

Milton Village: Revolutionizing Dementia Care



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Introduction to Milton Village

- Milton Village, located in South Bend, IN is the first dementia day center in the U.S. integrating immersion programming and comprehensive caregiver resources.
- Inspired by the innovative de Hogeweyk model developed in The Netherlands, the center combines unique design and specialized programming to support both dementia patients and their caregivers.
- Milton Village houses multiple resources, including the Adult Day Center, Alzheimer's & Dementia Services of Northern Indiana, the Caregiver Resource Center, and the Institute for Excellence in Memory Care.
- Built through partnerships with world-renowned dementia care experts, the facility sets a new standard for compassionate, comprehensive dementia care in the U.S.



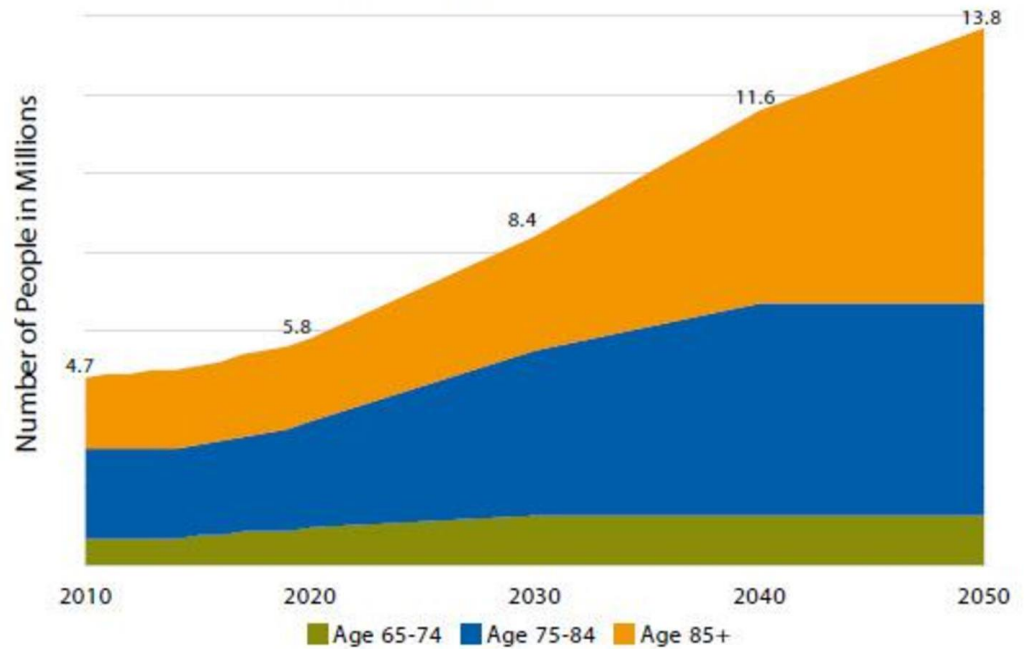
CONCEPT



REALITY

Growing
Need

Projected Number of People Aged 65 or Older With Alzheimer's Disease, by Age Group, United States, 2010–2050



Source: Created from data in Hebert LE, Weuve J, Scherr PA, Evans DA. Alzheimer disease in the United States (2010–2050) estimated using the 2010 Census. *Neurology*. 2013;80(19):1778–1783.

The Concept

- **Six Guiding Pillars:** Inspired by the de Hogeweyk model from the Netherlands, Milton Village is guided by principles that include Favorable Surroundings, Lifestyle, Life's Pleasures, Health, Employees, and Organization, aiming to create a normalized, engaging environment for dementia patients.
- **Lifestyle-Centric Design:** Milton Village offers spaces tailored to different lifestyle preferences, from home-like settings to lively social areas and serene outdoor environments.
- **Immersion Programming:** Activities are designed to stimulate cognitive function and emotional well-being, enabling meaningful engagement and connection to personal history.
- **Comprehensive Caregiver Training:** Training and support empower caregivers to manage dementia care effectively, extending care continuity beyond the center.







