



THE VISIONEER

A Project Update for Our New Vision Campaign Partners

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House “B” is under roof. This is a view from the west showing the back of the house. The space between the two gables will be a patio leading to a garden area.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

House “B” is completely under roof and the rough-in mechanicals (electrical, plumbing, heating/AC, fire suppression) are proceeding rapidly. House “A” is nearly under roof and then the mechanical rough-ins will begin there as well. As soon as rough-ins are complete, the ceiling will be dry-walled and the attic and walls will be insulated allowing the heat to be turned on. The projected construction completion date is mid-July with moving day happening sometime in mid-November.

Follow construction progress at mmhliving.org/news or go to our Facebook page.

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House “B” is shown with a number of sub-contractors’ vehicles parked in front. The progress on the outside may slow down but rest-assured, there is much work taking place indoors. (Photos by Kris Reese)

The Five P.E.A.R.L.S of Green House Living

Preferences: In a Green House home, elders rule! Actively involved in the decisions regarding their care and daily activities, elders have freedom of choice regarding many activities throughout their day.

Environment: Home is where the hearth is. Each Green House home provides private bedrooms with full bathrooms surrounding a common hearth room complete with fireplace, sofas and recliners. A front porch, back patio and large back yard provide opportunities to visit with neighbors and enjoy God's creation.

Accessibility: Financial barriers are minimized. Green House homes will be home to elders who pay privately as well as those receiving Medicaid. The ratio of those paying privately and those receiving Medicaid will be similar to the ratio at Mennonite Memorial Home.

Relationships: Caregivers are empowered! Encouraged to utilize their training, instincts and relationships with each elder they serve, the Shahbaz (Green House term for caregiver), nurses and household care team grow in dignity, confidence and self-worth. This relationship of respect and compassion transforms the institution of nursing care into a household of love.

Life: Live with meaning! Just as one's own home provides purposeful living, so the Green House homes provide opportunities to engage in meaningful activities. Bible studies, conversation around the table, birthday celebrations, swapping recipes, visiting with family, relaxing with a cup of coffee, reading a book, playing games and many other activities and events keep the "living" in life.

Myth of the Month

*"There won't
be any activi-
ties at the
Green House
homes!"*

Elders will have many opportunities to suggest activities that are meaningful to them. Shahbazim (care givers) and support staff will provide activities that appeal to elders and fit the rhythm of each home. Bible studies, birthday celebrations, conversations around the dining table, playing games, swapping recipes at the kitchen counter, visiting with family, experiencing the back yard and garden areas are some of the activities that will be enjoyed.

New Vision Campaign Update

*Total gifts, pledges and
designations total
\$1,775,000.*

*The Campaign Goal is
\$2.1 million.*

THANK YOU!