



Jewish Senior *Life* in Rochester, NY, embraces the Green Houses™ Concept

LECESSE Construction Services has had the honor of building many cutting-edge skilled nursing facilities in recent years. Long before COVID-19, LECSSE was already seeing steady movement away from the traditional “medical model” nursing home, and what we are constructing these days is definitely “not your grandma’s nursing home.”

In collaboration with Perkins Eastman architects, the Jewish Senior *Life* project was a complete repositioning of one of Rochester’s largest and most respected nursing homes. Originally built as 362 beds in the 1980’s, JSL determined its best path forward was to downsize bed count and transition to all private rooms by building three, new, 3-story Green Houses™ and extensively renovating the existing facility into a household model.

The Green House buildings are a new concept in continuing care that promotes person-centered resident care. Each of the three Green House™ buildings house 36 residents with 12 private rooms per floor. Each resident has a private room and bathroom and the use of a shared kitchen, den and community room. By transferring 108 beds into the new buildings and reducing overall bed capacity, it was possible to convert the existing facility into all private beds.

This is a difficult, exhausting time for all senior living providers, especially nursing home and assisted living facilities caring for the frailest, most vulnerable residents. While the future of senior living in the COVID-19 era and beyond is unclear, what we DO know is the need for skilled nursing is not going away for the estimated 1.6 million residents nationwide.

The shared goal of providers, regulators, designers and builders must be to find a better, safer, consumer-driven path forward. The entire senior living sector is in this together and seeing our way through the hardship and changes of COVID-19 will take a whole new level of innovation and teamwork.

Here are some photos of the renovated community.



