



Fair Haven: Redefining Home

Reframing, Renewing & Renovating Together

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Dear Fair Haven Family and Friends:

Time is flying by, and progress is becoming more abundant at Fair Haven! Since my update installment to you of last month, additional building and floor slabs have been poured in all three of the new buildings, and framing continues to rise. The breadth of Fair Haven's redevelopment is becoming more visible by the day, and I am pleased to report that we remain on schedule!

What is not so visible is the behind-the-scenes work that is in full swing with respect to furniture, fixture and equipment selection, as well as organizational infrastructure. Both the selection process and operational planning are well underway and methodically marching forward. It remains a pleasure to work with these teams of persons who are striving tirelessly toward this renewal, and I look forward to describing the details of their efforts in the months to come.

May spotlight...What is a Neighborhood?

Last month I highlighted the term and function of a Household, which is the fashion in which the new rehabilitation center, skilled nursing and assisted living areas are being constructed. These areas consist of all private resident rooms and baths, living rooms, dens, dining rooms, kitchens and other areas. We attempt not to create areas that are "home-like", but households which are truly "home". Indeed, we are Redefining Home!

Fair Haven will also create Neighborhoods as we transition both operationally and physically over the coming months. Neighborhoods are very similar to households in both function and culture, and will be implemented in the existing skilled nursing areas. Because many accommodations are being moved to the new construction area, we will have the opportunity to have fewer residents and more private rooms in several of the neighborhoods. This will certainly provide for a more intimate living and working atmosphere. One of the many features of a neighborhood is a dramatically enhanced dining experience. No longer will meals be served on trays from a central kitchen, but will be plated and served in dining rooms – just like you and I do at home! Aside from a greater sense of family and community, this provides for the feel and smells of home, which of course permits the significantly greater dining experience each and every day for each and every meal. Neighborhoods will also be able to accommodate minor cooking and a continental-style breakfast for those who prefer such. What a wonderful environment this will be!

I look forward to sharing with you again next month as our journey continues. Thank you for your continued support of Fair Haven.

Very truly yours,



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Assisted Living Households
under construction



Rehab Households under construction with
LTC Household Building construction just
visible up the hill on the left



Fair Haven Site Plan