



Matt Schenkel, president of Shawnee Construction, Dan Carr, executive director of The Towne House, and John Schenkel, vice president of Shawnee Construction

SPECIALTY CONSTRUCTION

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No two construction projects are ever the same. Some require a lot of extra care and attention to every single detail.

“That was definitely the case with The Towne House Retirement Community job we completed last fall,” says Matt Schenkel, president of Shawnee Construction. “When we were building their new memory care center, there were lots of little things that required special attention because of the type of facility it is.”

Some of those specialty items included putting locks on doors and windows so the residents living in the memory care center would be kept safe inside. Another special request was to make the memory care center a home.

“The folks at The Towne House tried very hard to make it look warm and cozy and not at all like an institution,” says John A. Schenkel Jr., vice president of Shawnee Construction. “They told us what they needed and we worked with them to achieve that goal.”

Dan Carr, executive director of The Towne House, says it was Shawnee’s pricing structure and quality references that led him and his staff to select Shawnee for the project.

“They were easy to work with and responsive to our requests,” says Carr. “We had official meetings on a regular basis. In addition, my staff and I were on the building site daily. They seemed to deal effectively with us being there every day. Shawnee was receptive to changes and minimized change order costs.”

Matt and John say they have built and remodeled numerous retirement communities and specialized care facilities recently and safety is always a priority.

“We have to make sure the residents are safe at all times,” says Matt. “We need to make sure everything is clear and clean around walkway areas with no tripping hazards. And we will work around the people who live there and will work odd

hours, if necessary, to allow them to carry out their normal routines.”

With The Towne House celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, Shawnee Construction takes pride in knowing it was selected to work at a facility many people admire and respect for its longevity and solid reputation.

“When you walk into The Towne Square Memory Center, you quickly recognize it is a top-notch facility,” says John. “And you don’t feel like you’re in a sterile nursing home or hospital-type of environment. It’s home.”

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“Shawnee Construction has been a good partner with us in building our new memory care center. They worked with us initially in getting pricing to a point we were comfortable with. In general, their staff was responsive to our requests. This project was unique for them because as owners, we were in the new building on a daily basis, which I am sure was a challenge. The quality of the workmanship was good, and if there was an issue, they worked hard to resolve it. We hope to partner with them again in the future.” - Dan Carr, Executive Director

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