

BRUYERE GARDENS II

Affordable elderly housing on a continuum of care campus

Bruyere Gardens II in Lowell, Massachusetts, is a service-enriched residential community with 41 affordable elderly apartments that are available to seniors with incomes under fifty percent of the area median, and one resident live-in unit. The development includes units for seniors with disabilities, and for elderly residents who may otherwise be homeless.

The apartments are part of a larger campus managed by D'Youville Senior Care. The Sisters of Charity of Ottawa, sponsors of D'Youville Senior Care, co-sponsored and own the development. The new apartment building was constructed adjacent to and is connected with Bruyere Gardens I, the campus' first independent living community for low-income seniors.

The development features a high performance, energy-efficient design, with generous community space to accommodate extensive resident programs. As part of the D'Youville Campus, residents also have access to additional programs and services including transportation assistance, managed health care, and recreational amenities and activities, such as the D'Youville Summer Concert Series and the D'Youville BEE Fit Club exercise program. Bruyere Gardens, which opened in 2009, is named after the community's foundress Elisabeth Bruyère.



Developer/Sponsor:

Planning Office for Urban Affairs

Owner/Co-Sponsor:

Sisters of Charity of Ottawa

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