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# St. Joseph's Care Group's Lillie Street Community



## Building Comfort, Care, Connection and Community into Senior Living.

### A Ground-Breaking Approach

St. Joseph's Care Group's (SJCG) Sister Leila Greco Supported Living Apartments and Hogarth Riverview Manor Long-Term Care Home share a connection. Located on Lillie Street in Thunder Bay, Ontario, it is a physical connection that joins the 132-room supported living apartments with the 544-bed long-term care home by way of a community and retail space called The Link. It is also a connection that brings dignity to aging, where you never have to change your address if you are transitioning from independent living with supports to long-term care. To create a unique and supportive environment, SJCG partnered with Form Architecture and the Global Furniture Group. The objective was to balance comfort, aesthetics, and a sense of community with health and safety, as well as nurse-resident integration.

### Community is Built

Lillie Street is a quiet cul-de-sac within a residential neighbourhood, creating a hospitable and social environment for tenants and residents, and serve as a hub for the community. The Link is home to a pharmacy, hair salon, gift shop, and café. Residents of Sister Leila Greco and Hogarth Riverview Manor can meet in The Link without having to go outdoors, something that is welcome during inclement weather. Multipurpose spaces make it easy for visitors to spend time and celebrate, and even cook with their loved ones. Within long-term care, nursing stations are integrated into dining and living spaces, bridging the gap between Nurse and Resident. Matthew Mills, Design Principal at Form Architecture explains, "St. Joseph's Care Group was passionate about this: they wanted to create an environment where residents and staff are part of one single community, where care is integrated into everyday life for residents."



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### Comfort is Supported

Matt explains, "it was important to ensure resident comfort and independence as much as possible. Wherever possible, wood finishes and natural feeling materials were used, adding a more comfortable and inviting dimension to the space. Incorporating furniture details like chairs with ergonomic arm rests and foot rails, and firmer, more supportive foams increase independent mobility and self-sufficiency for residents." Matt continues, "From ensuring the right furniture heights and weights were specified to supporting Senior needs, to selecting fabric and finishes that align with cleaning and infection control, Global was key in helping us navigate the furniture specification process."

### Healthier Living is Realized

This extension was designed to be a space where every day brings an opportunity to get outside, where every meal is an opportunity to connect, and where every resident is given an opportunity to be independent, without sacrificing quality of care. Working closely with Global, the team was able to honor the project budget while maintaining the integrity of their vision of comfort. Mark Mariano, Territory Manager at Global Furniture Group, sums up, "I'm just proud that we were able to be involved in an opportunity like this. We are not just housing Seniors, we are helping create an environment in which they can create new homes."

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#### In Brief:

##### ARCHITECT

- Form Architecture

##### PROJECT SIZE

- 544 long term care rooms
- 132 supported housing apartments
- multiple common areas and living spaces

##### PRODUCTS USED

- Seating, desking, tables and storage solutions for patient, waiting, dining & office areas
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