

SPOTLIGHT ON Covenant Village of Turlock, CA

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(Editor's note: Covenant Village of Turlock is a non-profit, continuing care retirement community in Turlock, CA. Bill DeHart, director of marketing, was interviewed for this article.)

Recently my wife and I drove to Turlock to discover why Bay Area retirees are moving to Covenant Village of Turlock, a continuing care retirement community (CCRC). The 100 mile drive took approximately 90 minutes from Los Gatos.

As a CCRC with 328 apartments, Covenant Village provides three levels of care for its residents, although it's primarily a residential retirement community.

Most new residents move into one of over 200 residential (independent living) apartment homes.

All residents are assured that, as their needs change, assisted living care and/or skilled nursing/long term care is available without leaving the 23 acre campus.

What is the attraction of Turlock? Residents love the quiet commu-

CITY OF TURLOCK

Turlock is a California State University town of approximately 70,000 people. It has a small town feeling; agricultural but large enough to have most of the municipal services and conveniences needed. Turlock is centrally located – just two hours to Yosemite, San Francisco and Monterey/Carmel and three hours to Lake Tahoe. It is an easy drive to Sacramento International Airport for worldwide flights.

nity and stress free living. Being centrally located and close to the Bay Area are advantages. However, being less expensive may be the biggest draw.

Entrance fees range from \$91,000 to \$333,000. "Residents who move in at a relatively young age tell us that they feel they have gotten more value from their entrance fees," said Bill DeHart. "After moving here, a common comment is we wish we had moved in five years earlier."

Average age of the residents moving to Covenant Village was

78.6 in 2009.

Like other CCRCs, Covenant Village provides a full range of activities and programs for residents including health/wellness, social and spiritual.

"We help link residents to the resources and opportunities on our campus and in our community that will fulfill their needs, interests and goals," said DeHart. "LifeConnect, our focus on optimizing personal wellness, is a trademarked program that keeps our campus vibrant and dynamic."

Located across the street from Covenant Village is Emanuel Medical Center, a full service hospital. As part of the hospital, a newly built Cancer Treatment Center is now open. The Cancer Treatment Center was developed and is operated in cooperation with Stanford University Hospital. Most of the city's doctor's offices are located near the hospital.

Why I Moved to Covenant Village

"Being affordable was very important to us. We found Covenant Village of Turlock to be very affordable."

– G.W, Redwood City, CA

"The wife of a friend in the Bay Area was admitted to a nursing home. He drove several miles each day to visit her. At Covenant Village, health care facilities are just a short walk from our independent living unit."

– R & B, San Mateo, CA

"I feel like I'm on a non-ending vacation."

– B.W, Redwood City, CA

For more information about Covenant Village of Turlock, call Bill Dehart at 209.216.5693. www.covenantretirement.com. Covenant Village of Turlock is one of 15 retirement communities owned and operated nationally by Covenant Retirement Communities, a 123 year old not for profit organization.