

COMPASSION MEETS CHARACTER

Waterford At All Saints Combines Caring with the Comforts of Home

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Driving up to Waterford At All Saints is a memorable experience. Nestled into a neighborhood wrapped by woods, the beauty and dignity of the facility immediately charms visitors. Inside, the warm feeling of home, friendship and community is easily palpable. And even the casual guest notices the care and respect the residents receive from the staff, as they gently assist with coats for a trip outdoors.

Today's seniors are looking for something different. They want a community that will provide them with all the comforts of home while allowing them to maintain the lifestyle to which they have grown accustomed. With its impressive history and high quality of care, Waterford At All Saints finds its way into the hearts of even the most selective residents.

Rich in History

It isn't surprising that Waterford At All Saints exudes such grace. The buildings alone are portraits of elegance. Comprised of stone, these historic buildings are examples of striking architectural design. Waterford At All Saints began in 1884 as a school for the daughters of Bishop William Hobart Hare's missionaries. Donations from his friends, as well as some generous South Dakotans, helped the bishop build an institution that would embody class, academics, beauty and tradition in one setting. Because the school was built using beautiful and durable Sioux Falls quartzite and was created in Prairie Gothic style with towers, gables, and delicate window designs, All Saints School was nominated into the Historic Trust.

After Touchmark Living Center, developer, owner and operator of upscale retirement communities, purchased the five-acre historical site from the Diocese of South Dakota, renovation began. In 1994, large portions of the existing interior



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quality, tender loving care throughout all of these restoration and building efforts.

Quality and Comfort Come Together

Construction for Waterford At All Saints was completed in two segments. Phase I, which was finished in 1995, provided a total of 114 independent and assisted living homes. Phase II came later, adding 44 new homes to the retirement community. Each home boasts its own unique layout, utilizing existing features like balconies and original woodwork to complement newer construction.



of the building were removed. Not everything was extracted, however. Rooms featuring hardwood floors, ornate banisters and solid doors with elaborate doorknobs were restored to their previous elegance. The chapel was restored as well, and officials made sure that the original organ was retained. Residents and visitors have the opportunity to worship in the chapel weekly. Proudly displaying magnificent Tiffany stained glass windows and unique works of art, this area is truly breathtaking.

The exterior of the main building has also received significant attention. Tuck pointing of the jasper rock has been redone and the roof re-shingled. Cleaning and painting of the roof gutters and cupola were also included in the project. This unique retirement community received



The physical beauty of the refined buildings is not the only source of warmth at Waterford At All Saints. Residents 55 years of age and older

have the opportunity to live life to its fullest there, selecting from the options of independent living, assisted living, respite or memory care. Assisting residents in their chosen style of living - and Waterford's most valuable asset - is its staff. Over one hundred kind, compassionate and understanding people work at Waterford and consider it a privilege to care for its close-knit family of residents. Operating three different shifts to provide 24-hour care, these dedicated people are specially trained to meet the needs of those who live there. In addition to around-the-clock assistance, the retirement community offers its resident family

and visitors three meals each day, daily activities and social events, scheduled transportation, housekeeping and laundry service, 24-hour security and more. Other services residents can utilize include the in-house post office, bank, salon, library, computer and wellness center.

Setting the Standards for Retirement Living

For making the resident family the center of its community, Waterford At All Saints has been certified by the Senior Hospitality Institute as one of the finest retirement living communities in the country. Providing superior accommodations, service, and amenities, Waterford At All Saints was given this distinctive honor for its commitment to quality and care. To date, just over 70 communities in the United States have met the stringent criteria for this certification.

This recognition does not surprise the many occupants who are proud to call Waterford At All Saints home. Resident Norma De Groot is certain she could not have found a better place to live, saying, "Waterford At All Saints has been the perfect place for me to live. It is just the right size; small enough so that we all feel like family. The inner city location provides great advantages, allowing us easy access to downtown and the other features the city has to offer." She continues to echo the sentiment of many other residents by stating, "Staff is always available if a problem occurs, and one feels very comfortable with the tight security all day and night. Since my family lives a great distance from here, they are relieved that I live where help is easily available in case of physical necessity and South Dakota's unpredictable weather." Considering everything it has to offer, De Groot exclaims, "Waterford is the place for me!"

Resident Jody Swenson is also pleased with her home. "After shopping around for my best option in retirement living, I chose Waterford. The longer I live here, the more I am sure that I made the right decision." Husband and wife Bob and Frances Wagner still travel across the country to visit relatives and have yet to experience another retirement community that could compare with Waterford. Having lived there for only a short time, the couple already values their relationships with other residents, saying, "After two-plus years in our home here, we enjoy more than ever the feeling of being part of a family." What more could a person want from the place they lovingly call home? 