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UYM CHARITIES HELPS ELDERS REMAIN IN THEIR OWN HOMES

There are now more Americans age 65 and older than at any other time in our nation's history, while those 85 years and older are projected to increase 147% in the next 40 years and comprise 21% of the total U.S. population.

According to research, an increasing number of elders want to remain in their own homes. As this population continues to grow at a rate faster than any other, research indicates the demand for services that will enable elders to age in their homes will outpace the ability of most communities to provide them.

Anticipating the increased need for these services in the 1990's, UYM CHARITIES (UYM) broadened its focus to develop strategic partnerships with healthcare and service organizations to minimize future costs associated with elder home care. By 2000, UYM achieved its goal on Long Island, New York with Be Safe At Home Inc. (BSAH), which emphasizes prevention through home and personal safety management services.

"They provided us with fundraising tools to help us reach more elders in need," said BSAH President and CEO Dr. Robert Costanzo, Ph.D., who has since joined UYM's Board of Directors. "By working together, we achieved much more than we could have on our own."

Founded in 1980, UYM's mission is to make a difference in the lives of the low and middle income segments of the population not provided for by government and other organizations. UYM recently expanded its operations into New Hampshire as part of a larger effort throughout New England.

"Sixty-five percent of elders in our country lack the necessary funds for private pay services, which is why we need to work on solutions today to address the needs of tomorrow's elders," he said.

According to the Administration for Aging (AOA), the elder population will exceed 70 million people by 2030, which is more than double the number that existed in 2000.

"Our communities and local government agencies do not have the capacity to meet the needs of the Baby Boomer generation," he said. "This is why nonprofit and for-profit sectors need to work together to share and leverage resources. The future is now."

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