

BUILDING COMMUNITIES that Connect

Opportunity Booklet for

Multi-Generational Housing / Retirement Housing / Group Homes





Who We Are...

We are a Non-Profit Organization that advocates for Connected or Community Housing through Concept Promotion, Updated Zoning Advocacy, Deliberate Philanthropy and available Investment Options.

ConnectingCmtyDevelopers.org promotes common, new and retooled home designs that are incorporated into building concepts to promote interaction and mutual support while allowing for sustainability by sharing common areas and common resources within our communities.

Why...

By 2040, the proportion of people over the age of 65 will top 20 percent. At the same time, people under the age of 18 will make up almost 23 percent of the population. Knowing that the oldest and the youngest citizens will make up almost half of U.S. residents, we need to recognize the importance of social and economic interdependence of all generations with Communities that Connect in order to stretch limited dollars meant for healthcare and housing.

Older citizens and families with young children share many common interests and concerns – physically, socially and culturally. Maintaining mixed-generation communities maximizes older adults' capacity for self-help and community contribution. Some of the valuable links to be made between the needs and skills of different age groups include young mothers often need child care while older adults need transportation to the doctor or store. Teenagers need after school employment while older adults need help with chores around the house.

As we age, living and aging in place presents some challenges:

- Changing healthcare needs
- Loss of mobility
- Financial concerns
- Home maintenance and increasing property taxes
- Design obstacles



However, living in community creates both healthcare and housing options that provide support at the margin of need, as defined by an individual's personal desire and ability to live independently.

Living in Community allows individuals to strategize and customize their housing and health care programs by drawing primarily on friends, family and neighbors, and then supplementing these community supports with more in depth public services and private services only as needed in order to be able to stay in their homes and communities for as long as possible.

Notwithstanding a reliance on generational interdependence, we also recognize age groups or needs based groups that prefer to embody a concept of what is right for the times for those particular groups that would want low-maintenance, high-quality, life-enriching experiences in small-scale, socially vibrant communities.

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What We Do...

Aging is the universal experience that is universally different. However, it is happening to all of us, all of the time. But how it happens, when it happens and the lifestyle changes it requires are different for everyone.

We strive to address different lifestyle needs desires and changes with Communities that Connect.

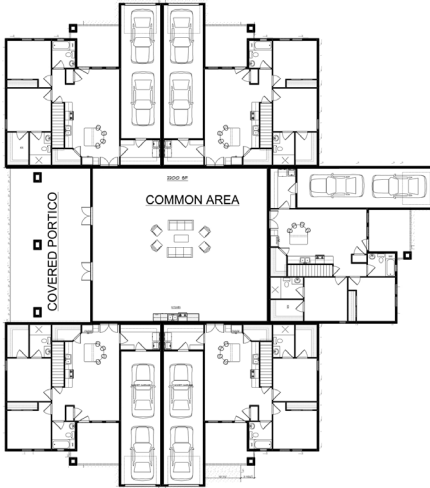
Group Homes

Multiple bedrooms and bathrms within one residence

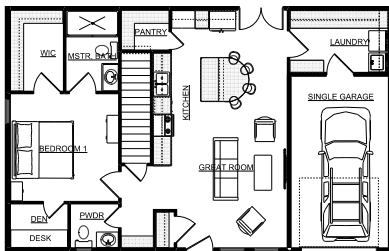
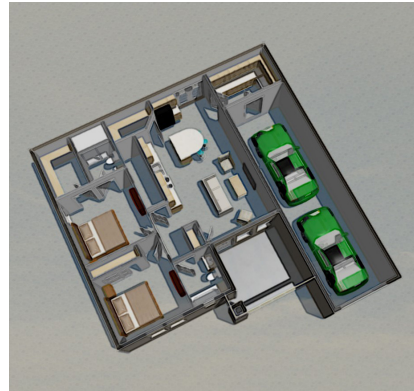
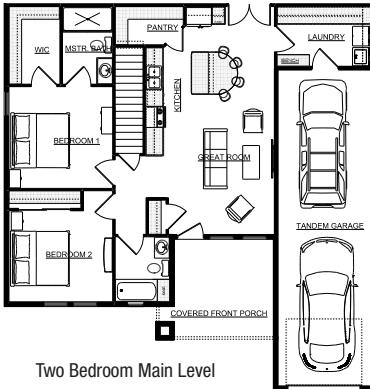


Pod Homes

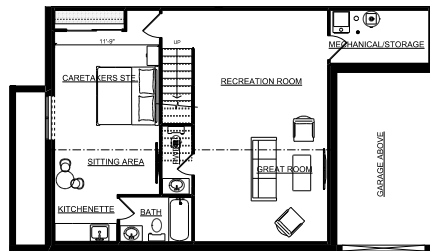
A pod of individual homes designed with separate entrances and garages that share a common space



Floor Plan Examples:



