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subject Section Form 4 Form 5	or STATEMENT	STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES								
Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940										
(Print or Type Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to CAFARO DEBRA A Symbol Issuer VENTAS INC [VTR] (The height is the height										
(Last)	(First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earlie	-	-			(Check	all applicable)	
111 SOUT SUITE 480	(Month/Day/Yea 06/12/2008	/Day/Year)X_ Director /2008X_ Officer (give below)					title Other (specify below) President and CEO			
		-				. Individual or Joi	nt/Group Filin	g(Check		
CHICAGO	Filed(Month/Day/	_X_ Form filed by On					ne Reporting Person ore than One Reporting			
(City)	(State) (Zip)	Table I - No	on-De	rivative S	Securi	ties Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	any	ion Date, if Transa Code	Transaction (A) or Disposed of (D)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
		Code	v	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	06/12/2008	S <u>(1)(2</u>	<u>)</u>	100	D	\$ 44.81	752,736	D		
Common Stock	06/12/2008	S <u>(1)(2</u>)	100	D	\$ 44.82	752,636	D		
Common Stock	06/12/2008	S <u>(1)(2</u>	<u>)</u>	100	D	\$ 44.83	752,536	D		
Common Stock	06/12/2008	S <u>(1)(2</u>)	100	D	\$ 44.88	752,436	D		
Common Stock	06/12/2008	S <u>(1)(2</u>)	100	D	\$ 44.94	752,336	D		

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Common Stock	06/12/2008	S <u>(1)(2)</u>	200	D	\$ 44.96 752,136	D
Common Stock	06/12/2008	S <u>(1)(2)</u>	200	D	\$ 44.98 751,936	D
Common Stock	06/12/2008	S <u>(1)(2)</u>	100	D	\$ 44.99 751,836	D
Common Stock	06/12/2008	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 45.02 751,736	D
Common Stock	06/12/2008	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 45.09 751,536	D
Common Stock	06/12/2008	S <u>(1)(2)</u>	100	D	\$ 45.12 751,436	D
Common Stock	06/12/2008	S <u>(1)(2)</u>	199	D	\$ 45.26 751,237	D
Common Stock	06/12/2008	S <u>(1)(2)</u>	400	D	\$ 45.275 750,837	D
Common Stock	06/12/2008	S <u>(1)(2)</u>	100	D	\$ 45.28 750,737	D
Common Stock	06/12/2008	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 45.29 750,637	D
Common Stock	06/12/2008	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 45.3 750,537	D
Common Stock	06/12/2008	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 45.31 750,337	D
Common Stock	06/12/2008	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 45.33 750,137	D
Common Stock	06/12/2008	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 45.34 749,837	D
Common Stock	06/12/2008	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 45.35 749,537	D
Common Stock	06/12/2008	S <u>(1)(2)</u>	300	D	\$ 45.36 749,237	D
Common Stock	06/12/2008	S <u>(1)(2)</u>	300	D	\$ 45.37 748,937	D
Common Stock	06/12/2008	S <u>(1)(2)</u>	201	D	\$ 45.38 748,736	D
Common Stock	06/12/2008	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 45.39 748,536	D
Common Stock	06/12/2008	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 45.41 748,236	D
	06/12/2008	S <u>(1)(2)</u>	200	D	\$ 45.42 748,036	D

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Common Stock						
Common Stock	06/12/2008	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 45.43 747,736	D
Common Stock	06/12/2008	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 45.44 747,336	D
Common Stock	06/12/2008	S(1)(2)	237	D	\$ 45.45 747,099	D
Common Stock (3)	06/12/2008	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 45.46 746,899	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)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	;	ate	7. Title Amou Under Securi (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	0% Owner Officer					
CAFARO DEBRA A 111 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, SUITE 4800 CHICAGO,, IL 60606	Х		Chairman, President and CEO					
Signatures								

Debra A. Cafaro, By: T. Richard Riney, Attorney-In-Fact

06/16/2008

**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) On May 15, 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) Please see the Reporting Person's subsequent Form 4 filing dated the date hereof which contains additional transactions which are part of one aggregate direction under the Rule 10b5-1(c) sales plan described in Footnote (2).

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