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## **Larksfeld Place Announces \$15 Million Project**

*Larksfeld East: Assisted Living and Memory Care Unit*

**WICHITA, Kan., April 9, 2010 . . .** Larksfeld Place Retirement Communities, Inc. announces plans to break ground on Larksfeld East, a new Assisted Living and Memory Care apartment complex. This project, which will get underway this summer, completes the Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) concept by building an Assisted Living component on the vacant eight acres off of Rock Road and Greenbriar – adjacent to the current Larksfeld Place campus located at 7373 E. 29<sup>th</sup> St. North.

“This is part of our on-going commitment to offer the full complement of services to our community members,” said Valerie McGhee, Larksfeld Place president. “We are planning 40 spacious, one- and two-bedroom Assisted Living apartment homes and 32 Memory Care apartment homes.”

The Assisted Living 2-bedrooms will be approximately 1,200 square feet and the one-bedrooms will be approximately 850 square feet. McGhee added, “One of the features that will distinguish the Larksfeld Place Assisted Living accommodations is that our apartment homes are much larger than most others available today.”

### **Larksfeld East Details**

The two-story expansion will be approximately 88,000 square feet, and construction of the \$15 million project is estimated to take 17 months to complete. It is anticipated that 76 full-time equivalent staff members will be hired for the free-standing campus. A grand opening is anticipated near the end of 2011.

A two-story commons area in the middle, patterned after a “main street,” will include a post office, bistro, fireplace, fountain, gift shop and theater. Each home also has a front porch that opens onto the hallway. The second floor will include a fitness club and exam rooms for visiting physicians.

Adjoining the commons area to the south will be the Memory Care wing equipped with its own kitchen facility. Designed especially for people with early dementia, two new “neighborhoods” will offer the same features as Larksfield Place but on a smaller scale, including an enclosed garden. The Memory Care apartment homes will be approximately 330 square feet.

The project is being designed by Wichita’s GLMV Architecture. McGhee added, “The charge to them was to make Larksfield East unmistakably a part of Larksfield Place, while giving it a character and style all its own.”

### **About Larksfield Place – Wichita’s Premier Not-for-Profit, Full-Service Retirement Community**

Located just off of Rock Road on 29<sup>th</sup> Street, the lakes and open vistas of the Larksfield Place 60-acre campus capture the spirit of the open plains in an urban environment. The heart of community is its indoor town square featuring a Courtyard Bistro and Market, Fitness Club, Library, Business Center, Movie Auditorium, Art Gallery, community health services, and meeting rooms. The community’s Apartment and Villa Homes offer a wide selection of living accommodations. Should the need arise, Larksfield Place Community Members also have the added security of a Health Care Center. For more information, log onto [www.larksfieldplace.org](http://www.larksfieldplace.org).

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