

urban/community integration

Scotia Village

Laurinburg, NC

Aging Services Continuum

Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC)

Owner/Sponsor

The Presbyterian Homes

Project Type

Renovation of an Existing Building

Total Number of Units per Unit Type

126 IL apt., 28 AL, 58 SN

Total Area 6,835 square feet (phase 1)

Total Cost \$215,000 (construction)

Cost/Square Foot \$31 (phase 1)

Completion Date February 2011 (phase 1)

Design Firm

GMK Interiors, Columbia, SC

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To ensure long-term viability in the retirement marketplace, CCRCs must be ever more creative in repositioning older spaces within their communities to provide a range of amenities for today's choice-driven consumer. Designing to reposition an asset, Scotia Village leadership and GMK's design team created an enhanced servery, and then renovated the community's dining room and game room as part of the first phase of a full campus renovation. The servery now allows residents to move with comfort and ease because of the new

streamlined layout of the space. A new bar and multipurpose space, with soft seating for gatherings and a place to play cards, offers much greater flexibility and functionality than the old space. From a design standpoint, the bar was made the focal point of the room, but was tucked away on the side so as not to disturb other activities that might take place in the space. Since Scotia Village's resident population is mostly women, GMK designers chose a softer, more serene color palette than is typical in most bars/game rooms.

