



Royale Oaks / House of Hope (ROHOH) Assisted Living and Memory Care, a nine acre property located at 4801 N 52nd Street in Omaha Nebraska

The project

This project was part of an ongoing restoration and rejuvenation of the landscape of Royale Oaks / House of Hope, a long-term care community in Northeast Omaha. The goal is to design and install a landscape **that goes beyond beauty** to perform a service that enhances the wellbeing of residents, staff and the community surrounding the property. The rejuvenation includes new foundation plantings throughout the property, an updated tree plan for the property, creating a park-like setting, and themed plantings to beckon residents to the outdoors. The landscape design embraces the unique characteristics of long-term care communities; best practices for **sustainability and low management**; multi season color and interest; therapeutic principles such as color, movement, texture and smell; and **attraction of wildlife** (birds, butterflies, etc.) to the landscape. By viewing the landscape in zones, designer Jane English considers what residents will see from their windows as well as what they will experience when spending time in the gardens. Accessibility is key, ensuring that walkways welcome residents with different levels of mobility and seating is abundant on patios and in gazebos. The goal of this landscape is not just to improve the view but to encourage residents to become active participants in the life of the landscape- asking questions, touching, smelling, and observing birds and insects.

What we learned

- 1 Dream big and have the patience to plan, fund and budget for the longterm.
- 2 Focus the design on the users of the spaces and be intentional.



Themed plantings invite residents outdoors and trees planted across the property will be visible though their windows.



'Autumn Brilliance' serviceberry
Amelanchier x grandiflora



Millenium Allium
Allium 'Millenium'



'Redwing' American cranberry bush
Viburnum trilobum



Black eyed Susan
Rudbeckia fulgida

Who's involved

- The Leadership and Staff of Royale Oaks / House of Hope and Florence Home
- The Men's Garden Club of Omaha
- Jane English's Masters Project in fulfillment of a Masters in Horticulture at the University of Nebraska
- Nebraska Statewide Arboretum

Funding and costs

\$2,700
\$2,999
\$3,746
\$9,445
159

PAID BY GREENER TOWNS
RAISED LOCALLY
DONATED TIME/GOODS
PROJECT VALUE
VOLUNTEER HOURS



Habitat plantings attract birds and insects for residents to enjoy.

Royale Oaks & House of Hope Front Entry

GREENER TOWNS



**MENTAL
RESTORATION**



POLLINATORS



**SAVES
ENERGY**



**NATIVE
PLANTS**

