

CAFARO DEBRA A
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CAFARO DEBRA A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VENTAS INC [VTR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE,
SUITE 300

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/24/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman, President and CEO

LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/24/2008		M	33,400 A \$ 30.83	804,236	D	
Common Stock	03/24/2008		S ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	26,262 D \$ 48	777,974	D	
Common Stock	03/24/2008		S ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	600 D \$ 48.005	777,374	D	
Common Stock	03/24/2008		S ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	2,938 D \$ 48.01	774,436	D	
Common Stock	03/24/2008		S ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	2,300 D \$ 48.02	772,136	D	

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On March 24, 2008, the Reporting Person transmitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission a Form 144 covering the sale of the Issuer's common stock reported on Table I.

- (2) These shares are being sold pursuant to a written non-discretionary Rule 10b5-1(c) sales plan dated November 15, 2007.
- (3) Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these 5,000 shares except to the extent of the Reporting Person's pecuniary interest in the shares.
- (4) These options were part of a previously reported grant of 136,231 on January 27, 2006, by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that vested in three equal installments on January 27, 2006, January 27, 2007 and January 27, 2008.
- (5) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by the Reporting Person as of March 24, 2008.

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