In this day and age, most people want to live in their homes no matter their age.

This is particularly true for seniors, who may have lived in their home for many years.

**Why is PACE important?**

As they age, seniors and their families are faced with hard decisions because of the care they need. Seniors may need more care, but they don’t want to move into a nursing home or assisted living facility for their care.

Families face a very complicated system to take care of the various critical needs of their loved ones.

Enrolling in PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) offers an alternative – options – for seniors who want to live at home and be cared for as long as possible.

PACE provides the means for low income and disabled seniors to remain in their homes with the support of a comprehensive life care program that combines home care with routine visits to a day center/clinic.

**How does PACE work?**

An interdisciplinary team of professionals provides 24/7 care for PACE participants, including medical care, rehabilitation, medication management, home care, and transportation among others.

Grand Traverse Pavilions, which has a long history of caring for seniors, has leased the former Grand Traverse County Health Department building to establish PACE in a region that encompasses most or parts of seven counties in Northwest Michigan.

PACE will provide a network of senior care at no cost to eligible participants and help them remain in their home.

**How can you make PACE a reality?**

To fund this initiative, Grand Traverse Pavilions Foundation is embarking on a $3 million capital campaign to provide the necessary funds for renovating, equipping, staffing, and operating the PACE center.

Your support and donation to the capital campaign will benefit PACE and help our vision become a reality.
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Dennis owns Prout Financial Design in Traverse City. A Certified Financial Planner (CFP), Investment Advisor Representative (IAR), and a Master Elite Advisor, he has been in the retirement planning industry for over 25 years. He has taught classes for over 15 years for the Northwestern Michigan College Extended Education Program.

A graduate of Central Michigan University, Dennis moved to Traverse City where he raised his family. Over 30 years later, he and his wife Jill continue to be actively involved at New Hope Community Church, where they serve in leadership positions. When he isn’t working or serving, Dennis is singing, hiking, reading and spending time with family.

Active in the community, Dennis is a member of the Capital Asset Advisory Board, New Hope Choir, Northwestern Michigan College’s Canticum Novum, Economic Club of Traverse City, Chamber of Commerce, and Better Business Bureau.

Marshall retired to the Traverse City area after a successful 40-year career with Ryerson Steel, the number one U.S. metals distributor. His last position was Vice President of Global Sales.

A staunch supporter of veterans, his career in the military included a Viet Nam tour and 22 years in the Army Reserve. He retired as Lt. Colonel.

Marshall is former Chairman of Score, a nonprofit that helps small businesses. He served as President of the Third Level Crisis Center Board. He was past Chairman of the Human Rights Commission of Traverse City. He is a noon Rotarian.

Besides his volunteer commitments, Marshall enjoys jogging with his dogs, pickleball, golfing, boating and living in Traverse City with his wife Terrill.
GT County Finalizes 20-Year Lease With The Pavilions; Building On Garfield Road New Home Of PACE Center

Grand Traverse Pavilions has secured a 20-year agreement with Grand Traverse County to lease the former Health Department Building on Garfield Road in Traverse City for a PACE Center, one of eight in Michigan.

Coincidentally, when The Pavilions opened as the Grand Traverse County Medical Care Facility in 1959, the building was the first in the state to house both the county health department as well as the county long-term care provider.

The Garfield Road building, which the county purchased from the Traverse Bay Intermediate School District in 1993, has been vacant since 2012 when the county opened its new 35,500-square-foot building on LaFranier Road.

Once renovated and staffed, the new PACE site will include a room for activities, socialization, and meals; a primary care clinic, and rehabilitation gym, where on average, PACE participants attend two or three times a week. Transportation to the center is provided as well as other medical appointments.

Take a look:

Main Level Floor Plan

Lower Level Floor Plan
What Makes PACE Different?

Provides Services in the Community
PACE provides care and services in your home, community, and the PACE Center. The majority of PACE participants get most of their care from staff employed by the PACE organization in the PACE Center.

Covers Northwest Michigan
There are eight PACE sites in Michigan. The PACE Center in Traverse City will be the first one in northern Michigan. The program will cover Grand Traverse, Benzie, and Leelanau counties, most of Antrim and Kalkaska counties, and parts of Manistee and Wexford counties.

Supports Family Care Givers
PACE organizations support family members and other care givers with care giver training, support groups, and respite care to help families keep their loved ones in the community.

Utilizes Health Care Professionals
PACE programs are sponsored by health care providers in your community. This means your PACE doctor and other care providers will work with you to make decisions about your care. No higher authorities will overrule what you, your doctor, and other care providers agree is best for you.

Covers Preventative Care
The focus of every PACE organization is to help you live in the community as long as possible. To meet this goal, PACE focuses on preventative care and the opportunity for qualified participants to remain at home.

Provides Transportation Services
PACE provides all medically-necessary transportation to the PACE Center for activities or medical appointments. You can also get transportation to appointments in the community.

Provides Comprehensive Care
PACE uses Medicare and Medicaid funds to cover all your medically-necessary care and services. There are no out-of-pocket costs for co-pay, deductible, or insurance premiums.