

PHOENIX HEALTHCARE

VILLAGE PEOPLE

Friendship Village Tempe elevates the concept of senior living with a focus on inclusivity, compassion, and an irrepressible spirit of fun.



As they walk through winding streets, waving at friends; as they work out at the gym, then head to a lecture; as they enjoy stress-free retirement in an environment infused with energy and altruism, the residents of Friendship Village Tempe know one thing for sure: This isn't your grandparents' senior living experience.

"People ask what sets us apart; it's our culture," says Cole Marvin, executive director. "Friendship Village Tempe prides itself on its inclusivity. You can show up as you are, be who you are, and find absolute acceptance. The education, intelligence, and compassion of the residents we attract inspires me every day."

With its discrimination-free housing policies and LGBTQ+ resources, the community is firmly open to all. "We don't exclude; we welcome," Marvin says.



Full-Spectrum Services

Founded in 1980, Friendship Village Tempe offers independent and assisted living, skilled nursing services, memory care, and short- and long-term rehabilitation across its 55 acres of luxe modern apartments and freestanding cottages. "Our residents know that, as they age, they'll be surrounded by skilled and compassionate staff," says Marvin. "Every tier of care is available should they need it." For many residents, the decision to move to Friendship Village Tempe is also a gift to loved ones, who can be comforted that those they care about are in good hands.

"I've never worked in a place where the line between residents and staff is so permeable," he continues. "Our residents are deeply engaged with our staff members: teaching English as a second language, facilitating GED certifications, even helping to navigate journeys to

citizenship." Residents have even created and funded a foundation to further staff members' education.



A+ Amenities

In addition to nurturing a culture of caring, Friendship Village Tempe provides a vast array of amenities, making it easy for residents to experience vibrant personal growth. A state-of-the-art, fully staffed fitness center and a recreation center with studios for ceramics, weaving, woodworking, lapidary arts, and dancing feed both the body and spirit. And residents can learn new skills at the computer lab or any one of three libraries. There are also exciting live performances, field trips to cultural and sporting events, pickleball, and, of course, great food.

"Many residents enjoy cooking and eating at home, but sometimes you just want to go out. We have venues—and menus—for everyone," says Marvin. The Embers Lounge boasts great cocktails, Village Café or Courtyard Buffet is perfect for casual cuisine, and the elegant Fireside Restaurant offers gourmet dining. Rotating menus keep things interesting, and the recent opening of a rooftop brewhouse boasts stunning views of the East Valley Mountains.

It all comes down to a tiny little word. "When we make leadership decisions, we ask ourselves, 'Is this going to be fun?' If not, we reevaluate," says Marvin. "There's no senior living community anywhere that can 'outfun' Friendship Village Tempe."

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