HOUSEKEEPING WOMAN'SDay AS SEEN IN

NEBRASKA HEALTHCARE PROFILES



Brookestone Village is guided by a singular mission: DIGNITY IN LIFE.

sk anyone in the Omaha area about Brookestone Village, and the reply will be a story of exceptional care, a welcoming staff, and even more welcoming residents, says Andrew Wismer, administrator at the skilled nursing care facility. It's one he and his team of registered nurses, specialized therapists, and support staff hear a lot.

AMILY

"We have a lot of people come for therapy and, when the need arises, want to return for long-term care," Wismer adds, attesting to Brookestone's reputation for excellence. Brookestone has served countless people over the last 20 years and continually achieves five-star ratings from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Additionally, they have earned a Great Place to Work Certification[®] and awards from the American Health Care Association.

SHORT-TERM CARE

For those needing rehabilitation following a hospitalization, Brookestone's therapists and nurses are highly trained and specialized to care for a resident's individualized needs. "Our therapy team is able to offer inpatient and outpatient speech, physical, and occupational therapy alongside our short-term skilled nursing care," explains Kelcee Matousek, Brookestone's community relations coordinator. Wismer notes that once residents are well enough to return home, they often can continue with outpatient therapy at Brookestone, seeing the same therapists and nurses who cared for them while living in the center.

Brookestone has devoted one "household" of its spacious facility to short-term rehabilitation, equipped with a therapy gym, accessible kitchen, and home-like accommodations. With one of the highest nurse staffing ratios in the state of Nebraska, Brookestone's residents receive exceptional one-on-one care.



LONG-TERM CARE

Brookestone's well-trained staff is why many choose to make the facility their new home. "We get to know each resident on a personal basis," says Matousek. "After knowing a resident for a while, the staff begins to anticipate their needs and habits. We have 24-hour nursing care and offer dental and vision care, housekeeping, and maintenance. When someone lives here, they really don't need to bring anything. We provide everything."

From life enrichment programs to keep residents active, to a memory care specialist and staff-wide trainings on dementia, to an opendoor policy for family members of residents, Brookestone recognizes its place as its residents' home. "Our residents don't live at our workplace; we work in their home," Wismer says. "Family members are here on a daily basis. Some call us to do things for their loved ones, like pick up a coffee for their dad, and we always try to have a 'yes, I can' attitude."

The perfect balance of healthcare and home is why Brookestone continues to receive rave reviews and national awards for quality and comfort. "It's a scary thing to drop off your loved one at a place with people you don't know," says Wismer. "Once family members visit, meet our friendly staff, and see that we're taking care of their loved one, they don't have those worries. They know they can trust us. It's part of the integrity and excellence we strive for."



"My medical needs were complex, but after two stays at Brookestone Village, I am feeling the best I have ever felt. I was always busy with activities, the food was great, and everyone was so kind."

-TERI VLASNIK, FORMER RESIDENT