

VENTAS INC  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
GEARY RONALD G

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
2700 GAST BLVD.  
(Street)

LOUISVILLE, KY 40205

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/12/2012

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)

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	12/12/2012		M	5,000 A \$ 52.48	23,164.697	D	
Common Stock	12/12/2012		M	2,500 A \$ 55.13	25,664.697	D	
Common Stock	12/12/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>	7,500 D \$ 64.2676	18,164.697	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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 52.48	12/12/2012		M	5,000	01/01/2011 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/01/2021	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 55.13	12/12/2012		M	2,500	01/01/2012 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/01/2022	Common Stock	2,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GEARY RONALD G 2700 GAST BLVD. LOUISVILLE, KY 40205	X			

## Signatures

Ronald G. Geary, By: T. Richard Riney, Attorney-In-Fact 12/14/2012

\*\*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 December 12, 2012, 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. The price reported in column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were

(1) sold by the Reporting Person in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$64.2649 to \$64.31, 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 (1).

(2) These options were part of a previously reported grant of 5,000 on January 1, 2011, by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that vested in two equal installments beginning on January 1, 2011.

(3)

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These options were part of a previously reported grant of 5,000 on January 1, 2012, by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that vested or will vest in two equal installments beginning on January 1, 2012.

(4) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by the Reporting Person as of December 12, 2012.

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