VENTAS INC Form 4 March 06, 2013

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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See Instruction

1(b).

(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			
(Last) (First)		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
			(Month/Day/Year)	_X_ Director 10% Owner			
353 N. CLARK STREET, SUITE			03/04/2013	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
3300				Chairman and CEO			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)			
CHICAGO,, II	. 60654			_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	ble I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acquir	ed, Disposed of, o	or Beneficiall	y 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)		sed of 4 and (A) or	` ′	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)
Common Stock	03/04/2013		$S_{\underline{(1)(2)}}$	3,167	D	\$ 72.0295	578,494	D	
Common Stock	03/05/2013		S <u>(1)</u>	300	D	\$ 72.0367	578,194	D	
Common Stock							5,000 (3) (4)	I	By Trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
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					(A) or						Repo
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					4, and 5)						
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				Codo V	(A) (D)						
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
FG	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
CAFARO DEBRA A						
353 N. CLARK STREET, SUITE 3300	X		Chairman and CEO			
CHICAGO,, IL 60654						

Signatures

Debra A. Cafaro, By: T. Richard Riney,
Attorney-In-Fact
03/06/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- On March 4, 2013, the Reporting Person transmitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a Form 144 covering the sale of the Issuer's common stock reported in Table I. These shares are being sold pursuant to a written non-discretionary 10b5-1(c) sales plan dated June 29, 2012 entered into by the Reporting Person.
- The price reported in column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold by the Reporting Person in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$72.00 to \$72.11, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide Issuer, any security holder of Issuer or the staff of the SEC, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote (2).
- (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) As of March 5, 2013, Reporting Person also owns directly and indirectly by trust options to purchase 1,237,128 shares of Issuer's common stock.

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