

THE MANOOGIAN MANOR: GOOD FOR LIFE!

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If you are looking for a safe, comfortable, lively, engaging and compassionate home alternative for yourself or a loved one, look no further. Situated in Livonia, Michigan, on 10 acres of lush gardens, shady trees, and a bubbling fountain sits the Michigan Home for the Armenian Aged or The Manoogian Manor. Outside, there are walking paths, comfortable benches and a beautiful courtyard. It is here where residents gather to enjoy outdoor concerts, painting, lectures, and gardening. Residents who require wheelchairs or walkers are accommodated by experienced staff who have been working here for as long as 25 to 40 years!

The Manoogian Manor currently serves seniors who are of Armenian and non-Armenian ethnicities. Well-trained associates accommodate the individual needs and wishes of each resident and are available 24 hours a day. They meet the individual needs and care for their residents, assuring their security and comfort which is their central focus. Each resident has his/her own room and own private space which varies in size and there are also large studios which are suitable for couples. Residents can bring their own furniture or utilize the furniture provided. All meals including breakfast, lunch and dinner and daily snacks, are freshly prepared by skilled Armenian chefs and served in a spacious sunny dining room or outside on the veranda, weather permitting. Weekly housekeeping, personal laundry and linen service, motion monitoring, are all inclusive as well as a beauty salon and barber shop.

Residents can receive medical care from their own primary care physicians and dentists, or they can choose from our in-house medical team of providers. Their Director of Nursing Karen Hagopian, a registered nurse of over 40 years, is on-site as well as physical, occupational and speech therapy, pharmacy, x-ray, lab services and medication management. A 24-hour emergency response and call system, motion monitoring and 24-hour on-site care all work to keep our residents safe and secure.

Residents are encouraged to maintain active lifestyles with daily exercise and outings to restaurants, Armenian Church afternoon luncheons, parks, museums, bingo, musical performances, Friday night movies and numerous activities outside of the facility. An annual antique car show is held on the grounds of the Manoogian Manor each year attracting many visitors.

Clergy from the Armenian Church visit Manoogian Manor for many reasons, but most importantly to celebrate the five major feasts, including Armenian Christmas (Nativity and Theophany), Easter, Transfiguration (Vartavar), Assumption of the Holy Mother of God, and the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, and to offer Holy Communion. Members of the Women's Guild and the Komitas Choir accompany the clergy taking home made cheoreg and singing hymns. The Manoogian Manor has had the honor of hosting a visitation tea for Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan in which he also provided a follow up testimonial letter endorsing the good works our staff and services.

Families and guests are encouraged to visit and join residents at mealtimes or anytime. Private dining rooms and common areas are available for family gatherings and can be catered by our outstanding chefs or by their own family. Best of all, Manoogian manor wants residents to feel this is their home and can host family and friends as they did in their own home utilizing the entire facility.

The Manoogian Manor treats your loved ones like family and is different from other assisted living facilities in so many ways. It provides a family environment where staff know every resident and family member. There is a community understanding that this is a facility for everyone at various stages of life staffed with qualified, compassionate and long-term staff. This often builds residents to a level above where they were at the time of admission. Other services offered include respite services, and hospice care and careful monitoring of residents at all times.

“People come here to live, not die. We must change the perception of many people in our community on a few things here at Manoogian Manor. We are not a traditional ‘old age home’ as it has been traditionally referred to. We have more activities on a daily/monthly basis than the average senior is experiencing living in their own home. If you really want your loved one to thrive during their senior journey, they will have a better chance here at the Manoogian Manor rather than sitting at home in front of the TV. Our residents are our primary focus each and every day, and we are here to provide whatever they need 24/7. They are our family also,” say Vaughn Masropian, Executive Director and Robert Harrison, Director of Operations. And they aren’t the only ones who believe they are the best at what they do. Hour Detroit magazine awarded Manoogian Manor ‘Best of Senior Care’ for 2023 and 2024 which placed them in the Hour Magazine Hall of Fame. Mr. George Arakelian is a recent resident at the Manoogian Manor, having lived alone for many years in his own home. “When I realized, I didn’t want to live alone any longer my decision to move my residence was a good one. I am comfortable and am enjoying the company of others, [I get] great food, and I just feel better here.”

We have had great participation of local women’s organizations and church ladies’ groups all coming together decorating the Manoogian Manor at Christmas time. They also come for the annual planting of flowers and beautification of the resident’s courtyard. This has been a great source of community fellowship which has brought new awareness of our community jewel for the very first time! There are plans for a community wide picnic sponsored by the Armenian American Veterans on August 10, 2025 on the Manoogian grounds. This will be in honor, recognition and celebration of all those who have and continue to serve our great country. There will also be a special recognition given to resident George Arakelian who celebrated his 102nd Birthday this year, and who served our country at Normandy at the age of 19 as a medic. Look for further details soon!

Manoogian Manor’s dedication goes back to 1949 when thirteen Armenian women founded the Michigan Home for the Armenian Aged. In 1970, with the philanthropic legacy so generously provided by Alex and Marie Manoogian, Manoogian Manor opened its new doors. From its humble beginnings, this Michigan based nonprofit now provides a safe and caring residence and makes it possible for our diverse community to live a happy, independent life. Since then, the new existing facility was built in Livonia with several additions and renovations over the years. This includes improving in-room amenities, upgrading common areas, replacement

of kitchen and dining equipment and most importantly, new and updated flooring, however there are still some renovations to be completed.

In closing Executive Director, Vaughn Masropian, explains, “Our community must embrace this amazing jewel that we have right here in our community. We are one of maybe three non-profit 501 c3 Armenian senior living communities in the whole country. We as a community must support this facility and take ownership of its future. We currently operate only within our own receivables with no other grants, endowments or government funding. I realize it’s important to support many of our projects in our homeland and here at home, but we must keep The Manoogian Manor in the mix as it serves all residents of our Armenian American community. To this end, fund raising efforts are being planned and will be launched this summer to further beautify this facility by replacing all the existing carpeting throughout the Manor with LVT plank flooring with stylish borders and design inserts. I hope the generosity of our community will respond favorably to our upcoming renovation project request which will be revealed soon.

The Manoogian Manor is truly what its original name was intended for and more, a Michigan HOME for the Armenian Aged.

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