

**Quality of Long Term Care Facility Improvement Trust Fund
Nursing Home Quality Projects Funded Fiscal Year 2006-2007**

Ayers Health and Rehabilitation

Project Names – “Family Room” and “Wheels to the World”

The facility will be renovating an area for dementia residents to provide a family room environment complete with a living area, dining room, kitchen, and entertainment area. The facility will also be purchasing a transport vehicle which will enable them to provide community excursions to the University of Florida museums, theatrical halls and lecture facilities in Gainesville, to outdoors areas such as local rivers and state parks in the area, to the Gulf of Mexico, historical sites such as the trails of Desoto, turn of the century railroad depots and mansions of long ago cotton plantations. They also plan to use it to allow the residents to visit local restaurants, and for family outings and school events.

Capital Health Care Center

Project Name - "Active Pantries"

The project is a first step to culture change for this facility allowing the residents to have what they want and when they want it from the kitchen. They will build areas where residents can go to get a snack from the refrigerator, bread machines will be utilized and crock pots with soup and other food items. There will also be assorted snacks on shelves for residents to help themselves. Staff will be trained to wait on the residents any time they need or want something from these areas. The pantries will be open to residents 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Habana Health Care Center

Project Name – “Stand-In Table”

The facility will purchase a hi-lo stand in table with an electric patient lift. It is hoped that by trying this, rehab times will be shorter, falls and injuries will be reduced.

Health Central Park

Project Name - "Dining at Home"

This is an expansion of a program the Teaching Nursing Home has been working on with this facility. The program will provide a positive outcome for the residents by providing them with the feeling they are at home and have control over what they eat. The goal is to improve the diet and dining experience for these residents. The agreement will provide upgraded equipment for the dementia unit such as a steam table, snack/hydration cart, wheel chair accessible tables, and adaptive utensils/ plates/cups.

Jacaranda Manor

Project Name - "The Peaceful Place"

The facility specializes in residents with one or more psychiatric diagnoses in addition to their physiological diagnoses. Approximately 95% of Jacaranda residents have at least one diagnosis of psychosis, depression, dementia or schizophrenia. Because of this, the facility feels an area would be beneficial where residents can go that would be calming and stress relieving, decrease agitation, altercations and in the long-term, they hope, decreases the use of benzodiazepines and barbiturates.

Sunnyside Nursing Home

Project Name - "TV Ears"

Facility will install infrared hearing devices on televisions of the hearing impaired and in the media room so the hearing impaired residents can enjoy programs while affording others comfort level volume from the television.

The Good Samaritan Center

Project Name - "Culture Change Initiative"

Contracting with the Institute for Caregiver Education, the facility will begin to change the culture of the nursing home and the way services are provided to the residents; all in an effort to become more resident centered. The contract will provide the facility with 24 months of training, education and assistance with the entire transformation.

The Nursing Center at University Village

Project Name - "See What I've Been Missing"

This facility will take an underutilized room and turn it into a complete media room for residents. The facility will also allow family members to reserve the room for private gatherings to view movies or photo CDs. The Activities department would also like to use the room for activities such as Big Screen Bingo, World Travels and Video Trivia. Popcorn, hotdogs, cotton candy and other snacks and drinks will always be available. AHCA is funding the home theatre system, a movie library, personal sound amplifiers for the hearing impaired, theatre chairs, a digital camera and camcorder, along with popcorn and candy machine, hot dog grill and drink dispenser.