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Acella Construction celebrates opening of Briarcliffe Gardens, a new Alzheimer's assisted living residence

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A reception and ribbon cutting ceremony was held to celebrate the completion of Briarcliffe Gardens Assisted Living.

The new 19,550 s/f \$4.6 million 43-bed facility will serve early stage Alzheimer and Dementia residents. It includes a therapeutic period diner, a media room themed to simulate a movie theater and a day spa, in addition to many other specially designed features which enhance the quality of life of the residents. This project is the first of several in the development of the Briarcliffe campus. Acella Construction also performed pre-construction services for this project, which broke ground in November 2008.

Briarcliffe's current facility is a privately owned, 122-bed nursing and rehabilitation center set on 28 acres of wooded land. This new addition, which is located directly beside the current facility, will allow Briarcliffe to greatly expand the services it currently offers and create a model, unique, safe and caring environment for those afflicted by Alzheimer's.

This project was run on an aggressive schedule, which was compounded by difficult winter conditions. "We'd like to thank the entire team that worked diligently throughout the project to turn Akshay Talwar's vision into reality," said David Dirubbo, president of Acella Construction "The team we assembled for this project truly went above and beyond our expectations, given the difficult circumstances presented by some unusually challenging weather conditions that affected us early on in the project."

According to Talwar, CEO/administrator of Briarcliffe Manor, "This building is the result of three and a half years of detailed research and will become a model facility for the rest of the country. It was designed to provide for a high quality of live at an affordable cost and the entire team including the folks at Acella Construction can be very proud of the excellent work they have done. I thank each and every one of them for their wonderful co-operation and involvement, especially Dave Dirubbo, president of Acella Construction for his active involvement in the project."

This project represents another step in Acella's continued growth in the Healthcare Services market. The project was designed by Vision 3 Architects in Providence.

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