

The Village Model: Addressing the needs of seniors in underserved areas

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Introduction

- The Village Movement began in 1999 with a group of older adults who wanted to live in their own homes while staying engaged in social activities within their neighborhood.

The Athens Village

- The Athens Village offers transportation services, social events, home maintenance, home health assistance, patient advocacy, safety inspections, and intergenerational communication.

Common Needs

- In rural communities, there is a lack of affordable living options for seniors. People are left unprepared to cover the cost of moving out.
- When surveyed, most Village members stated needing help with transportation, house chores, and social interaction.

Rural Living

- As part of Appalachia, in Athens, Ohio there are limited senior living options. While there are over 240 villages in the United States, the Athens Village was the first rural village in all of America.
- Athens County has 2 assisted living facilities. For a yearly fee of \$450, the Athens Village provides a more economical way of living

Description

- Over 100+ members participate and support each other in the program. Fees can be paid by households or paid by others with scholarships
- As a 501(c)(3), we rely heavily on grant funding. Members can volunteer for transportation services, editing for the newsletter, or for the board of directors.

“Members mutually help each other. It is good to know we can call the Village for advice as to getting help as needs arise.”

- Anonymous Village Member

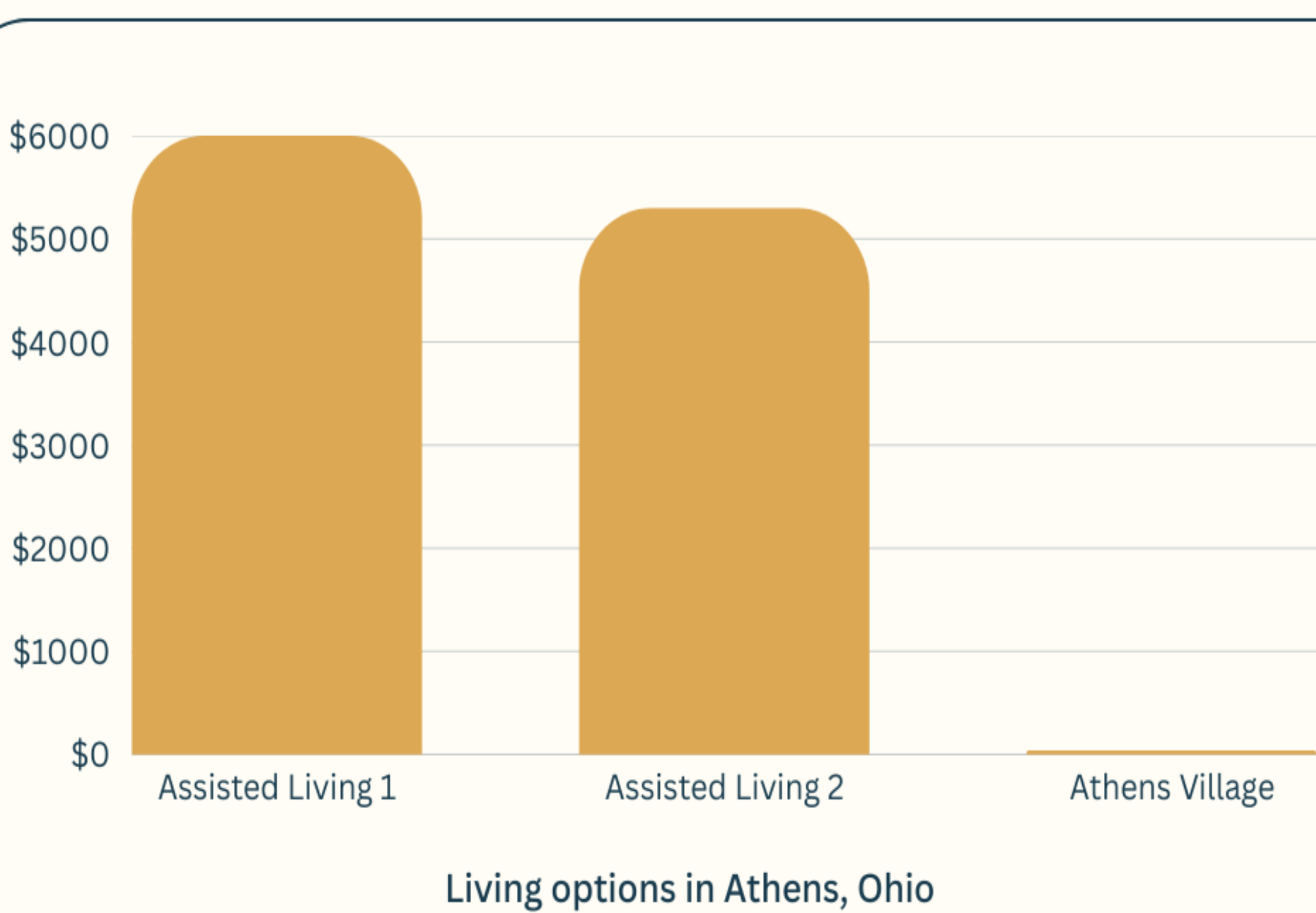


My Role

1. As an intern, my tasks include regularly visiting clients, grant writing, weekly check ins, organizing social events, nutrition help, eye screenings, etc.
2. Hours include every Tuesday-Thursday from 9:00-2:00. and Friday from 10:00-2:00. In total, I work 19 hours a week.
3. Partnerships with other professions are utilized to offer a more holistic and well-rounded approach to healthy aging

COST OF LIVING PER MONTH

The Village VS the Assisted Living Facilities in Athens County



Impact

1. The Village offers an affordable way of living as a senior while being able to remain in the home. Membership is a small investment compared to the average monthly cost of \$3,060 to \$6,175 for assisted living and/or skilled nursing care in Athens, Ohio.

References &

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