FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: MEMORY CARE HOMES

Q: What is this I am hearing about new buildings at Noah?

The folks, and other people with developmental disabilities, are increasingly dealing with issues related to aging – starting in their 40s – including Alzheimer’s and other forms of dementia. One in three seniors dies with Alzheimer’s or a related dementia. This includes people with developmental disabilities. While government funding continues to fall short of actual costs, the need is only growing.

Our grounds permit us to build two additional state-of-the-art homes designed specifically for adults with developmental disabilities who have memory issues. The homes will provide twenty total beds, ten in each home, allowing Noah Homes to provide specialized care for their residents with Alzheimer’s in a safe and loving environment. The end of life care for these residents will be lovingly handled by people who know them, understand their needs and with additional support from their lifelong friends who live at Noah Homes. We have been informed that this program will be the first of its kind in California and possibly in the United States.

Q: Who’s paying for it?

The last time the state built any residential home (institutional setting) was 1952. For our current programs, we already need to fundraise 35 percent of our budget in order to operate without deficit. To build these units and secure the funds needed to support operation, we need the time, talent and treasure of the friends and family of Noah Homes. And a big shout out to our devoted monthly pledgers and families who continue to answer the call to help support their loved ones by financially supporting Noah.

Q: When is this happening?

Now, About 60,000 local residents have the disease. That number is expected to reach nearly 100,000 by 2030. Unfortunately about a third of our residents are already presenting symptoms of dementia and aging issues. We are also getting more calls weekly for placement of folks in their 50s. We will provide updates as work continues.
Q: Who is involved?
San Diego’s top city and county officials – joined by brain researchers, health care experts and caregivers – unveiled an ambitious regional strategy to battle Alzheimer’s disease and find a cure. As a leader in care giving and support services for adults with developmental disabilities, Noah Homes is working with this group, as well as others statewide and nationally to develop a groundbreaking model of care for people with disabilities to age in place, even as they face Alzheimer’s.

Q: What does this mean for the folks? Will staff change?
This will mean a new opportunity for the folks to age in place, in a home custom-built for the needs of those with dementia and developmental disabilities. New staff members will join current staff members in ensuring the folks get the care they deserve as they age. The folks will also benefit from the work of researchers and other leaders that Noah is collaborating with in the quest for a cure for Alzheimer’s.