

The Village at Gleannloch Farms Brings Latest Senior Living Trend to Houston

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Traditionally, some older master-planned developments have offered senior housing options such as patio homes or assisted living facilities to extend their multi-generational appeal. However, the latest trend is to take the concept a step further and include a retirement community that offers a full continuum of care – an option that, until now, was non-existent in Houston.

Located within the master-planned development of Gleannloch Farms, The Village at Gleannloch Farms is Northwest Houston's newest continuing care retirement community and is Houston's only life care retirement community located within a master-planned development.

"The decision to build a continuing care retirement community in the master-planned development of Gleannloch Farms just made sense. Considering the needs of seniors and their adult children, the option of having access to all types of health care services in one location is extremely important to their peace of mind," said Kurt Senske, president and CEO of Lutheran Social Services of the South, which owns The Village at Gleannloch Farms.

Sponsored and owned by Lutheran Social Services of the South, The Village at Gleannloch Farms is a not-for-profit community offering 123 independent living apartments and cottages for active seniors aged 62 and above. In addition, the community offers a continuum of health care including 30 assisted living apartments, 18 memory support residences, and 35 private skilled nursing suites.

"One of the biggest selling points of a community like this has been to relieve the stress of adult children by moving parents closer to them and their grandchildren. The location is prime for nearby young families and an additional stress reliever is to know that all levels of health care are available at one location at a predictable cost," said Ken Halbert, director of marketing of The Village at Gleannloch Farms.

"Many research studies have shown that residing in a continuing care community can actually lead to a longer, healthier life. Continuing care provides for future long-term health care needs through a one time refundable deposit and predictable monthly payments. This includes independent living and lifetime access to onsite assisted living, memory support and skilled nursing," said Halbert. "In other words, once a resident

moves in they will be able to stay in one location and avoid rising health costs for the rest of their life.”

Located at Champion Forest Drive and Northpointe Boulevard, the community is situated on 25 acres and is designed to resemble the property’s original architecture. Architect of the project, three architecture of Dallas, incorporated native Gleannloch Farms stone and wood overhangs, balconies, trellises and fences to promote a “countryside residence” exterior. The community’s interior, designed by Faulkner Design Group of Dallas, features arts-and-crafts-period influences using wood paneling, stained glass and wood-beamed ceilings.

Developed by Greystone Communities, Inc., the new retirement community, which opened to its first residents in June, adds to the already extensive variety of residential housing options available in Gleannloch Farms. Other Gleannloch Farms amenities include a lakeside aquatic and athletic complex, equestrian center, championship golf course, hiking and biking trails, and highly acclaimed schools.

The community is set to celebrate the official grand opening in early 2009. In addition to a full range of health care options, The Village at Gleannloch Farms offers a variety of resort-style amenities including landscaped courtyards, multiple dining venues, and common areas totaling over 148,000 square-feet. The common area spaces include a 100-seat chapel, library and business center, creative arts studio, full-service beauty salon and barbershop, heated outdoor saltwater pool and fitness center.

For information about The Village at Gleannloch Farms, visit www.gleannlochseniorliving.com, or call (281) 569-2999.