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ASKEW NIXON FERGUSON ARCHITECTS ANNOUNCES COMPLETION OF RENOVATIONS TO ALZHEIMER'S DAY SERVICES

Memphis, TN -Askew Nixon Ferguson Architects is pleased to announce the opening of the newly renovated Alzheimer's Day Services Center on Tuesday, September 28. The total renovation of 11,000 square feet transforms what was the remaining portion of Holy Apostle Church into a vibrant day care center for adults living with Alzheimer's Disease.

The team from Askew Nixon Ferguson includes Partner In Charge, Rebecca Conrad, Project Manager and Designer, Melissa Pritchard and Interior Designer, Chloe Harris. The team worked to ensure that the new space would be lively and functional. A facility for persons living with dementia necessitates the use of special measures to ensure that occupants' varying levels of capabilities are addressed. The design team studied Alzheimer's Disease in depth in order to design a space that effectively serves the needs of its occupants. A vibrant yet careful interior color palette is used to create visual cues for occupants which will serve as reassuring directional aids. Other design components include built in cabinets to house memorabilia, interior and exterior wandering paths, and two secure outdoor courtyards. The designers maximized the usage of natural daylight while providing plenty of views to the exterior to help orient the patients to time.

Regularly engaging in familiar activities is particularly important to adults suffering from Alzheimer's. To facilitate these activities, the new center has multi-functional areas including an interactive kitchen and areas for art and craft projects. The space includes a secure wandering courtyard outside that allows occupants to experience some independence in a natural environment without compromising their safety. The second courtyard serves as a garden in which the participants can plant, sweep, and help care for the vegetation.