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# Alzheimer's Special Care Center is trained in all forms of dementia

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The sign in front of the new memory care facility near 84th and Old Cheney Road says High Plains Alzheimer's Special Care Center, but you'll find the staff at the facility professionally trained in all forms of dementia, not just Alzheimer's.

Need care for your loved one with memory care needs? Professionally trained nurses at High Plains Alzheimer's Special Care Center are assigned to every shift, around the clock, to ensure residents receive the best care possible, said Administrator Deb Maguire, a Licensed Practical Nurse and certified dementia practitioner with 15 years' experience in assisted-living care. The nursing staff works in tandem with specialists and health care providers in the community.

## Unparalleled care

High Plains Alzheimer's Special Care Center provides beautiful courtyards, a library, an in-house beauty shop, a van for group outings, three meals and three snacks for the residents each day, and even several commons areas to relax with friends over coffee. But beyond those amenities you'll find a committed staff with a low residents-to-staff ratio, dedicated to making residents' lives as fulfilling and enjoyable as possible.

All staff members are trained in dementia care and in the "Meaningful Moments" Program, which examines each resident's past routines in order to provide comfort and a connection with what had provided pleasure in the past. Staff members focus on residents' individual life stories and weave that information into the fabric of each resident's day. The result creates a base of familiarity for residents with dementia that helps them feel more secure in their surroundings.

In addition to memory care, Lincoln's new care provider offers respite care and daycare.

## Floor plans

High Plains Alzheimer's Special Care Center, 5601 S. 84th St., opened Aug. 20 and is licensed to care for up to 66 residents, all on the same level. High Plains has three floor plans available: private bedroom and bathroom; semi-private with shared bathroom; and a shared bedroom/bathroom arrangement. Each suite contains a motion sensor, eliminating the need for alarms, which disrupt the calming environment that is so essential in a memory care facility. High Plains is Lincoln's only facility to equip each suite with a motion sensor, said Maguire.

Family involvement is encouraged in each loved one's activities at High Plains, said Maguire, and support groups are in the process of being formed.

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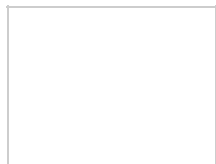
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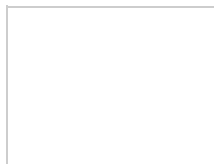
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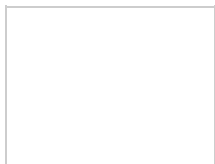
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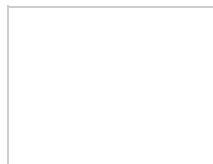
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