

Gardens Memory Care at [Rowntree Gardens](#) Earns Prestigious Accreditation Certification from the Center for Applied Research in Dementia

(Stanton / Orange County, California; August 21, 2019) - Rowntree Gardens is proud to announce their certification as the first California Memory Care Community to become credentialed in the Montessori Lifestyles Approach®. This accreditation signifies that the administrators and staff of Rowntree Gardens have adopted the Montessori Inspired Lifestyle® as their signature method for delivering an exceptionally high quality of life for their community members. All departments have been involved in creating this resident-guided community where persons with dementia are given as much control over their own lives as possible. They have created an environment where community members, family, and staff all share the same key values and work toward the same goals – to treat every person with respect, dignity, and equality.

“Staff commitment, compassion and sincere caring are hallmarks of Rowntree Gardens,” stated CEO and Board Chair Randy Brown. “I don’t know whose lives have been more impacted by the 12 Principles of Montessori, our staff or the community members they serve.” Brown continued. “I am incredibly proud of our Gardens Memory Care team, and I can’t wait to see how many more lives they will bless.”

Dr. Cameron Camp, Director of Research and Development at the Center for Applied Research in Dementia, offers senior living professionals and communities accreditation certifications in the Montessori Inspired Lifestyle Approach. Dr. Camp has taken this teaching method, which is traditionally used with young children and retooled it to help people with Alzheimer’s disease regain some of the skills that have fallen prey to their illness. In September of 2018, Dr. Camp began working with Rowntree Gardens to provide training and a rigorous program analysis, which ultimately resulted in Rowntree Gardens earning the first certification in California for the Montessori Inspired Lifestyle Approach. This prominent designation sets Rowntree Gardens apart as an innovative leader in the Memory Care Industry.

ABOUT ROWNTREE GARDENS

Rowntree Gardens, (www.rowntreegardens.org) provides a full range of integrated, onsite services to meet the changing needs of community members as they age. As a CCRC, the organization's living options include: [independent living \(Acacia Independent Living\)](#), [assisted living \(The Cedars Assisted Living\)](#), long- and short-term [skilled nursing care \(Elmwood Care Center\)](#), [rehab services \(New Leaf Rehab Agency\)](#) and [memory care \(Gardens Memory Care\)](#). Rowntree Gardens also offers [in-home care](#) through its [Faithful Friends](#) Home Care agency. The eight-acre campus features walking paths through landscaped gardens and open spaces, gazebos, outdoor kitchen and dining, courtyards, a putting green, shuffleboard courts, a fountain, and the spiritual comfort of an intimate and nondenominational Chapel.

ABOUT THE CENTER FOR APPLIED RESEARCH IN DEMENTIA

The Center for Applied Research in Dementia (www.cen4ard.com) seeks to improve the quality of life of persons with dementia and related disorders and the lives of their caregivers by enabling persons with dementia to engage in meaningful, productive activity and to fulfill purposeful social roles within their families and communities. The Center strives to change attitudes and beliefs by enabling persons with dementia to be treated with respect and dignity, and to continue living happy, productive and fulfilling lives as long as possible. The Center develops, innovates, and applies its Montessori Dementia methodology with a specialized team of diverse scientific professionals. This Montessori-Based Dementia Programming creates effective memory interventions that are customized to the needs of the individual allowing them to successfully engage as well as learn new information required to meet clinical goals. The Montessori Inspired Lifestyle Credentialing for senior living professionals and communities combines scientific evidence and empathy to create the kind of environment where residents know their neighbors, care for each other, collaborate with caregivers in sustaining their environment, and connect to families and outside communities. (www.cen4ard.com/residence-credentialing/) The ultimate focus is to provide respect and dignity to all persons and to foster development of a true community for residents with dementia, their families and the staff members who provide care for them.

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