

VENTAS INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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**

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

**LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**03/07/2006**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/02/2006		G	V 5,000 D \$ 0	538,288	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2006		G <sup>(1)</sup>	V 5,000 A \$ 0	5,000	I	By Trust
Common Stock	03/07/2006		M	31,000 A \$ 11.86	569,288	D	
Common Stock	03/07/2006		S <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	900 D \$ 30.8	568,388	D	
Common Stock	03/07/2006		S <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	2,400 D \$ 30.81	565,988	D	

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Common Stock	03/07/2006	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	6,700	D	\$ 30.82	559,288	D
Common Stock	03/07/2006	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	3,200	D	\$ 30.85	556,088	D
Common Stock	03/07/2006	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	2,400	D	\$ 30.86	553,688	D
Common Stock	03/07/2006	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	500	D	\$ 30.87	553,188	D
Common Stock	03/07/2006	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	1,100	D	\$ 30.88	552,088	D
Common Stock	03/07/2006	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	600	D	\$ 30.89	551,488	D
Common Stock	03/07/2006	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	300	D	\$ 30.91	551,188	D
Common Stock	03/07/2006	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	600	D	\$ 30.93	550,588	D
Common Stock	03/07/2006	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	200	D	\$ 30.94	550,388	D
Common Stock	03/07/2006	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	1,100	D	\$ 30.95	549,288	D
Common Stock	03/07/2006	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	10,200	D	\$ 30.98	539,088	D
Common Stock	03/07/2006	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	600	D	\$ 31.01	538,488	D
Common Stock	03/07/2006	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	200	D	\$ 31.02	538,288	D

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Title

Stock	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy) \$ 11.86 03/07/2006 M 31,000 01/02/2002 <sup>(4)</sup> 01/02/2012 Common Stock		31,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CAFARO DEBRA A 10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300 LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223	X		Chairman, President and CEO	

## Signatures

Debra A. Cafaro, By: T. Richard Riney,  
Attorney-In-Fact 03/09/2006

\_\_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).
- (1) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares except to the extent of the Reporting Person's pecuniary interest in the shares.
- (2) On January 12, 2006, 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.
- (3) These shares are being sold pursuant to a written non-discretionary Rule 10b5-1(c) sales plan dated November 17, 2005.
- (4) These options were part of a previously reported grant of 173,131 on January 2, 2002, by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that vested in three annual installments beginning on January 2, 2002, January 2, 2003, January 2, 2004.
- (5) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by the Reporting Person as of March 7, 2006.

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