One Bedroom Main Level



One Bedroom Lower Level with Caretaker Suite

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)

A second structure on the same property sometimes called:
Carriage Homes, Granny Flats, Back-Yard Cottages, In-Law Apartments

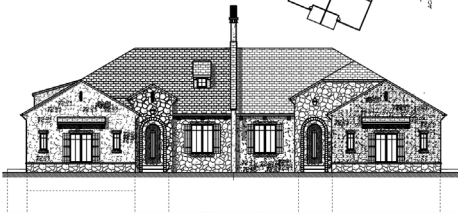
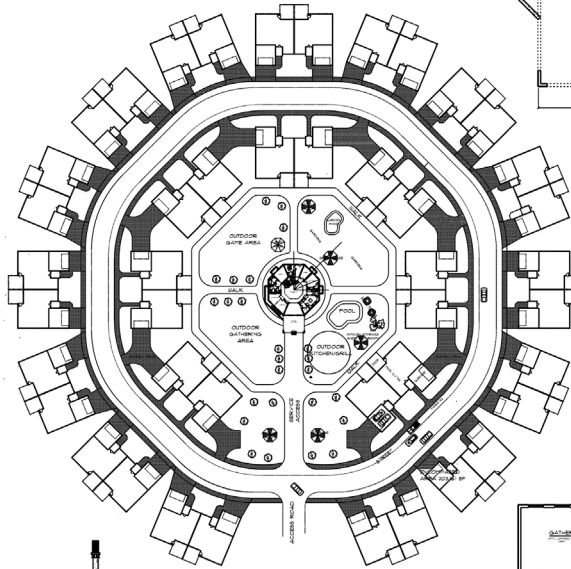
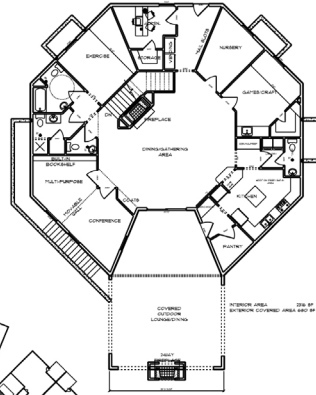


Patio Homes / Clubhouse Communities

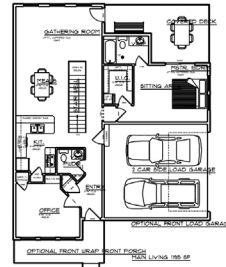
Clusters of attached or detached patio homes, townhouses or cottages with access to a community clubhouse



CLUBHOUSE FRONT ELEVATION



PRIVATE RESIDENCE FRONT ELEVATION



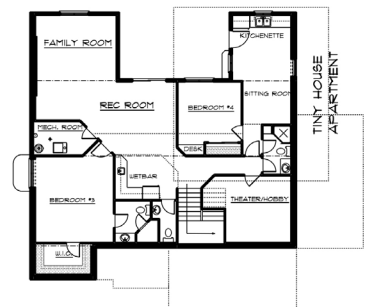
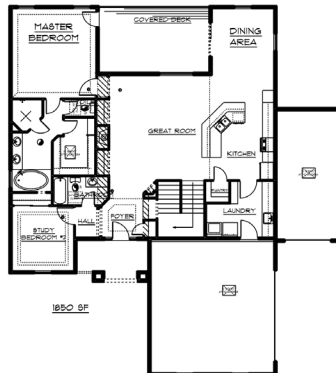
Apartment Homes

Mixed use or housing only apartment towers that provide common areas for its residents



Multi-Generational Homes

Homes that come with a separate entrance suite that share some common living space



Let's Advocate For...

Community Livability with well planned Communities that Connect can help determine the possibility of maintaining a life in a community through various life cycles.

In community planning, the key community components that older adults need to successfully Live in Place are the same as those needed by families with young children. These include affordable housing, adequate transportation options (ranging from public transportation to community golf cart trails), and safe, walkable neighborhoods with a complete range of services (community gathering areas, child care, parks, food stores, health care, etc.) nearby.

Construction Standards to Incorporate

Accessibility Standards

- One Level Living
- Bathrooms
- Kitchens
- Doors
- Lighting
- Other Safety Features

Easy Living Standards

- Easy Entrance
- Easy Passage
- Easy Use

Also...

- Diversified housing stock by addressing NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard). Zone land for congregated living such Group Homes, Nursing Homes, Skilled Nursing Facilities and Hospices.
- Promote "Families of Choice" – groups of individuals who are not biologically related but live together and share common space.
- Encourage shared housing by renting out extra bedrooms.



BENEFITS TO LIVING IN COMMUNITY:

- Offsets social isolation and does not involve costly professional support unless necessary
- Preserves valuable social networks
- Functional independence – less confusion and less diminished self-help capacity
- Care is delivered in response to actual need, not rigid Over-Care models within Institutional Housing.



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