# Cluster Living at the Bruyère Village

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# **Purpose**

- To share broadening of care to the Community;
  the Village model, and its essential components
- To share the innovative cluster model designed for people with mild to moderate dementia

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# Bruyère Continuing Care

- 269 long term care residents 2 sites (EBR and RSL)
- 90 rehabilitation beds
- Up to 25 clients at a time in a Day Program
- 331 Complex Continuing Care (SVH)
- 31 Palliative Care (EBR)
- 2 Family Medicine Clinics
- Various Outpatient and Community Programs
- 40 Assisted Living Clients in the Community (ALS)
- 227 apartments as part of the Bruyère Village (70 ALS onsite)

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# 2. Background



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## Why?

- Dire shortfall of affordable housing for older adults and assisted living in Ottawa (2007)
  - 1,000 + units required as per Affordable Supportive Housing for Seniors Framework (2007) developed by the United Way and City of Ottawa; increase to 2250 in September 2014
- Inappropriate placement across the entire health system; high alternate level of care figures across Ontario

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# 3. The Bruyère Village Model

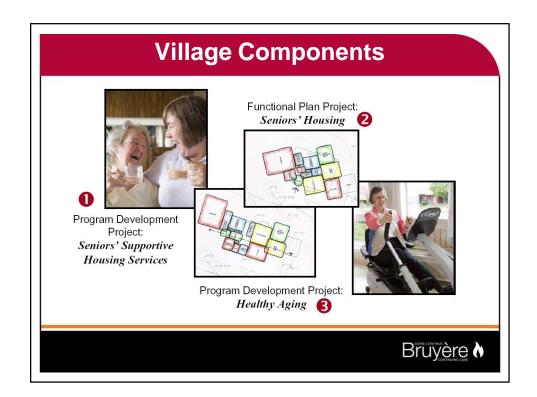


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### What is our vision?

- To provide a continuum of care for seniors allowing them to:
  - remain in their homes as long as possible (e.g. community outreach)
  - provide for different levels of accommodation (e.g. independent living, assisted living, long term care)
  - offer affordable housing
  - maintain healthy lifestyles (e.g. healthy aging programming)

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#### **Breakdown of Types of Living Arrangements**

Phase	Number of units available
Independent living	33
Independent living affordable	45
Phase One Total	78
Assisted living	113
Cluster Living	36
Phase Two Total	149
TOTAL	227

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# **Assisted Living Services**

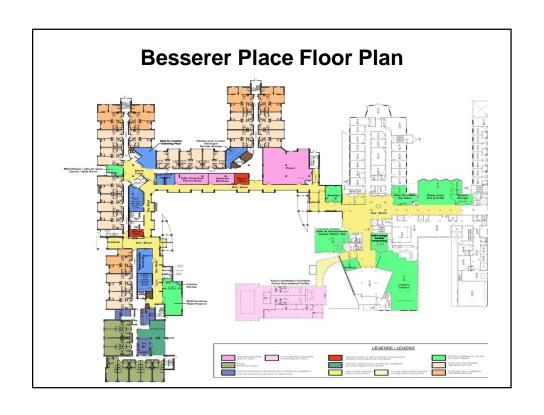
- The Assisted Living Services for High Risk Seniors Policy, 2010 of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) – involves the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN), Community Care Access Centre and Agencies
- Providing services to high risk seniors whose needs cannot be solely met on a scheduled basis – to enable them to stay in their own homes to live as independently as possible; and, supports our hospitals and LTC homes to function properly
- Bruyère has been funded by the LHIN for 110 clients

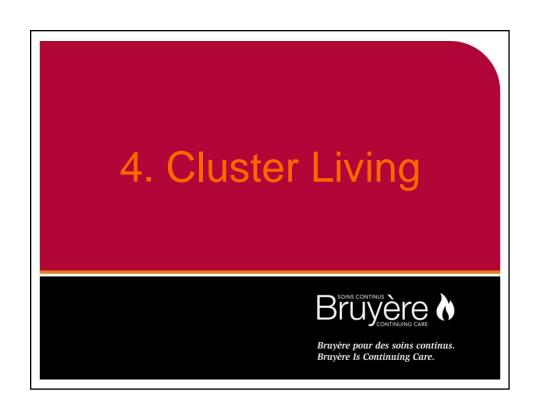
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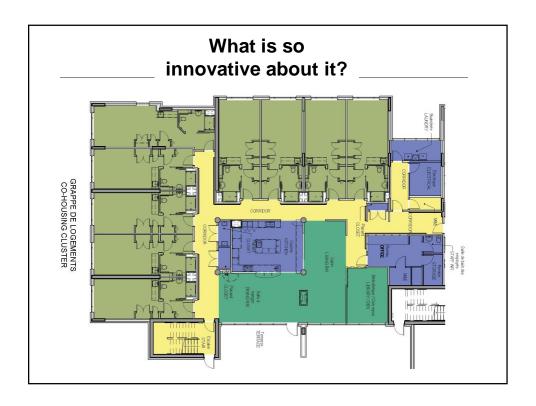
# **Onsite Services / Amenities**

Pharmacy	24 hour emergency service
Physio / OT/ SW / Dietician	Accessibility
Parking	Elevator
Hair Studio/Barber	Laundry facilities
Cafeteria	Gift Shop / Boutique
Chapel	Hobby Room, Multipurpose Room & Theatre, Lounge
Healthy Aging Centre	Ensuite Storage/Lockers
City Bus at entrance	Balcony
Courtyard / Greenspace	Assisted Living Services









# Key Elements of the Cluster

- Personal space and various communal spaces
- Provided with base furniture; can provide own personal touches
- Staffed 24 /7
- Tenants involved in meal preparation / clean up
- Staff plan daily activities for each cluster based on interests; encouragement for participation and engagement
- Must qualify for the ALSHRS Program through the Community Care Access Centre

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# **Cluster Design Characteristics**

- Built with the client in mind:
  - Accessible turning radius, sliding doors, roll in showers, wide corridors, spacious, clear passage ways, etc.
- No tripping hazards; no carpets
- Handrails and grab bars in key locations
- Double walls between units to reduce noise
- Enhanced lighting and maximization of natural light
- Blue and beige colours; limit on patterns
- · Traditional appliances and furniture

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## **Support for Caregivers**

- Monthly caregiver support group, in partnership with the Alzheimer's Society
- Active care coordinator involvement
- Staff that receive training on caring for people with dementia
- Day Program where 3 of the 5 days are for people at home living with dementia

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#### **Tenant Stories - The Difference Makers**

- 1. Movement through the entire care continuum independent to cluster living to palliative care
- Couples reunited onsite through independent living and LTC
- 3. Couple in independent living with caregiver supports via Day Program
- 4. Community of support

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