# Accessibility Through Design

A long term care facility in Duluth, MN.

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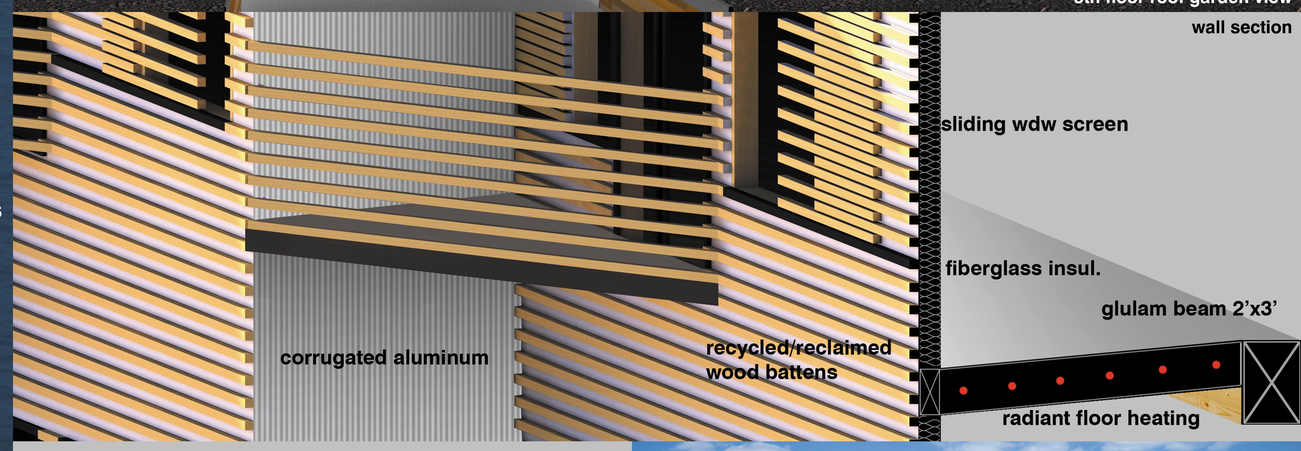
How can the design of a long-term care facility help promote physical and social accessibility of the elderly within an urban fabric so as to benefit both the residents and the community?

5th floor roof garden view




## physical well-being

Duluth offers a unique opportunity to use both urban and natural elements to inspire its residents.

The health of the building is directly relatable to the health of its users.

1st floor cafe view

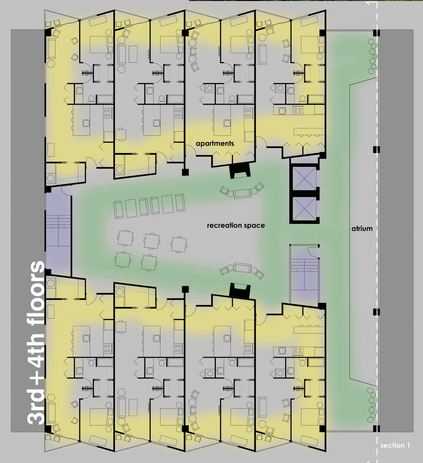
## social interaction

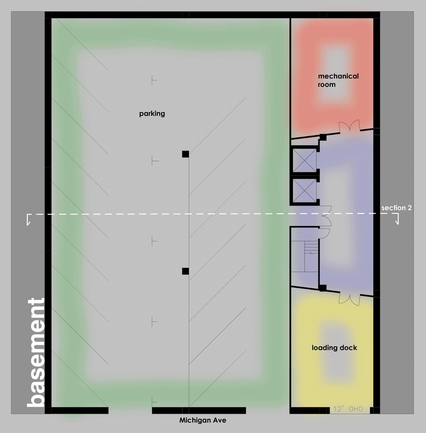
A long-term care facility is more advantageous to both the community it is a part of and to its residents once it enables the two to easily and positively interact.

exterior view from Superior Street

## connections

Designing to form connections with the surrounding community and incorporating a level of accessibility that surpasses current standards fosters a beneficial architecture for the elderly that need assisted-living care.





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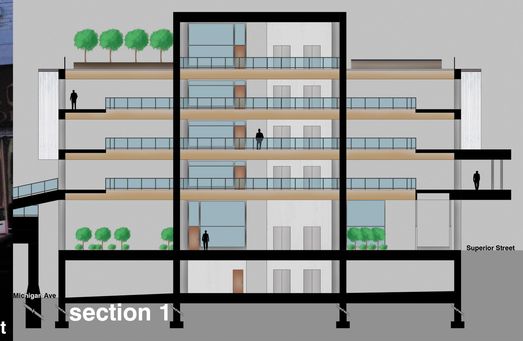

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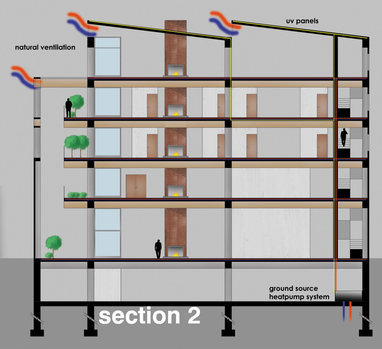


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