2008 Rogerson completes renovations on **Walnut House**, the third of four properties at the historic Egleston site.
- Rogerson accepts a management contract with **Hale Barnard Services**.
- 2009 Rogerson engaged by **Mount Pleasant Home** in Jamaica Plain to renovate and expand its historic building from 40 dormitory style rest-home units to 60 units with private baths and a central atrium with medical office space.
- 2010 Construction begins on **Mount Pleasant Home**; Rogerson facilitates land purchase for **Eventide Home** at former Southfield Air Force Base in Weymouth and completes plans for 262 units, including both independent living and nursing home beds.
- Rogerson Brookline Adult Day Health Program** consolidated into Rogerson Roslindale and Rogerson Egleston adult day health programs, and fight for reasonable reimbursement rates from MassHealth continues.

**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](http://Rogerson.org) for more information.