

ELIZA JENNINGS HOME Cleveland, Ohio



HGF directed the complete interior renovation of this 150-bed skilled nursing facility originally constructed in 1924.

The common areas and resident rooms were remodeled to a more residential environment by replacing tiled floors with vinyl-backed carpet, enhancing brightness with indirect lighting and decorative wall sconces, introducing a wood paneled wainscot with crown-molding hand rail, and installing residential style furniture and finishes.



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Located on the near West Side of Cleveland, this skilled nursing facility was originally constructed in 1924 with subsequent additions built in 1957, 1965, and 1977. The design process began with a complete assessment of the structure to determine code compliance, the condition of building systems, and the existence of hazardous materials. More importantly, the existing facilities were carefully evaluated from a resident quality of life and staff efficiency perspective. This resulted in a detailed master plan for the complete rehabilitation of the nursing home.



The primary objective of the rehabilitation was to significantly improve the quality of life for the residents. All corridors and common areas were provided with a new air conditioning and ventilation system. In addition, all life safety systems throughout the building were completely upgraded in compliance with current codes. This extremely complicated and extensive renovation was developed for phased completion allowing the continued operation of the nursing home during construction.



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