

Kendal at Hanover Recognized by *Long-Term Living*

Among 50 submissions in the category of Dining Room Renovations, the Kendal at Hanover Cadbury Community Center renovation project has been selected as a finalist in the 3rd Annual *Long-Term Living* Remodel-Renovation Competition.

Designed by Lavallee Brensinger Architects, this expansion and renovation project re-energizes and updates gathering and activity areas of Kendal's continuing care retirement community. Residents now enjoy the choice of casual, formal or private dining areas, coffee bars, a 10,000 volume library and art room, supporting social interactions and building on the facility's strong sense of community.

The Kendal at Hanover Dining Services venues were almost 20 years old. They were outdated and did not serve the needs of staff and residents. Almost three years in planning, the design was intended to accomplish several major goals: Dining Services will be a gathering place and not just a location for nourishment. The venues should serve as the hub of the community through a dynamic operation that always feels open and inviting. Dining venues should provide a style and finish that is understated and not ostentatious. Dining Services should provide a wide range of food offerings and services that will appeal to both current and future residents.

It has been one year since the Cadbury Community Center project was completed and it has dramatically improved the functionality and service to Kendal residents. The Trattoria-style kitchen offers residents greater interaction with staff while they prepare fresh meals. The Café offers a front porch feel with a variety of fresh foods to be enjoyed in our bright and airy seating area, complete with a trellis roof. The Coffee Bar offers spaces to congregate while serving fresh pastries and beverages. The renovation was a major challenge, as Kendal at Hanover continued to serve its more than 400 residents throughout the project, which was made possible by strong collaboration between staff, residents, and the project team.

The *Long-Term Living* Remodel-Renovation Competition submissions were reviewed by a group of judges that are nationally recognized in the field of Gerontology. The winner will be selected through an on-line voting process. All finalist projects will be featured in the September issue of *Long-Term Living*.

