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AQUATIC ENGINEERING OF THERAPY POOLS ADDS LIFE

The Kingswood Senior Living Community indoor therapeutic pool and spa facility is making a world of difference with a group of residents that understand the spark of life. When Jeff Harkins, Chief Executive Officer of Kingswood Senior Living Community, takes a walk around the halls of his pride and joy retirement center, there is anything but inactive residents roaming the hall. His pride and joy is his new therapy pool, engineered and designed by the staff of Larkin Aquatics, nestled in a Carolina-like setting right in the heart of the facility.

"We love our pool, very simply put. Our residents are thrilled to have this to compliment their active and demanding life styles. With the whirlpool, water features, lanes for swimming and aerobics, we are enjoying an incredible amenity for our residents."

Aquatic fitness and therapy pools are becoming an essential part of the increasingly more active "Boomer" generation. As this group expands, the use



of water therapy is key to meeting the needs of the expanding retirement population. Water supports the body, reduces joint stress and provides resistance for aerobics training and conditioning. Kingswood residents can now participate fully in activities that improve mobility, build strength, increase all motor function capabilities and contribute to increased aerobic performance.

Larkin Aquatics designers have certainly enjoyed their

role in combining their years of water related expertise to the fun side of the business. Aquatics offers added value to the quality of life whether you are two years old or 80, fitness is important for all ages. Here at Larkin Aquatics, we realize that engineering and fitness now go hand in hand and enjoy the opportunity for new challenges yet to come.

This indoor therapeutic pool was constructed as an addition to the Kingswood Senior Living Community devoted to an active, quality lifestyle, located in Kansas City, Missouri. The facility offers a 42-foot by 77-foot therapy pool aqua-aerobics, aqua therapy, and aquatic exercises. The main pool is easily accessed by a zero-depth entry ramp and there are three swim lanes for those interested in lap swimming. The pool water temperature is maintained at 87 degrees for warm-water comfort. A raised spa, complete with aerated therapy jets, is located at one end of the main pool and features a waterfall that spills into the main body of water. The spa water is maintained at a higher temperature and is utilized for relaxation and as a conversation area.

The natatorium structure has been designed to offer ample natural lighting instead of the harsh fluorescents. The textured pool deck is colored concrete to accent the warm, natural finishes of the building interior. The texture of the concrete provides for a non-slip surface.

“Active living is a way of life at Kingswood. Our therapy pool offers one more opportunity for residents to remain active and enhance all aspects of their well-being. Using the therapy pool for classes or individual activity improves physical fitness—energy level, balance and strength. The social aspect is very important too. In fact, having a place to visit and socialize is almost as important as using the pool itself.

The entire aquatic center is a beautiful facility with large windows overlooking a garden. We love it! People have told us they chose Kingswood because of our exceptional aquatic center. It's a great asset in so many ways.”

– Ray Gilliland, Kingswood Senior Living Community.

Making a difference, the engineering of therapy pools and spas promotes a life-style of fitness, physical activity, and fun--especially for those in need of staying young “as you feel”.

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