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New Dementia Care Program Opens to Support Those with Higher Medical Needs

State College, PA – Juniper Village at Brookline announces the opening of a dedicated Wellspring Memory Care neighborhood within their Rehabilitation and Skilled Care community on Cliffside Drive in State College. Called Wellspring at Cliffside, the new space answers a growing need to deliver services to those with dementia who are living longer and would benefit from a higher level of clinical support and person-centered engagement.

Juniper Village at Brookline currently operates an award-winning and Alzheimer’s Foundation of America certified memory care building in State College. Serving 36 residents, that community is designed to support individuals who need moderate assistance with activities of daily living. Wellspring at Cliffside offers a similar experience with enhanced clinical support and assistance.

Juniper’s Wellspring at Cliffside will begin to pair high level clinical and neuro-cognitive support with its signature programs that are designed to maintain, and if possible, enhance the functional level of residents. The individuals with more advanced memory impairment and physical limitations will be served by a dedicated team with specialized dementia training to meet their needs, including RNs, CNAs, LPNs, and two program coordinators who will ensure a broad spectrum of activities throughout the day and evening.

This unique space will also provide residents with their own full-size dining room, gathering room, and a three-seasons room with courtyard access for sensory engagement. Juniper expects the space to continue to evolve over time and will expand its mission of providing person-centered experiences through a dedicated space and team for the best possible outcomes.

Other specialists on the team include a music coordinator, wellness and fitness coordinator, sensory engagement coordinator, and compassion therapy services.

“By creating a specialized neighborhood with highly trained and dedicated team members, our residents will continue to thrive through all seasons of their journey. This new offering not only serves the

resident but will provide support and comfort to their families. Every opportunity we have to provide a safe and comfortable space in which all residents are able to thrive and experience joy, will always be part of our core values in nurturing the spirit of life,” said Kathryn Bainbridge, Administrator, Juniper Village Brookline.

Additional features that set the Wellspring neighborhood apart from others include a focus on person-centered care – knowing the person both as they are today and as they were prior to the disease process; dementia-informed assessment and care planning; progressive support for activities; key care team members that are Certified Dementia Practitioners; Music & Memory – a personalized music program; use of emerging technologies to support cognitive function; Compass dementia-friendly rehabilitation program; onsite psychiatric services; onsite primary care services, and more.

“State College has a growing need for dementia care communities,” explained Kathryn. “This will help reduce the wait list we have for our Wellspring Memory Care community by enabling us to care for 27 further residents in an environment that will provide a higher level of care. And help alleviate housing issues as families begin to search for care for their loved ones post-COVID.”

Juniper Village at Brookline offers a [continuum of care, including independent living, personal care, memory care, and skilled nursing and rehabilitation](#). To learn more about Juniper Village at Brookline visit www.junipercommunities.com or call 814-238-3139.

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