In 1901, a legal corporation called New England Home for Deaf Mutes (NEHDM) was formed and immediately began fundraising for Deaf and Deafblind elders in New England. By 1903, they had raised enough money to rent a home in Allston, MA and by 1920, NEHDM had already outgrown two homes. A capital campaign was launched in 1924 to secure a larger facility with enough land to allow for future growth. During this time, NEHDM was privileged to have two very famous board members, Helen Keller and her teacher/interpreter Ann Sullivan. On June 1st, 1925, Keller and Sullivan spearheaded the negotiation of the purchase of ‘Riverbank’ in Danvers, MA from John Fredrick Hussey, a philanthropist, and the name was changed to New England Homes for the Deaf (NEHD).

NEHD was founded on the fundraising efforts of many individuals committed to the mission and vision of the home.

For NEHD's website & full history, please scan the QR code: nehd.org

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Providing services to the Deaf and Deafblind community including:

- Skilled Nursing
- Rest Home
- Rehabilitation
- Respite Care
- In-house Hospice Care
**OUR MISSION**

The mission of NEHD is to provide communication accessible health care, housing, social support and recreational activities for Deaf, Deafblind and Hard of Hearing people.

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**Skilled Nursing**

Our skilled nursing facility provides long-term care and rehabilitation services by RNs, LPNs and CNAs in a cultural and language-friendly environment. Each room is oversized with flashing doorbells, cable television, and internet access. Video phones are in common areas throughout the facility as well as in resident rooms by request. We offer various professional services including rehabilitation, social services, therapeutic activities and interpreting.

**Amenities**

- Three daily meals with seasonal menu changes and snacks
- Daily housekeeping and laundry services
- Medication administration/assistance
- Pain management
- Diabetes screening and BP monitoring
- Behavioral health & social services
- Wander Guard security system
- Physical, occupational and swallowing therapy
- On and off campus activities and recreational therapy
- Nutritional therapy
- First aid
- Podiatry, dentistry, and optometry
- General medical, 24-hour nursing and sub-acute care*
- Feeding tubes*
- Deafblind services
- IV hydration & antibiotic therapies*
- Wound care*

* Indicates services provided in skilled nursing and short-term rehab only.

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**Rest Home**

The Rest Home is designed for residents who are independent in nature but need support with medication, meals and some activities of daily living. Rooms and bathrooms are spacious and have an emergency alert system. Both structured and independent activities are available to residents daily.

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**Respite Care (Short-term Stay)**

NEHD understands a caregiver’s need for time away. We offer a safe and comfortable short-stay respite program. All services offered by the facility are made available to individuals admitted for respite care purposes.