



Autumn Leaves — Excellence in Assisted Living and Care-giving for the Neurologically Impaired

*Helping people with the things that matter most
... their memories*

By Anna Henry

If you have a loved one that suffers from neurological impairment or dysfunction, you know how important it is to find quality care provided in a comfortable, state-of-the-art facility by a truly compassionate, highly-skilled staff. Now, more than ever, we seek expert caregivers whom we can trust, and there are none better than those at family-owned and operated Autumn Leaves, an assisted living facility that specializes in the care of individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and other related forms of dementia.

Autumn Leaves – A Family Approach to Care-giving for the Neurologically Impaired

Autumn Leaves was born from the Warren-Anderson family’s experience when a loved one suffered a heart attack and ended up in a coma.

“Only days after my brother, Danny Holland, turned 50, he suffered a heart attack, then slipped into a coma,” explains Jane Warren, a registered nurse who, with her husband Win Warren, owns Autumn Leaves. “We put him in a nursing home but kept changing facilities because of the poor quality of care. Our family was torn and agonized over how and where to find a place where he could have a decent quality of life.”

Although her brother passed on, Jane and Win decided to “make something good out of something bad.” They knew first-hand, from a family perspective, that many care facilities do not provide a decent quality of life for those who are neurologically impaired. With Jane’s background in the medical field and Win’s keen business acumen, the couple developed the Autumn Leaves concept — a family approach to quality caregiving where ownership plays an important role in daily operations.

“Our family is directly involved in every aspect of the business and completely accessible to resident’s families 24/7,” says Jane.

“We created Autumn Leaves to specifically accommodate residents with memory impairment. The home design allows individuals to live in a residential environment



that provides security and a more nurturing lifestyle,” Jane explains. “An uplifting, supportive environment allows residents to continue their lives as independently as possible with just the right amount of assistance.”

Autumn Leaves understands the importance of residents maintaining their own unique identity, preserving their dignity, and staying active. Residents enjoy space and freedom to pursue their hobbies and remain active in a safe, comfortable residential atmosphere. With a full-time enrichment coordinator on the management team, activities are scheduled in advance for the month, including a variety of daily activities and planned events on special occasions. The unique interests of each resident are taken into consideration and every effort is taken to stimulate your loved one to participation.

“We encourage family and friends to show their support by participating in various planned social events,” says Jane. “In addition, a separate dining area is available for family gatherings, to celebrate birthdays, or even host an elegant dinner party.”

Quality Care in an Attractive, Comfortable New Facility

Autumn Leaves residents come from all walks of life — professional athletes, businessmen and women, doctors, lawyers and home makers. Residents and currently range in age from the 50s to the 90s, but there are no age limitations.

The newest Autumn Leaves location in McKinney opened in September 2005. It offers a secure, peaceful environment for 40 individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia and neurological impairment caused by stroke, accidents, etc.

“We help people with the things that matter most . . . their memories,” says Brian Austry, Director of Marketing, McKinney Autumn Leaves.


Resident rooms are divided into four “neighborhoods.” Each neighborhood offers both private and semiprivate rooms. A variety of room sizes are available. Each spacious room is carpeted and contains a private bathroom and pull cords in the bedroom and bathroom. Residents are welcome to bring their own furniture if they like or Autumn Leaves can provide furniture for them.

The Autumn Leaves, the home also includes a library, game room, entertainment room, green house, hobby and craft room, public and private dining rooms, several secure outside patios and courtyards with walking areas, and a gazebo.

Jane explains that each home is designed with security in mind, so it is open and residents are free to wander around the entire home. “We never want our residents to feel trapped or locked up,” Jane comments.

Get the quality of care your loved one deserves and that you expect.

Call the new Autumn Leaves home in McKinney today at 972-542-0606 to make arrangement to visit. The home is home located at 175 Plateau Drive or visit for more information. Other Autumn Leaves homes are located in Arlington, Carrollton and Grapevine.

Autumn Leaves charges a fair, flat, monthly rate. There are no additional or “hidden” charges for furniture in the room or for additional levels of care, and they do not utilize a care point system. There are no room deposit, move-in, or community fees. 

State license numbers for Autumn Leaves of: Grapevine (#100857), Carrollton (#100924), Arlington (#010360), McKinney (#102401).

Autumn Leaves Provides, Dignity and Respect with the Quality of Care You Would Want Your Loved One to Receive

- 24-hour staff & 24-hour availability of professional nurses
- Administration of all medications with outcome monitoring
- Dietary management plus a monthly assessment by a licensed dietician
- Monitoring of health: Vital signs Therapy needs Lab tests Bowel & Bladder program
- Assistance with daily living activities Bathing Toileting Dressing Hygiene Eating Laundry (personal & linens) Mobility/Exercise program Daily Housekeeping

Autumn Leaves incorporates a holistic approach, along with traditional medical care. The power of a healing touch, music and dance are offered to enrich the life of your loved one.

The Autumn Leaves staff includes a full-time RN, LVNs, and caregivers who have completed 40 hours of dementia-specific training. These individuals perform a variety of daily services such as:

- Dispensing and monitoring medications
- Communicating with the pharmacy on reordering medications
- Monitoring vital signs
- Communicating with the family physician and his/her staff
- Determining the daily care plan for your loved one and communicating that care plan with family members
- Assisting with bathing, dressing, personal hygiene, mobility, meals, and all other activities of daily living

