Creating a Positive Living Environment for People with Dementia

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1. Traditional
2. Institutional
3. Humanistic
4. Next-Stage
1. Traditional

*Family – Familiarity – Faithfulness*

- duty-bound; focus on doing the right thing
- stability & security of home
- highly personal
- family members care for loved one
- difficult for modern families
1. Traditional

aging at home
2. Institutional

*Function – Fit – Funds*

- expediency & efficiency; focus on physical needs; “clinical gaze”
- warehousing “patients” in “nursing” homes
- medicalization of ageing; drugs as management tool
- hierarchical staffing structure; rigid schedules
- inhuman; residents’ mental and emotional health suffers
2. Institutional

long “horridors”, glaring floors

nurses stations
2. Institutional

slumping

shared rooms
2. Institutional

Sources: CBC.ca and seniorhousingforum.net
2. Institutional

despair kills
3. Humanistic

*Fellowship – Feelings – Fiction*

- resident-centred; compatible groupings; focus on individual needs
- homelike environment; households; family-style dining; access to outdoors
- flexible schedules; familiar routines
- self-managed caregiver teams incl. meals, housekeeping, activities
- ghettoization; prevents normal social interaction
3. Humanistic

welcome to our household
De Hogeweyk, Weesp, Netherlands
3. Humanistic

Chez Nous

dining / living area
Fisher Personal Care Home, Fisher Branch, MB

Architect: ft3, Winnipeg, MB

plan, 10-resident household
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**Green House Project**

**kitchen / dining / living area**
10-resident household
Penick Village, Winston Salam, NC

**hearth**
Leonard Florence Centre for Living, Chelsea, MA
3. Humanistic

*HammondCare*

cottage yard, hills hoist

plan, 8-resident cottages

HammondCare Miranda,
Sydney, NSW, Australia
3. Humanistic

window seat, resident room
Czorny Alzheimer Centre, Surrey, BC

entrance to 12-resident household
Czorny Alzheimer Centre, Surrey, BC
3. Humanistic
dining / living area, 6-resident household
De Hogeweyk, Weesp, Netherlands
3. Humanistic

outdoor activities
De Hogeweyk, Weesp, Netherlands

art class
De Hogeweyk, Weesp, Netherlands
3. Humanistic

village plan, 23 households
De Hogeweyk, Weesp, Netherlands
3. Humanistic

Reminiscence Therapy

memory lane, 1950s reminiscence village
The Grove Care Home, Winterbourne, Bristol, UK

Source: Telegraph.co.uk. Photo: Jay Williams
3. Humanistic

*The Butterfly Household*

connecting with resident’s present, not past

Whitemud Lifestyle Options Memory Care Unit, Edmonton, AB
4. Next-Stage

*Flux – Flex – Flow*

- what’s best all around, for everyone; focus on whole person
- blended with other housing types; systems approach
- meaningful engagement in community life
- dementia-friendly shops, neighbourhoods, cities
- self-organized teams
4. Next-Stage

kindergarten in care facility
Grace Living Centre, Jenks, OH
4. Next-Stage

**Mixed-Use Facilities**

**vertical village integrating diversity**

*The Interlace, Singapore*

Architect: Ole Scheeren/OMA, Rotterdam, NL
Source: de zeen magazine

**integrative elder living**

*Proposed Development, Calgary, AB*

Architect: ft3, Winnipeg, MB
4. Next-Stage

Dementia-Friendly Communities

ACT on Alzheimers (Minnesota)

Alzheimer’s Society (UK)
4. Next-Stage

thriving, not just surviving

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