



Todd Murch,
President and CEO
2005 - Present

President’s Message

It all began in January 1968 when the board of directors of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Northern California – Nevada voted to purchase American River Hospital through a nonprofit corporation called Eskaton. The terms of the sale were later referred to as “nothing down and forever to pay.” It was the wish of the church that the relationship with Eskaton be viewed fraternally rather than legally. Thus, Eskaton was born.

Today Eskaton is one of the largest and most diverse nonprofit aging services organizations in California. But, it wasn’t always that way.

In the early years, we were recognized as a “hospital company” until a fateful day in the early ‘80s when our board of directors decided that seniors in Northern California were underserved and they made the bold decision to pivot away from hospitals, which were approximately 75% of our revenue, to focus on senior housing and services. Thus, the Eskaton of today was re-born.

Our current mission statement, drafted in 1985, has stood the test of time. Throughout the years, Eskaton has grown, evolved, adapted, innovated, affiliated, disaffiliated, built, managed, partnered, etc., continuously right up to the present day. Our devotion to purpose and values has strengthened our character through change.

Very few things in life happen overnight. An organization is not unlike a person. Eskaton is what it is today because of the experiences that have shaped it over 50 years. We have been fortunate to have people of the highest caliber contributing at every level of the organization. So, THANK YOU to our employees, volunteers, board members, and all other stakeholders over the past five decades.



Josh Wilson,
President and CEO
1968 - 1972



Dallas Gladson,
President and CEO
1973 - 1984



John H. Breaux,
President and CEO
1985 - 2004