



CONSTRUCTION NEWS

The first phase of Independent Living Apartment modernization is now complete!

It's been an exciting time! In early April, residents from the 1st floor of Bldg. 11 moved back to their renovated Independent Living Apartments (ILAs) – with modernized kitchens and baths, more functional living space and an overall more spacious feel.

We visited two couples who recently moved back into their “new” apartments.

Gordon and Helen Anderson



While their apartment was being modernized, Gordon (age 90) and Helen (age 88) lived in another Redwoods apartment for ten weeks. Relocating and then moving back into a newly configured space was challenging, but

they maintained a positive attitude. *“It took a lot of mental activity to decide where things should go,”* they said.

“We can't believe it's the same place!” says Helen. *“The entire apartment has a different look now. We repurposed and rearranged things - we're nesting all over again. It's been a lot of fun.”* The Anderson's particularly like their new, more efficient kitchen.

Both express appreciation for The Redwoods taking good care of them during the transition. Their advice to others: *“be open to change - it's stimulating. And stay calm!”*

Bill and Bonnie Chandler



Just weeks after their move, the Chandlers look right at home! It was a family effort - their daughter Gwen helped them organize their new space and rearrange furniture.

“We're comfortable here,” report Bill (age 95) and Bonnie (age 87). *“We have more walking room and like the bigger kitchen - there's lots of storage space and we opted for the dishwasher, which we like.”* They admire what management has done to make all of this possible.



EXCITING NEWS! Wellness Center Receives Major Funding



The Redwoods has received a major donation to fund – and name – the wellness center, which is a focal point of Revitalization. Now called “The Center for Dynamic Aging,” the Center's full name will be revealed this fall, when we announce the individual after whom it is named.

This recent contribution will fund a portion of the Center's costs. Donations and key naming opportunities for components within the Center remain, such as exercise rooms, equipment and the therapeutic pool.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Be an ambassador, identify new potential donors, identify community speaking opportunities – and make a donation!

TOOLS YOU CAN USE

Want an easy way to share The Redwoods story with your friends? Ask us for a flash drive with our latest video. You can also visit our website at www.theredwoods.org for [Fact Sheets](#), [Frequently Asked Questions](#), and [videos](#).

Contact Cheryl Clarke at cclarke@theredwoods.org or call 415.383-2741, x 267.



ILA 2nd floor residents with their Bose noise reduction headphones. L to R: Sheila Ali, Maggie Fields, John Boettiger, Mary Kent.

Accommodating residents during construction.

This is a big change for our many of our residents and accommodating them during construction is a top priority.

Residents whose units are being renovated are relocated to another unit for 8-10 weeks and have the help of a dedicated staff coordinator. These residents, as well as those who live on 2nd floor ILAs (to be renovated in a later phase) have the use of special lounges and “quiet rooms,” and are also offered extra activities and excursions.

Other construction updates:

- Kitchen construction is underway and will be completed in late December. The temporary kitchen is now in full use.
- Bldg. 8 ILA modernization is in process and is targeted to be finished around June 12; Bldg. 10 will start in mid-June.
- Consignment Shop renovation has started; the shop re-opens in early fall.



Carlos Rodriguez at work in the temporary kitchen.

MORE ON THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Naming Opportunities for the overall Revitalization project abound – ranging from donor bricks to benches, the fitness studio, Zen garden, the café and more. It’s a great opportunity to get lasting visibility as a donor or to honor a loved one. [Learn more.](#)

[Click here or visit our website at \[www.theredwoods.org\]\(http://www.theredwoods.org\)](#) for a list of those who have already donated. Many thanks to everyone for their generosity!

DONOR PROFILE

Redwoods residents Joseph Levine and Carrie Schoenbach

Forty percent of The Redwoods residents have made donations to the Capital Campaign - an impressive amount, given that the majority of residents live on low-to-moderate incomes.

Joseph (age 83) and Carrie (age 86) are among those residents who have donated. *“This place has heart,”* says Joseph. *“It’s an oasis of decency; people care about us.”* Carrie indicates that they are happy with the campus as it is now, but know it is old and must be revitalized for future generations.

When the Revitalization Campaign was launched, they didn’t think twice. *“There was never any question about donating,”* they said. *“We made our pledge out of gratitude – we have found so much happiness here and want to make sure that the same is possible for future generations.”*



Questions? Want to receive this newsletter via email?
Contact Barbara Solomon, CEO at bsolomon@theredwoods.org