Interweaving Generations: Enriching Elderly and Primary Care Through Integration

What mutual benefits exist when architecture provides a place for seniors and preschoolers to interact? The goal of this project is to bring people together from two different generations for the enrichment of both parties. I want to design a place where two groups can come together and mutually benefit from one another. A child's mind is so amazing because of their sense of wonder they absorb everything they see, hear, and experience. The joy they get from the smallest things brings joy to all those around them. The biggest factor in my design is connecting with other people. Humans as a species are naturally social and we need connection and relationships to feel fulfilled.

The site is located in Woodbury Minnesota, a suburb outside of St. Paul. It is right off of highway 494 giving the site easy connection to the St. Paul and other surrounding cities. Along with that, another major reason for the site is its connection to nature. On roughly half of the site there is natural protected wet lands and directly to the south of the site its backs up to a wildlife nature preserve. This is give an opportunity for children to lean about nature hands on ample paths for the seniors to walk on.

