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Florence Electric and Kaydon complete electrical work and integrated systems at Leonard Florence Center for Living

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Two divisions of the Kaydon Group of Companies, Florence Electric and Kaydon Integrated Technologies have completed all the electrical work and integrated systems technology infrastructure for the Leonard Florence Center for Living.

The Center for Living is one of the first skilled nursing facilities built in the state in nearly 13 years and one of the first urban Green Houses built in the country for the elderly and those requiring short-term rehabilitation. A radical departure from traditional skilled nursing homes and assisted living facilities, The green house model alters facility size, interior design, staffing patterns, and methods of delivering skilled professional services.

The center is one of the first of its kind equipped with fully automated living facilities for ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) and MS (Multiple Sclerosis) patients. The technology at this center is truly innovative...where ALS or MS patients can independently accomplish amazing things such as turning on the lights with just a blink of an eye or using computer-assistance to open doors, adjust window shades or control the TV.

The Leonard Florence Center for Living was named for the late Chelsea-born philanthropist, Leonard Florence, a man of inspiration who dedicated his life to one guiding principle... "Give Well and Prosper." Florence has been recognized by countless organizations for his worldly initiatives, donations and support to people in need, regardless of race, religion, age or ability.

It took inspiration and imagination to create this vision, along with an extensive team of contractors to execute Florence's plan. Among those were Florence Electric and Kaydon Integrated Technologies of Taunton. Eli Florence, CEO of the companies and nephew of Florence, put his crews into action to design and install the elements to realize Florence's vision. Florence Electric and Kaydon Integrated provided the infrastructure for power, lighting, fire, security systems, emergency back-up generator, teledata and audio visual requirements.

Eli spoke of the project and his uncle. "All his life, Lenny worked to improve the lives of people he encountered. I am so proud that my team could play an integral part in working to make Lenny's dream of the Living Center a reality. His unconventional way of thinking brought us this cutting-edge facility that ensures compassionate care and improved quality of life for residents," he said.

Recently opened in February 2010, the Leonard Florence Center for Living is a six-story, 100-bed skilled nursing home. The facility consists of ten condo-style green houses, with each home containing ten private bedrooms complete with bath and shower, arranged around a dining area, open kitchen and common living room where residents can develop a sense of community. Two houses are dedicated for individuals living with ALS and MS. Each house has its own dedicated staff of caregivers to provide daily assistance. A separate clinical team of nurses, social workers, therapists, medical directors, nutritionists, and pharmacists visit the houses regularly to provide as

needed services for residents.

Along with the Kaydon Group, other key partners on the project included Erland Construction and architect, DiMella Shaffer Associates.

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