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Mount Pleasant Home

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The project consists of a complete revitalization and transformation of a historic building with a new modern wing for this Boston non-profit organization housing 60 publicly-funded elders. The Georgian-style building is a DPH Licensed Level IV, residential care home, founded in 1901. The 2.3 acre partially wooded site is connected to the neighboring Olmsted Emerald Necklace park, one of Boston's historic open spaces located in a dense neighborhood. A truly integrated design and development team collaborated with the non-profit owner, city officials and a diverse local neighborhood for a project that is a success for all involved.

A protected entry courtyard to the south allows residents a comfortable place to venture outdoors. The new wing with bedrooms is joined to the existing building by this atrium, creating a shared four-season living and dining space. The lower level of the addition serves as a health clinic and service provider by a top-rated regional hospital for the surrounding community and residents, and is set within the landscaped grounds facing the Emerald Necklace. While on a limited budget, the home was able to achieve a LEED v2.2 Gold Certification and significantly reduced energy and maintenance costs, all while improving resident comfort.

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