THE PROJECT

There are four overarching goals for this project that complement URC's mission and strategic goals. It is our expectation that this project will

- enhance the quality of care and the quality of life for our residents;
- help URC respond to changing consumer demands;
- build upon URC's reputation for quality care and establish URC as the facility of choice within our service area for short-term rehabilitation, memory care, and long-term care; and
- allow URC to strengthen and give back to the Brookings area community.

THE BENEFITS

- Park Place Apartments will be expanded and upgraded to an assisted living facility, which will allow current residents to "age in place."
- The total number of private rooms in the nursing home will increase from 21 to 39.
- Each of the four existing neighborhoods will have its own quieter, more family-like common area, which will provide residents with more intimate living spaces.
- Each neighborhood will have its own kitchenette and dining area, enabling dietary staff to respond to individual needs and requests with greater efficiency and efficacy.
- One neighborhood will be designated as a short-term rehabilitation unit, and another neighborhood will be a specialized memory care unit.
- A third spa room will be created, and the rehabilitative area will be enlarged.
- The older rooms will be renovated so that all of the bathrooms will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- New lighting will be installed in the original (1959) rooms.
- The original (1959) windows and doors will be replaced with energy-efficient models.
- A new call system at the skilled nursing facility will be more technologically advanced and better suited to the needs of residents.
- A full-power, back-up generator will allow URC to provide uninterrupted care in the event of a power outage and to function as a regional alternate care site/evacuation shelter in the case of a weather disaster or homeland security crisis.

▶ In total, the project will involve 13,024 sq. ft. of new construction, the renovation of 8,577 sq. ft., and the modernization of 20,684 sq. ft. URC is working with Waltz Construction of Brookings, and we anticipate breaking ground in summer 2011, with completion planned for spring 2013.

Horty Elving
505 East Grant Street, Minneapolis, MN 55404
tel 612.332.4422 • www.hortyelving.com

Horty Elving and Associates of Minneapolis has designed the URC renovation and expansion to support a home-like environment for the residents and to insure that the project meets all current building and life safety codes. Horty Elving has specialized in nursing home and related health care architecture for over fifty years and is proud to be a part of this project.