

Pine Valley Facility Renovation and Expansion

Project Goals

Enhance facility to accommodate rise in aging population: Currently, nearly 25% of Richland County's population is comprised of residents age 65 and older. In comparison, only 14% of the state's population is 65 years and older. This disparity between the county and state has been steadily increasing. As Richland County's aging population continues to grow, the demand for affordable, skilled nursing care will increase.

Keep high quality and cost-effective care close to home: It is Richland County's responsibility to provide affordable senior living options for the county's elderly. Social security is the only source of income for 42% of the county's 65 and older population, leaving very little money to spend on housing and care. Our aging residents deserve the opportunity to continue to live in their own community with dignity and comfort.

Critical facility needs must be addressed: The current Pine Valley facility was built in 1960 and has more than exceeded its useful life. The updated building will offer improvements that will create an efficient and desirable environment for residents, families and staff. By providing private rooms and bathrooms, complex care can be received in a home-like setting rather than in the existing, outdated institutional layout. Residents will be able to control the temperature of their own environment, have access to natural light, and engage in social activities.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why do we need to renovate or expand?

- Baby Boomers are turning age 65 at the rate of 10,000 per day.
- In the next ten years, Richland County's population aged 75-84 will increase by 30%.
- Nursing homes today offer short-term and long-term care options. In some cases, residents come for short-term rehabilitation stays and return to their homes in the community. 89% of Pine Valley rehab admissions return to the community after an average stay of 29 days.

Pine Valley Rehab graduates achieve better than national average in rehab outcomes and gains.

- Most residents admitted to nursing homes require complex care and have increasing health issues, a trend that will continue into the future, requiring higher skilled nursing staff to meet their needs.
- Most residents and families feel more comfortable placing their loved ones in a home that delivers a higher standard of care, and a full spectrum of services, with privacy and amenities.
- The demand for nursing home beds will continue to increase over the next 10 years in Richland County.
- A recent market analysis shows an increased need for affordable assisted living beds in the County.
- Pine Valley offers seniors and their families' affordable care close to home.

What will the facility include?

- 80 new skilled nursing beds with 16 assisted living beds
- A flexible design allowing for future expansion if need arises
- Inpatient and outpatient services
- Private rooms and baths
- Individual room temperature controls
- Neighborhood style design
- Each neighborhood will feature its own kitchen and dining room
- Comfortable gathering places
- Internet and cable TV access
- Access to natural light
- Beautiful country view and landscape
- State-of-the-art Physical therapy rehab gym

- Updated speech therapy spaces
- Enhanced occupational therapy services
- Improved lighting
- Increase efficiency in care

How is the new building an efficient/practical investment?

- Energy efficient building and systems
- Lower utility costs
 - Utility costs will reduce from approximately \$150,000 to \$100,000 annually
 - Saving \$50,000 each year
- Repurposing existing building
 - Saved \$1.25 million
- More efficient layout
- Geo-thermal system
- Automatic lighting controls
- HVAC controls to optimize rooms in use
- Higher security with automatic features