

ROSENER HOUSE
Menlo Park, CA

SCHEMATIC DESIGN,
CONSTRUCTION
DOCUMENTS &
CONSTRUCTION
ADMINISTRATION

Project Type

Adult Day-Support for
Seniors with Cognitive
Disabilities

Client

Peninsula Volunteers
Menlo Park, CA

Contact

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Dates

Completed: 2001

Cost

\$3 million
Building & Landscape

Prime Consultant

Peterson Architects
Menlo Park, CA



Description

This 6000 square foot garden is part of a new day-care center designed for use by adults who have Alzheimer's or other cognitive disabilities. The goal was a pleasant environment with a residential feeling. There is adequate space for group activities as well as areas for individuals to sit privately. Walking in circles is an activity often engaged in by this group; the garden's elongated shape around a lawn provides a safe yet varied exercise path.

Factors considered in the design were the use of color and paving pattern, the selection of non-toxic, drought-tolerant plants, and a fountain design appropriate for this special group. Security and visibility are provided but without an institutional feeling. The wall was originally curved to preserve a mature tree growing just outside, but as the project developed, it became an inspiration for the other curved shapes in the garden.