Key Features of Milton Village

- **Village Spaces:** Milton Village includes a Café, Pub, Theater, Museum, Art Studio, Woodshop, and Garden, each designed to foster sensory and cognitive engagement in a familiar, comforting environment.
- **Immersive Activities:** Programming features activities like gardening, woodworking, and social events that help residents stay connected to everyday life and enhance cognitive function.
- **Comprehensive Caregiver Support:** Caregivers benefit from resources such as a quiet room, support groups, educational resources, and specialized training through the Institute for Excellence in Memory Care.
- **Collaborative Care Model:** Milton Village provides an integrated approach, engaging healthcare professionals, families, and patients to support cohesive, person-centered care.









Milton Village Development

- **Innovative Concept:** Rooted in European dementia care models, Milton Village integrates safety, engagement, and innovative programming.
- **Collaborative Design:** The facility was developed with input from healthcare providers, dementia care experts, and architects, ensuring a balance of safety and engagement.
- **Community Involvement:** Dementia care advocates and local families contributed to shaping the village's layout and offerings to better serve the community.
- **Funding and Support:** Developed in partnership between the Hospice Foundation and REAL Services, Milton Village received an initial \$750,000 grant from the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County, with a total concept budget of \$4.8 million which grew to \$6.1 million in total.







Funding Milton Village



Grants and Donations: Milton Village's development was primarily supported by foundation grants, private donations, and corporate funding.



Strategic Partnerships: Collaborations with non-profits, research institutions, and community stakeholders were crucial to the project's success.



Sustainable Funding: Service fees, additional grants, and contributions from community foundations help maintain ongoing financial stability.



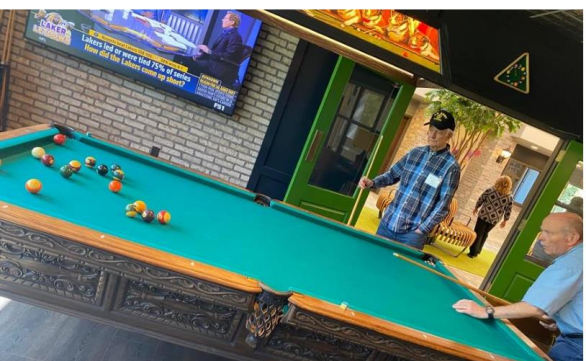
Project Costs: The total budget for Milton Village reached \$6.1 million, with a concept budget covering construction, mechanical systems, and themed spaces.



Implementation & Impact

- **Opening and Development:** Milton Village opened in 2022 after a multi-year development process, establishing itself as a central hub for dementia care and support.
- **Specialized Staff Training:** Staff are trained in the latest dementia care practices to provide high-quality, specialized support for patients and caregivers.
- **Community Outreach:** Milton Village offers extensive resources for patients and caregivers, making it a vital resource for dementia support in the region.
- **Engaging Spaces:** Key areas such as the Gym, Theater, Art Studio, and the outdoor Boulevard encourage physical, creative, and social engagement in a comfortable setting.







Outcomes and Future Vision

- **Positive Outcomes:** Milton Village has demonstrated improvements in patient cognitive function and high caregiver satisfaction.
- **Expanding Influence:** Serving as a model, Milton Village is inspiring similar dementia care centers nationwide.
- **Future Growth:** The facility aims to serve 200 clients annually with a daily census of 55, providing person-centered care and innovative programs.
- **Commitment to Innovation:** Milton Village continues to evolve, focusing on well-being, expressive arts, and continuous care advancements.







Conclusion

- Milton Village is transforming dementia care with its unique approach that integrates both immersion programming and comprehensive caregiver support.
- The future of dementia care lies in these holistic, patient- and caregiver-centered approaches, making Milton Village a model for others to follow.



Q & A

You have Questions We have Answers



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