

KEMPER HOUSE

Strongsville, Ohio



Kemper House is a thirty-six bed dementia care assisted living facility on a three-acre site in Strongsville, Ohio.

The structure's appearance takes its cues from the neighborhood's two-story frame homes with stately front porches. This "house-like" quality provides residents with the feeling they are not in an institution, as well as portrays to the community that the building is an integral part of the adjacent residential neighborhood.



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The thirty-six resident units have an average area of about 400 square feet. Each of the resident units has distinct living and sleeping areas with private baths and tea kitchens. In addition, each unit has a "front porch" area off the main corridor which is visually connected to the interior of the suite with a fixed window. Construction of this project was completed in March 1999.



The thirty-six resident units are arranged in two neighborhoods of eighteen. Each neighborhood, with its own dining and activity spaces, features a circulation system which provides varied wandering experiences. In addition, the neighborhoods contain their own secured courtyards for outdoor activities. The facility's exterior has a distinctly residential image allowing it to fit sensitively into the existing community.



Awards:

American Institute of Architects / American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AIA/AAHSA)
Design for Aging: 2000 Review

Society for the Advancement of Gerontological Environments and Nursing Homes Magazine's *Design 2K*
Selected for Publication

