



# *Growing* EVENGLOW

Expanding to meet our  
community's needs.

Gaining momentum for  
another century of service.



EVENGLOW  
— senior living —

## RISING TO MEET THE NEED

“ Evenglow Senior Living got its start more than 60 years ago because of the faith and commitment of a woman named Ada Swords, and her visionary plan for a retirement community for seniors. Evenglow has a long-standing, exceptional reputation in the community.

In many instances, we have taken care of multiple family members and even multiple generations of families over the years. The *Growing Evenglow* campaign assists us in continuing Mrs. Swords’ vision and building this community to serve seniors in all levels of care for years to come. ”

Cindy Wegner, President & CEO,  
Evenglow Senior Living



At Evenglow Senior Living, we are a family of neighbors who have been building friendships, sharing life, and caring for each other for more than 60 years. More than a place to live, we provide comfort, companionship, exceptional care, and peace of mind— **a place to flourish and truly call home.**

As the population of seniors in the Pontiac region—and throughout central Illinois—continues to grow, so does the demand for the remarkable services and amenities that Evenglow’s vibrant life plan communities offer. To continue providing the highest-quality services to our residents of today and tomorrow, **Evenglow is investing \$36 million to transform our campus with a pair of brand-new communities: one for Assisted Living, and one for Independent Living.**

This milestone project is driven by our mission to serve our residents and loved ones, care teams, and all those who are part of our family.



# THE GROWING EVENGLOW CAMPAIGN WILL:

*Construct* two new modern facilities, designed with residents and their loved ones top of mind.

*Expand* the menu of services and amenities available to Evenglow residents and their families.

*Deliver* innovative tools and training to our staff, helping Evenglow continue to recruit and retain top talent to care for its residents.

*Boost* the local economy through development, new job creation, and ongoing income impact.

# BUILDING TWO NEW PLACES TO CALL HOME:

## *The Lodge at Evenglow*

This new 66,000-square-foot, three-story Assisted Living community will house 76 apartments ranging from studios to one bedrooms, a commercial kitchen, dining area, wellness area, multipurpose community room, salon, living and activity rooms, laundry facilities, and administrative areas.

## *The Residences at Evenglow*

The new three-story building in downtown Pontiac will house 20 Independent Living residences ranging from one bedroom/one bathroom to two bedrooms/two bathrooms with garage parking, a commercial kitchen, multipurpose space, bistro, and inpatient/outpatient therapy space.

*Architectural rendering of The Residences at Evenglow*



# AREAS OF IMPACT



*The Lodge at Evenglow*

*The Residences at Evenglow*

## *All the comforts of home...*

The moment you step inside Evenglow's new communities, you'll feel like you belong. Thanks in part to the *Growing Evenglow* campaign, residents and visitors will have access to all the comforts of home inside their **new, spacious, and modern apartments designed for convenience and functionality**. Everything from floor plans to apartment finishes will be carefully curated to create a calm and welcoming home for residents and visitors alike.

## *with spaces to gather...*

In both new developments, residents will also find **thoughtfully designed gathering spaces** where they can share quality time with friends and family. A quaint bistro and dining room to relax and enjoy a meal; a full-service salon with multiple stylists; and a large community room for chapel services, table games, exercise classes, social hours, and more will be added as part of the *Growing Evenglow* expansion.

## *a focus on nature...*

Time spent outdoors has an exponentially positive effect on one's mental health. Our beautiful new outdoor spaces at Evenglow—including peaceful gardens, shared and private balconies, a dining patio, and more—will **support our residents' minds, bodies, and spirits as they stay closely connected to nature**. And when loved ones come to visit, they will have many options to explore for a breath of fresh air.

## *and the support needed to thrive.*

Evenglow's expert staff and caregivers are dedicated to creating a lively, engaging environment for residents. *Growing Evenglow* will keep resources at caregivers' fingertips so they can continue doing what they do best, **equipped for the future of senior living**. Enhancements include services for both our residents and our larger community, such as new staff and main-level gym space for inpatient and outpatient physical therapy in the heart of downtown Pontiac.

