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Margulies Perruzzi Architects Designs Expansion for Edgewood Retirement Community

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Margulies Perruzzi Architects (formerly Margulies & Associates) recently announced that it has completed the design of a major expansion and renovation for the Edgewood Retirement Community in North Andover, Massachusetts. The project is located on a rural 80-acre site and the 12-year-old Edgewood continuing care retirement community is being expanded and renovated to include 40,000 square feet of space for 60 patient beds in a Long Term Care Unit and a new Cognitively Impaired Unit (CIU), space for clinic staff support, new space for Edgewood's Adult Social Day Program, Wellness and Rehabilitation Clinic, and a new informal dining bistro. Margulies Perruzzi Architects developed the design for the expanded facility through focus groups and discussions with residents and staff and designed the Edgewood project in association with Levi Wong Design Associates, which served as clinical design and landscape architecture consultants. The project is currently under construction and is scheduled for completion in early 2010.

"We were impressed with the design strength and expertise of the team, especially in designing dementia care facilities, as well as their due diligence in understanding the needs of our residents and staff," said Kevin Tremblay, director of facilities at Edgewood Retirement Community. "We anxiously await the opening of our new expanded and renovated facility that will enable us to more comfortably serve our patients and their families."

Edgewood's existing Long Term Care Unit is greatly expanded with the addition of the Cognitively Impaired Unit (CIU), along with renovations to the existing skilled nursing unit. The new 40-bed CIU is a secure unit providing dining, activities and day room functions for Alzheimer's patients. The unit is designed around a central court, open to the sky, and includes an additional courtyard "memory garden" accessed from the community spaces in the unit.

The project is being managed by Trident Project Advantage Group of Salem, New Hampshire and the Eckman Construction of Bedford, New Hampshire is serving as construction manager.