

A.M. MCGREGOR HOME RENOVATION

East Cleveland, Ohio



Herman Gibans Fodor, Inc. designed the adaptive reuse of the original A.M. McGregor Home into a senior living residence that features twenty-six assisted living suites and twenty-six HUD 202 independent apartments. Originally constructed in 1940 as a rest home, the building had been expanded and renovated several times over its lifespan. Immediately prior to its conversion, the McGregor Home was a 100 bed licensed nursing home that had long, narrow corridors and toilet rooms that were too small for most of its residents to use.

The completion of The Gardens, a state-of-the-art 144 bed nursing home also designed by HGF, made the almost 100,000 square foot McGregor Home available to help serve McGregor's expanding continuum of care.

Most of the resident suites are open one bedroom units that feature a private sleeping area, large accessible bathroom with roll-in shower and a small kitchen. All residents will have access to a meal plan provided by McGregor and served in the Main Dining Room. The elegant new Dining Room features a new coffered ceiling that appears to float above indirect lighting around the perimeter.



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The reconfigured interior corridors are lit with indirect fluorescent fixtures concealed within a decorative crown molding. Corridor ceilings were raised significantly by moving overhead utilities to either side. Deep concrete beams that cross the corridor at each column line are concealed in flattened arch soffits that also contain cross-corridor utility lines. A new two-story entrance lobby, that preserves a sense of arrival, was created by opening a portion of the second floor.

Interior and exterior steps leading to the main entrance and ground floor were eliminated by raising the elevation of the sloping circular drop-off drive. A new entry colonnade connects the drop-off drive to the front door replacing what was a long, unprotected sidewalk. The colonnade is covered with a translucent panel skylight that keeps the walkway from feeling dark and oppressive, while maximizing daylighting.

