



The Trust is a nonprofit organization founded in 1947. Della Herring asked at a meeting of Secretaries International why there was no retirement home for secretaries and contributed the first dollar toward the cause. Her dream was realized and the Trust now owns and operates [Vista Grande Retirement Center](#). The Trust's vision has expanded and today offers financial assistance to those living in other retirement centers and provides information on preparing for retirement and healthy living. Funding of the Trust comes solely from IAAP members, families, and friends.

This independent, non-profit organization is administered by a six member International Board of Trustees, four of whom are elected at large from the membership of the International Association of Administrative Professionals and serve with the IAAP International President and Treasurer.

The Trust was formed and operates exclusively for charitable purposes; i.e., for the primary purpose of acquiring, maintaining and operating homes for needy and elderly administrative professionals and otherwise assisting needy and elderly administrative professionals. The demand for comfortable, affordable housing for retired administrative professionals is growing, and the RTF seeks to help fill that need with Vista Grande.

- Provides housing assistance grants to administrative professionals in need;
- Provides programs to our members at targeted events;
- Supports the Trust's key publications, *reVisions* and *reVisions 2.0*;

- Maintains the Trust's website at www.iaap-rtf.org; and
- Maintains Vista Grande and provides for an affordable and comfortable environment for all residents

Retirement living at Vista Grande is by application from people who are 62 and up and:

- IAAP members and their families
- Former IAAP members and their families
- Administrative professionals who are not members of IAAP and their families
- People who have never been administrative professionals

Financial assistance is limited to those individuals/members living in a retirement center in the U.S. or Canada. Located in Rio Rancho, New Mexico, a picturesque mesa northwest of Albuquerque. The land consists of approximately 11 acres and was built in three phases completed between 1972 and 1983. The Center comprises 168 apartments, a community building, lounge, library, crafts room, laundry center, all faiths meditation chapel, a resident nurse, exercise room, and management offices. Vista Grande offers a wide variety of floor plans. There are both one and two bedroom apartments, ranging from 456 to 807 square feet, with one or two bathrooms. All apartments have kitchens.

The Retirement Centers Trust has charitable non-profit status from the US government. Donations are tax-deductible. The Trust receives no portion of the membership dues. It is IAAP's only charitable project.