



Celebrating 75 Years

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Celebrating 75 years of Senior Living, Dallas Retirement Village is unique among senior living communities. Residents are offered a complete continuum of care from Independent Living to Skilled Nursing, and everything in between. Residents can enter the retirement community at any care level, and couples can rest assured that regardless of the individual's needs, they and their partners are never more than just minutes away!

The residents take great pride in showing family and friends around this wonderful community they call "home." Dallas Retirement Village offers rental and upfront fee options in Independent Living, without requiring financial or medical disclosure. Pets are welcome and a happy addition to the family for many Independent Living residents. Pets offer companionship, a sense of purpose, and a great reason to go out and engage in the community. Other care levels include Assisted Living, for those needing a little extra help with personal care, medications, laundry

and housekeeping. Memory Care provides additional services in a safe environment, such as daily activities designed to stimulate the body and mind of your loved one living with dementia or Alzheimer's. Skilled Nursing affords both short-term rehabilitation and long-term care (including Hospice and End-of-Life Care) 24 hours a day by skilled health professionals. Based on priority and availability, Skilled Nursing services are open to all residents of Dallas Retirement Village, as well as those living in Dallas, Salem, and surrounding cities. Further care options available include physical, occupational, and speech therapy, wound care, IV therapy, and fall prevention programs. This full-spectrum approach to senior living allows residents a fluid transition through care levels, with the security of maintaining established relationships.

"The greatest value we provide the senior community," relates executive director David Parrett, "is a commitment to serving our residents in a professional but also very caring manner." The staff culture is based on everyone working together, building positive relationships among themselves regardless of position, and developing caring relationships with the residents. Staff fully respect that they are assisting residents "in their own home" and strive to provide a comfortable living environment, allowing seniors to enjoy all that Dallas Retirement Village has to offer.



Visits from friends and family are welcome and highly encouraged. At the Independent level, guests often join residents for their social high-point of the day—the meal. Two separate dining rooms, each with its own chef, offer completely different menus. The restaurant-style dining rooms host servers, vast menu options (including dietary considerations), and daily specials for lots of variety. A coffee bar named Central Blend is where you're likely to hear laughter, and see residents, staff, and guests gathered around enjoying conversation over a cup of coffee, a cool beverage, a sweet treat or meal. The Central Blend Marketplace sells "grab and go" items including prepared meals, salads, soup, ice cream, dairy products, and more, so there's certainly no shortage of tasty food to try!

Tawnya Turner, the marketing and sales director for Dallas Retirement Village, has been with the community for almost 9 years now, and is constantly amazed by how quickly those years have passed. "When they



say 'pick a job you love and it will never feel like work'... well that applies to me." Her greatest reward working at Dallas Retirement Village is all the wonderful people she meets, whether they become residents or not, and the beautiful love stories and interesting life adventures they share with her. "Being able to assist individuals with a transition to senior living is just an added bonus," Tawnya relates, "as most become like extended family."

August marks the 75th Anniversary of Dallas Retirement Village, and conversations within the community are ripe with individuals sharing how they worked at the original nursing home as a candy striper, or that their son had his first job here washing dishes, or their parents were one of the first couples to move into the "Village Apartments." David Parrett, the executive director of Dallas Retirement Village for 24-plus years, has seen a lot of growth and change, but one thing that will never change while he's at the helm is the service residents receive, and the way everyone is treated. "I believe you treat everybody the same way, and you treat them in a

compassionate and caring manner," David explains, adding, "I love what I do. Feel we can make a difference. And I'm happy to be a small piece of that for our staff and our residents." Strongly rooted in the community, Dallas Retirement Village maintains relationships with the local schools and college, inviting students to interact, perform, and educate the residents. Seniors "who never stop learning" are able to remain more independent, and increased physical and mental interactions tend to "keep us younger."



Dallas Retirement Village just completed an expansion at the end of last year that added an Indoor Pool & Hot Tub, Wellness Center, State-of-the-art Exercise Equipment, Salon & Spa, and

a beautiful Roof-top Patio with an amazing view you need to see to appreciate! Next on the horizon, and at the request of many residents, is an Outdoor Pickleball Court.

Call today to arrange your private tour! 503.623.9211.

Dallas Retirement Village is located at 377 NW Jasper St. in Dallas. Visit their website dallasretirementvillage.com for additional photos and information.