Methodist Senior Services
Celebration. Innovation. Hope.

The Green House® Homes
Celebrating 20 Years of Innovation

Methodist Senior Services Changed Eldercare With The World's First Green House® Home Built in Tupelo, Mississippi!

Twenty years ago, a revolutionary approach to elder care was introduced by Methodist Senior Services on the Traceway Retirement Community in Tupelo, Mississippi. The Green House® Home movement is based on the Eden principles of Dr. William Thomas. The concept seeks to deinstitutionalize nursing home life and give elders the experience of home while still receiving the care they need. The Green House® Homes are a different kind of care designed as small homes with dedicated outdoor space, a great room or hearth area, an open-concept kitchen and each elder has a private room and bath for privacy. Most importantly, the Green House® Homes create an environment for elders to continue to thrive, enjoy life and where each person is deeply known and valued.

It didn't take long for this innovative concept to catch fire in the industry. Organizations from all over visited Tupelo to see firsthand the Traceway homes. Soon the Green House movement was popping up across the United States. Creating various styles of services, ranging from assisted living to full skilled nursing care, Green House® Homes offer comfortable settings. The Green House® Homes at Traceway Retirement Community Retirement Community are part of nearly 400 Green House® Homes now operating throughout the world, MSS believes this change in eldercare is something to celebrate.

THE GREEN HOUSE® DIFFERENCE:

- Improves quality of life, well-being and engagement by pairing Green House® Home design and Eden Alternative Principles®, an internationally recognized model for elder care
- Intimate skilled nursing or assisted living homes for 10-12 residents, with private rooms and private baths
- Provides high levels of support, a variety of daily activities and consistency in routine
- Creates an atmosphere that fosters a secure environment with engagement while also supporting independence

THE GREEN HOUSE® HOMES AT TRACEWAY

TRACEWAY RETIREMENT COMMUNITY is home to America's first Green House® Homes.

Named "Green Houses" because they encompass life and growth, each house has either 10 or 12 private bedrooms encircling the 'hearth,' complete with fireplace and dining table where elders share their meals 'family-style.' The Green Houses® at Traceway encourage elders to live as they always have in their family homes. Total care is provided for the elders and the three most prevalent plagues of aging - loneliness, helplessness, and boredom - are virtually eliminated.

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