

Spiritwood at Pine Lake ISSAQUAH, WASHINGTON

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The aging process is the penultimate passage of one's life. Perhaps one of the greatest adjustments of old age is the loneliness that comes when children are grown, friends move on, and companions who have shared our lives and memories for many years have passed. However, old age can bring with it one of life's greatest gifts: the gift of time—time to reflect on a life filled with experiences, time to find the riches of our own being, and time to live in the present and reflect on the past in the safety and security of a wonderful home and community.

Spiritwood at Pine Lake is a low- to moderate-income assisted living and memory care community. Located adjacent to an evergreen forest and seasonal stream, Spiritwood evokes the tranquil quality of its forest environment. Emphasizing respect for its natural setting and the residents who would call Spiritwood home, the goals of the project were to create a community that accommodates varying capabilities and lifestyles, fosters aging in place and independence, and balances human interaction with privacy and dignity.

Designed in a Northwest architectural vernacular using commonly understood materials native to its site, Spiritwood blends interior spaces with the exterior through the use of vistas, native materials, and complementary colors, creating an environment familiar to the residents and staff.

Spiritwood provides its residents the gift of time to live with grace and dignity in a community setting—a community where worries are diminished and life can be experienced more completely.

Jury comment: Exterior forms and materials reflect Pacific Northwest and multifaceted facade reduces building to residential scale.



PROJECT CATEGORY: New Construction

CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR: Ted Johnson, President, Marathon Senior Living

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DESIGN TEAM: Mike Miller, Architect/Partner-in-Charge; Lea Duffy, AIA, LEED AP, Architect/Project Manager; Greg Belding, LEED AP, Architect/Partner-in-Charge; Wendy Priest, Interior Design (Rice Fergus Miller Architecture & Planning, LLP); Jim Cave, Owner Representative (Marathon Senior Living Design); Jeff Mix, Construction Manager (GLY Construction)

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NUMBER/TYPE OF HOUSING UNITS: 90 units (16 memory care; 74 assisted living in studio and one- and two-bedroom configurations)

TOTAL AREA (SQ. FT.): 69,454

TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST (EXCLUDING LAND): \$7,500,000

CONSTRUCTION COST/SQ. FT.: \$108

COMPLETION: June 2006

