

## ROSEWOOD AT LAUREL LAKE

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Rosewood is a new fourteen-bed dementia specific assisted living residence. It is part of the Laurel Lake retirement community campus. Designed as a small-scale residential setting, Rosewood provides residents and staff with a truly “home-like” living environment. The 7,630 square foot building contains four private rooms and six semi-private “L” shaped rooms that surround the common living spaces. This small unit permits residents to live as close as possible to normal life and creates an environment where staff can provide truly person centered care.

The heart of Rosewood is a family-scaled kitchen area that is accessible to residents. This allows variable dining and snacking as well as encourages resident participation in meal preparation, distribution and clean-up. Designed much like a typical residential kitchen, necessary commercial equipment is discreetly and safely located behind a wall. A small desk area in the kitchen provides an inconspicuous staff work area.



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Other common areas include a resident living room with indirect cove lighting and a built-in entertainment center with display shelving. Ample day lighting in all of the common areas enhances the overall brightness. A sunroom sitting area opens to a secure courtyard allowing safe access to the outdoors. All of the corridors feature resident display "memory boxes" and have handrails that are disguised as decorative chair rails.



A major goal of the project was to create a separate building that was comparable in scale and appearance to the existing independent living villas. Though somewhat larger, the forms, massing and detailing of the Rosewood building allows it to sensitively blend in with the villas. The kitchen food storage area is equipped with false garage doors to replicate the condition of the existing villas. A walkway connects Rosewood to the adjacent campus buildings for food service, house-keeping, maintenance and other resident amenities.



Each resident room is outfitted with a display shelf with hanging pegs to allow personalized decoration. Residents are also encouraged to furnish their room with furniture from home. Each resident bathroom has a wheel-in shower, water closet and vanity. Swayable grab bars are provided on each side of the toilet with ample space to permit staff assisted transfers. Contrasting ceramic tile behind the water closet provides visual cuing.

