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Senior Living

Committed to providing exceptional service, cultivating meaningful connections, and delivering **thoughtful design** for aging adult residential and care environments.





Thoughtful design has a **positive impact** on our ability to age successfully.

Designing innovative spaces that uplift the human experience requires empathy and expertise. An attentiveness to the needs and experience of people – those who live, visit and work in the space – defines and drives our approach to senior living design.

RDL's Senior Living team collectively has decades of experience and thought leadership, successfully completing new and repositioned communities throughout the country. Through a collaborative partnership with our clients, we create intuitive and inspiring spaces that promote holistic wellness, are responsive to the needs of residents and staff and foster a sense of community.

Our **Process**

We believe in the power and efficiency of a collaborative design process rooted in research. It begins with a conversation to understand the goals, challenges, obstacles and requirements for your project. We use that understanding, coupled with our experience, to partner with you to create a clear, concise, and measurable plan.

OUR EXPERTISE

- Master Planning and Feasibility Studies
- Campus Repositioning
- Wellness Centers
- Independent Apartments and Cottages
- Assisted Living
- LTC & Rehabilitation
- Memory Care and Small House Design

Crafting a holistic experience

Designing environments to enhance the user experience begins with an understanding of the whole person and **seven dimensions of wellness.**



COMPASS PARK | Franklin, Indiana

Compass Park engaged RDL Architects to master plan its life plan community in Franklin, Indiana, addressing demand for independent living while enhancing campus connectivity. The plan introduces new independent living residences, improves mobility and wayfinding through repositioned entry points, and reinforces the community's signature circular drive. A new apartment addition defines the central "compass," while brown-stone-style buildings connect the east cottage community with existing neighborhoods. A new chapel near assisted living and skilled nursing further supports residents' spiritual well-being. The master plan positions Compass Park to evolve with residents' needs while preserving its distinctive campus identity.



MEADOW VALLEY | Traverse City, Michigan

Meadow Valley transforms a former quarry into an upscale senior living community that integrates active living, wellness, and connection with the outdoors. RDL Architects designed the campus to work with the site's dramatic bowl-shaped topography, creating a common level throughout the buildings for convenient resident and staff access. At the heart of the community, sculpted landscapes surround a recreational pond and walking paths, providing opportunities for outdoor activity and social interaction. A range of amenities – including restaurant-style dining, a pub, theater, art room, yoga studio, fitness center, chapel, and outdoor gathering spaces – supports residents' diverse interests and lifestyles. Residential offerings include independent living apartments, assisted living, patio homes, and thoughtfully designed memory care households.



SPRINGFIELD MASONIC COMMUNITY | Springfield, Ohio

At the Springfield Masonic Community, RDL Architects was tasked with development of a master plan that would reposition the aging campus to meet the current market. The challenge was how to right size existing components and expand housing options, while maximizing reuse of historic structures.The final master plan included the conversion of the historic Rickley and York-rite buildings from skilled care to up to 100 units of Independent Living. The skilled care would be down-sized and relocated to a new 2-story building designed in the household style, and construction of a new 3-story Assisted Living and Memory Care – and three "Brownstone" apartment buildings introduce an additional housing option with walk-out units located on the first floor.

Engaging in new opportunities to grow daily brings about **fulfillment and purpose.**









Designing vibrant environments that foster a **quality of life.**

Senior living is an evolving market shaped by changing customer expectations, lifestyles, tastes, and preferences. Today's residents are seeking more than comfortable accommodations – they want engaging, hospitality-inspired environments that support wellness, foster connection, and offer greater choice and independence. As a result, design approaches that were successful in the past may no longer meet the needs of today's residents or position communities for future success. Staying competitive requires thoughtful planning, innovation, and a clear understanding of emerging trends in senior living.

Drawing on insights gained through a wide range of client engagements, RDL's Senior Living team partners with owners and operators to bridge the gap between where their communities are today and where they need to be tomorrow. Our collaborative approach brings together best practices, innovative design strategies, and operational expertise to create environments that enhance resident well-being while supporting efficient day-to-day operations. We believe the best outcomes are achieved through meaningful stakeholder engagement, valuing the perspectives of residents, staff, leadership, and families to ensure every space is purposeful, functional, and designed to improve quality of life.

PROCESS

Understanding our clients' vision, design goals and staffing patterns.

INNOVATIVE DESIGN

Informing design with research to enhance the user experience.

SEVEN DIMENSIONS OF WELLNESS

Designing to satisfy the needs of the whole person.

BREADTH OF SERVICE

Unique environments that connect places to people.

EXPERTISE

Unequaled knowledge of every element within planning and placemaking.

THE RDL TEAM

Experienced and committed planners and architects.

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