# PROJECT TIMELINE

## Phase 1:

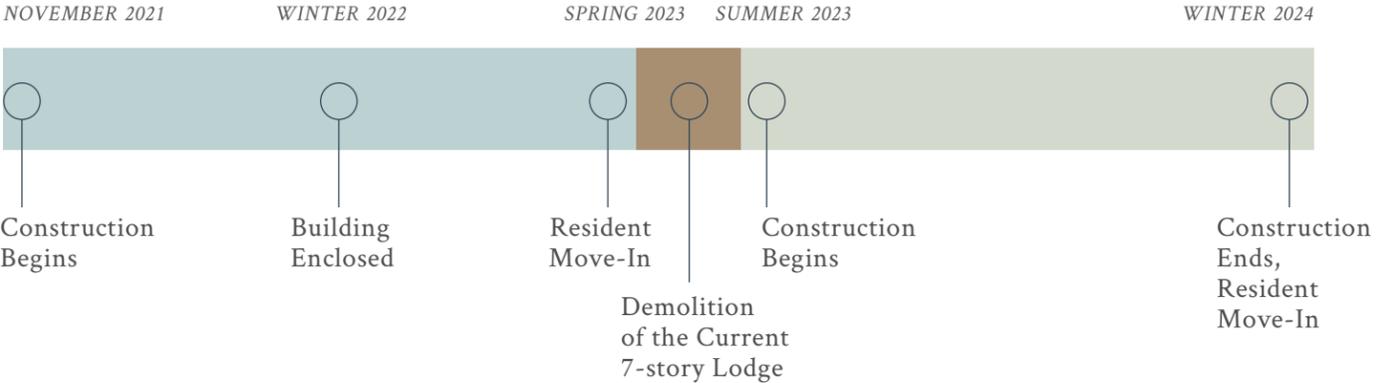
The Lodge at Evenglow Assisted Living Facility

## Phase 2:

Demolition of the Current 7-story Lodge

## Phase 3:

The Residences at Evenglow Independent Living Facility



“ Evenglow has an impeccable reputation and is such an important part of our community. My mother-in-law was there for almost 10 years and was treated so well! The new buildings will be such an asset. ”

Joan Bullard, Family Member of Former Resident

Architectural rendering of The Lodge at Evenglow



# HELP US CLOSE THE GAP

Though we have received \$36 million in federal grants and organizational funding toward the *Growing Evenglow* expansion, we are looking to our philanthropic partners to help close a gap of \$2.5 million—which is the amount still needed to bring this important project to fruition.



## *Will you consider a gift to help grow Evenglow?*

Your philanthropic support will directly impact quality of life for current and future Evenglow residents—and help us sustain and improve our services, even as the senior population in our community continues to grow.

Evenglow is a cornerstone of the Pontiac community. Our residents and their loved ones become our family as we care deeply for each of them. When you make a gift to the *Growing Evenglow* project, you become family as well. Your vote of confidence in our work—and your compassion for our residents—will change lives and strengthen the future of senior living in our region.

Thank you for your consideration.

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### *The Role of Philanthropy*

As a nonprofit Life Plan Community, Evenglow is thriving today—thanks to its rich legacy of philanthropic support from local donors. In fact, it was a generous endowment from Mrs. Swords herself, in the fall of 1958, that helped establish the Evenglow we know today. Our last major expansion—a 26-bed community for memory care residents—occurred in 2001, made possible thanks to \$1 million in gifts from generous contributors.

Philanthropy is woven into everything we do at Evenglow. It helps us employ the most compassionate, talented staff and caregivers. It supports the amenities and resources that keep our residents active and healthy. And, most importantly, it allows us to stay firmly planted in the heart of the Pontiac community for the benefit of all those who love living here as much as we do.



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