

MONTESSORI INSPIRED

Our unique and award-winning approach to living well with dementia. Inspired by Montessori Methods, SPARK™ focuses on engagement, social lifestyle and inclusion within the community at large.





SPARK™ places ultimate focus on supporting our residents' ideas, choices, and independence.

We empower residents to create a community that speaks to them. Our staff foster the natural spark within each individual by encouraging new ideas and helping to make these ideas a reality.

The SPARK[™] Difference

- Science and research based
- Based on rehabilitation techniques
- Aims at increasing engagement and skills
- We use two proprietary assessment tools that go beyond traditional methods









SOCIAL ROLES

Everyone has a desire to be useful, so we ensure that each resident has a role in the community. Working the front desk or serving neighbors are examples of meaningful tasks that empower and connect residents.



PROCEDURAL MEMORY

Skills can be learned or improved through "procedural learning." This repetition then allows routine activities to be performed with less need for concerted concentration.



SKILLS-FOCUSED

Our Montessori Assessment Tool, created by the Center for Applied Research in Dementia, uncovers remaining skills often missed by traditional assessments. We can then strengthen and build on those identified skills.



PROGRESSION & GOAL-SETTING

By working on projects or learning topics over a longer period of time, always progressing toward a goal, residents become fully engaged and feel more successful.





SOCIAL ROLES

We take great care to ensure each individual resident has a role to fulfill within the community. Residents desire to have social roles within their community, as well as within the greater global community.

In our communities, activities are extended over many weeks and months and allow residents to become fully

immersed, based on rehabilitative principles and life skills. Chores, volunteer work, and lifelong learning serve as powerful motivators for our residents to remain connected to their communities and are just some examples of what sets our communities apart.









FOCUSING ON AND IMPROVING REMAINING SKILLS

Through repetition and use of procedural memory, skills can be learned or improved. Dementia affects existing memories, but doesn't prevent residents from forming new ones.

A special Montessori Assessment

Tool, created by the Center for Applied Research in Dementia, gives our staff a crucial glimpse into remaining skills often missed by traditional healthcare assessments.

Once we have lived, the spark of vision does the rest.

- Maria Montessori



PROGRESSION AND SETTING GOALS

By working on projects or learning about topics over a longer period of time, residents are more engaged and successful. It's easy to identify the limits of Alzheimer's and dementia, but we prefer to focus on what our residents can still do and the skills they bring to the community.



