

Cherry Ridge Now Offers Enhanced Living

Cherry Ridge, a St. Ann's Community in Webster, has been approved by the Department of Health to offer Enhanced Living within The Glen (Cherry Ridge's assisted living). Cherry Ridge is one of only a few communities in the Rochester area that can offer this level of care which provides new and existing residents the opportunity to age in place. The enhanced assisted living services began to be offered in January, and include all assisted living services previously provided with the addition of physical assistance of another person for: transferring, walking, climbing or descending stairs, managing medical equipment or managing incontinence. Traditional assisted living will continue to be offered.

Mike Seelig, Vice President of Housing/Administrator, said, "We are truly happy to be able to offer another level of care so that residents may continue to live as independently as possible, with the support and compassion they deserve. Enhanced living enables assisted living residents who need a higher level of care to remain in the same setting and with the same people here at Cherry Ridge. This enhanced level of care is also available to new members of our community. It complements the existing high quality services provided in The Glen (assisted living) and Rainier Grove (memory care)."

Seelig went on to say that once the construction of Cherry Ridge's skilled nursing center is complete in 2012, Cherry Ridge will be one of only a few senior living communities in Western New York to offer a full continuum of services on one campus. "At that time, Cherry Ridge will provide independent living, assisted living, enhanced living, memory care, transitional care and skilled nursing. Having all these care levels on one campus provides great benefits to residents. They are able to remain on the same campus as their needs change, and if a spouse needs a higher level of care, the two can still be near one another."

Cherry Ridge currently provides independent living cottages and apartments, assisted living, memory care, and now, enhanced living. Cherry Ridge is a part of St. Ann's Community's larger continuum of care which provides numerous options for seniors.

St. Ann's Community is one of Rochester's largest private employers with over 1,000 employees, and provides a varied range of services and care levels designed to meet the individual needs of older adults. St. Ann's, a continuum proud to be *Caring for the Most Important People on Earth*, serves seniors with two licensed, accredited and certified skilled nursing facilities, medical and social adult day programs, independent retirement housing, a transitional care program, assisted living, specialized dementia care, geriatric outpatient primary care practice, and hospice care (in partnership with two local Hospice Agencies) located on two campuses in the Greater Rochester area.