Founded in 1901, New England Homes for the Deaf (NEHD) is a life plan community that offers a continuum of care to Deaf, Deafblind and hard of hearing seniors, including independent living, rest home, skilled nursing community, Deaf senior centers, short-term rehabilitation services, respite care services and hospice care.

NEHD’s mission is to provide long term healthcare, housing, recreational activities and social support for Deaf, Deafblind and hard of hearing individuals in an accessible and culturally-sensitive environment with optimal communication and architectural resources.

Rest Home, Skilled Nursing and Short Term Rehabilitation

NEHD’s rest home and skilled nursing are staffed 24/7 by licensed nurses, certified nursing assistants, home health aides and responsible persons educated in American Sign Language (ASL) and Deaf Culture. Attending physicians, including a medical director and nurse practitioner, work regularly in collaboration with the onsite staff to ensure exceptional resident care. NEHD is fully certified by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Medicare and Medicaid, and also accepts many private insurance carriers.

All resident rooms are oversized with fully accessible bathrooms with pull cord safety features. Rooms also feature flashing doorbells, high-speed internet access, Wi-Fi and private video phone hookup. The building’s safety and security systems are enhanced with accessible flashing/signaling devices.

Our beautiful campus with views of the water and neighboring marina also has gardens with much of the produce used in the facility’s kitchen allowing for fresh ingredient, seasonal cooking.
The Helen Keller Resource Library at NEHD has the latest communication technology for Deafblind and low vision individuals including Braille transcription services. In addition, video phones and computers are located throughout the facility allowing residents to easily communicate with family and friends.

NEHD encourages group socialization with common living rooms that have a cozy library setting for reading, visiting and TV viewing. NEHD offers multifaceted programs including large and small group activities and off-campus outings to the bowling alley, museum, shopping mall and other venues.

Amenities and services included in the Rest Home, Skilled Nursing and Short Term Rehab facilities include:

- Interpreting services
- Three main meals with seasonal menu changes and daily snacks
- Daily housekeeping and laundry services
- Medication assistance/administration
- Pain management
- Diabetes screening and blood pressure monitoring
- Behavioral health and social services
- Wander Guard Security System
- Physical, occupational and food/swallowing therapies
- On and off campus outings/activities and recreational therapy
- Nutritional therapy
- Podiatry, dental and optometry
- General medical, 24-hour nursing and sub-acute care *
- Feeding tubes *
- Respiratory therapy *
- IV hydration and antibiotic therapies *
- Wound Care *
- First aid

* Indicates services provided in Skilled Nursing and Short Term Rehabilitation only

On behalf of our family I want to thank all of the NEHD staff for what you do for our family member every day. It is very apparent that she is in the right place… Thank you and your staff for the wonderful treatment and care that NEHD provided to our family member over the past 11 plus years. We are very grateful to the home for everything you did for her.”

Michael A Lavey
Respite Care Services
NEHD understands a caregiver’s need for time away. Whether you have vacation plans, business obligations or are in need of a rest period, we are here to help. We offer a safe and comfortable short-stay respite program. You can relax and feel safe knowing your loved one is being cared for. All services offered by the facility are made available to individuals admitted for respite care purposes.

Deaf Senior Centers
NEHD has operated regional Deaf Senior Centers for more than 30 years and has served over 350 Deaf, Deafblind and hard of hearing seniors throughout Massachusetts. These centers are a vital community component for this population, who because of a lack of communication access, are unable to utilize other area agencies on aging.

NEHD’s Quincy, Worcester, and Northshore Deaf Senior Centers are partially funded by federal financial support under the Older Americans Act provided by the Central Massachusetts, OCPC-AAA, South Shore Eder Services, North Shore Eder Services, Agencies on Aging and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

The Independent Living Thompson House
The Thompson House, a HUD subsidized Independent Living Facility on the campus of NEHD, is the first residential complex in the Northeast designed and equipped with accessible communication and safety systems especially for Deaf, Deafblind and hard of hearing seniors, conceived to promote independence and accessibility. The 21,000 square foot structure accommodates 24 one bedroom units, including three handicap-accessible apartments. The Thompson House has received numerous design awards from “The National Council on Senior Housing”; “The National Association of Home Builders”; and, “The Society for the Advancement of Gerontological Environments.”

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The DeVincenzo Family

““You and your team were the best thing that happened to both me and my grandfather. The incredible gift you provide to your patients is second to none! I mean that.”

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The New England Homes for the Deaf was the... best thing for my father... He became friends with many of the staff and also had some friends there that he went to school with... I wish to thank you all at the home for the love and care given to my father... each and every one of you have become a part of a life’s journey, at a time when there was so much anxiety and stress, you must know that to leave a loved one in good and loving hands was a tremendous comfort to our family. You all play a huge part in not only the care of the patients, but the lives of the family... All of you at the home had our full and undoubted trust.”

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