The Woodside Place Approach.

It’s set the standard across the world for Alzheimer’s and Dementia Care.

It’s going to do the same in Erie.

Manchester Commons
Everything that science has learned about making life fulfilling and comfortable for individuals living with dementia is implemented here.

A new Woodside Place is now in Erie.

In 1991, Presbyterian SeniorCare, our parent organization, opened Woodside Place in Pittsburgh. It was one of the first residential communities of its kind in the United States designed to meet the physical, social, and psychological needs of people living with Alzheimer’s.

Woodside Place hasn’t just kept up with the latest advances in memory support, it’s pioneered them. Today, over 70 communities around the world are replicating the Woodside Place model.

Our new Woodside Place of Erie, located on the Manchester Commons campus, will continue that tradition: providing its residents with the highest levels of care, comfort, and opportunity for appropriate personal growth.

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Woodside Place of Erie has been developed to follow in the footsteps of its Pittsburgh parent, which has received numerous design awards, including the prestigious LeadingAge PA award for Innovation/Innovation of the Year, the National 2015 Excellence in Dementia Care Award and the American Institute of Architects Ten-Year Award.

Everything that we do positively impacts residents’ lives by maintaining dignity and promoting self-care.

A team that’s as knowledgeable as it is caring.

We screen our caregivers very carefully. In addition to background checks, applicants must demonstrate that they will be able to adhere to our person-centered philosophy of care. We look for caregivers who share the Manchester Commons commitment to helping residents live positive, fulfilling lives. Just as importantly, everyone who works here, from the housekeepers to the Executive Director, has undergone dementia-specific training. All health care is under the supervision of a licensed nursing team.

The Woodside Place model fosters a high level of interaction and personal involvement between residents and the direct care team. This is enormously beneficial to our residents and professionally rewarding to our staff. It makes for a warm, comfortable, and very friendly environment. A consistent schedule for team members enables our residents requiring dementia care based on the same Woodside model pioneered more than two decades ago at the original Woodside Place in Pittsburgh.

Having a full continuum of care enables our residents requiring specialized memory support to seamlessly transition to appropriate levels of care within our Manchester Commons campus as needed. Caregivers in all areas work closely to ensure a smooth transition.

A place that relatives love to visit.

Of course, the best part of visiting loved ones at Woodside Place is seeing how engaged and happy they are. Family caregivers at the original Woodside Place in Pittsburgh tell us how pleased they are with the environment, freedom of movement, high quality of care, and programming quality. You’ll quickly see that our communities are as exceptionally nice to visit as they are to live in. Visitors often comment on the loveliness of the décor, general atmosphere, and room arrangement. An independent survey showed that relatives of residents at Woodside Place in Pittsburgh had an overall satisfaction rate of over 95%!
Recognizing the symptoms of dementia.

Dementia is a general term for a decline in mental ability severe enough to interfere with daily life. Memory loss is an example. Alzheimer’s is the most common type of dementia.

Early signs of dementia include forgetting information, difficulty in following a plan or in completing daily tasks, trouble understanding visual images, new problems with words, misplacing things, and changes in mood and personality.

Unfortunately, approximately one in every seven seniors over 71 suffers some form of dementia. If you notice any of the signs, the first step is always a doctor’s appointment.

Your role as care partner.

In the early stages, you will be acting more like a care partner than a caregiver. Your role is one of support, love, and companionship. You are there to help with daily life as needed, and to help the person living with dementia plan for the future.

It’s important to have discussions now about topics that will have to be addressed later. You will have to help get legal, financial, and care plans in place.

Getting the information you need.

In addition to talking to us, consider visiting the Alzheimer’s Association website, www.Alz.org. You’ll find a great deal of important information on all forms of dementia of value both to caregivers and those with dementia symptoms. We closely partner with the Alzheimer’s Association, and they’ve provided us with a great deal of the information in this section.

If you have questions, we’d love to help.

Here a few answers to common questions. These are complex issues and every situation is different. Please feel free to call us at 1-877-443-3001. We’ll be glad to answer any of your questions over the phone or to arrange an appointment to visit with us. You can also find out more at our website, www.manchestercommons.org

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At Presbyterian Homes, we make aging easier.

Since 1943, Presbyterian Homes, a not-for-profit organization now under the Presbyterian SeniorCare umbrella, has been providing care and comfort to seniors. Our person-centered care is built around respecting each individual’s preferences and desires at every care level we offer.

A commitment to choice, dignity, respect, self-determination, and purposeful living provides the foundation for our shared values. We are diligently focused on meeting the physical, social, emotional, mental, and spiritual needs of older adults.

All of us are passionate about helping to create greater awareness and support for those living with Alzheimer’s disease or other forms of dementia. We are leaders in providing memory care for individuals living with dementia, enabling them to retain as much independence as possible.

How you can also make a difference.

Presbyterian Homes receives and greatly appreciates donations of all sizes. It is the financial support provided by community members, their families, and friends that allows us to continue programs and services for senior citizens. In addition to direct donations, there are many ways to show your support.

Visit www.PresbyHomes.com to learn more about the many ways you can positively impact the lives of seniors.

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