Sunrise opens senior residence

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With wraparound front perches, set with rocking chairs, a stunning red carpeted central staircase and cory first floor ice cream parlor, Sucrise Assisted Living looks mere like a luxury hotel than Farmington Hills newest assisted care residence for seniors.

Cody, a shaggy mutt rescued from the Michigan Humane Society, is the official greeter on the second floor, which features both single and companion suites for residents, who began moving in on Monday.

**We want this to be as home-like as possible, ** said Ellen Bryan, center executive director.

Farmington area families looking for assisted care for a loved one were invited to an open laduse last weekend. The home is set on five acres on Middlebelt.

north of Thirteen Mile. Even in the stark wintry landscape, the exterior looks warm and inviting with a gazebo and large chil-dran's playscape. "We want the grandchildren to feel at home here, too," said Bryan.

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One of the special features of
Sunrise Is that it has a wing for
residents suffering from
Aizheimer's disease and other
dementis. The secure area (staff
must punch in a code to gain
accesse) is full of visually stimulating items meant to produce a
calming effect on residents.
There's a large nursery with life-

like dolls, so that women can recreate a happy period in their lives. There's a tool box, a fishing tackle box, authentic military uniforms, vintage wedding gowns and several large photos of Detroit scenes: the old Stroh Brewery Company, the Bob-Lo boats, the Fox Theatre.

A wall of windows and a porth overlook a large secure yard so that residents can go outside, too. In the springtime a garden will take shape.

The mission of Sunrise is to provide a homelike atmosphere for residents and to respect their dignity, Bryan emphasized.

"Forty percent of the house is common usage - sitting rooms, periors, porches," abe said. 'And of course the dining room where meals are served. There are always two menu choices. And the chef on staff will work with doctors and family members to follow health guidelines.'

A private dining room which looks elegant yet homey is adjacent to the main dining hall. It can be reserved for private parties so that families can still celebrate grandma or grandpa's hirthey or any other special occasion.

"There will be at least five activities a day," said Bryan. "Families will be asked to fill out a profile on the residents interests. We'll have exercise, music, arts and crafts, games, and a van that will take residents on rides or to specific activities like restaurants, shopping, or to the Costick Center for senior programs."

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A medical care manager will oversee the physical well being of residents and there will be a

nurse on duty. Hospice care will also be an option.

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"Our goal 18 to be the law-move a person makes," said Bryan. "Our residents will range from those who are fairly inde-pendent to those that need assis-tance bathing, dressing, with incontinuous."

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Each room features an intercom that allows residents to speak directly with a staff member. Phones in each room have oxtra large buttons with large numbers. Each unit has a min refrigerator and counter space big enough for a microwave oven. The double suites resemble full apartments.

There are 72 suites in the home and 25 staff members. More will be hired, said Bryan.

"It's okay for rusidents to have pets," she added. "And there is individual head'air controls in each unit."

A private suite costs \$97 aday, a companion suite is \$79 daily. The apartment sized double unit runs \$138 a day, Meals, housekeeping and laundry services are provided.

"We expect to draw from a five to ten mile radius," Bryan said.
"Typically the family wants their loved one nearby."

In 1981, Sunrise Assisted Living, with properties in Ann Arbor and Rochester, was created by Paul and Terry Klassen to help seniors remain independent. Based in Maclean, Va., they oversee 120 residences in 22 states. A home in Northville will open next month. Residences in Ann Arbor and West Bloomfield are scheduled to open next year.

For information, call 538-9200.

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Festive look: Top, the main stairway. Above, Ellen Bryan in a nursery in the memory impaired wing.

Fine house: Right, an exterior view. Left, Ellen Bryan with





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