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BETHESDA ADDITION

CLIENT: Bethesda **LOCATION:** Willmar, MN **TIME FRAME:** 14 Months **GENERAL CONTRACTOR:** Welsh Construction

There is a shift occurring in long-term (nursing care and assisted living) and transitional care in our culture. These facilities are rethinking and redesigning their housing arrangements for individuals needing assistance, which includes full time nursing care, assisted living, and transitional care. The facilities are becoming less institutionalized (stark walls, tile/linoleum floors and florescent lighting) and transforming to a "home" environment look and feel.

Willmar Electric Service partnered with the General Contractor, Welsh Construction to construct the Bethesda Addition—since named Bethesda Grand - by contracting to complete the electrical installation. The new facility combined Bethesda Heritage Center (built in 1953) and Bethesda Pleasant View nursing home (built in 1979) campuses into one. It has the capacity to have 380 people living on campus and provides daily service to an additional 320 individuals.

As with many projects, time frame can become compressed from delays due to many varying factors. Unfortunately, the project was delayed two (2) months. However, Willmar Electric accepted the challenge. Willmar Electric stared this challenge of meeting the deadline in the eyes and took it on. A condensed time frame, means finding small or big improvements to help facilitate a more efficient install from rough in to finish work. Willmar Electric effectively accomplished this by meeting the deadlines required, all while keeping overtime at a minimum and not utilizing extra field personnel.

Upon completion of the project, Willmar Electric Service was able to help Bethesda accomplish their goal: provide an environment "who cares for seniors, creates a community that focuses on enhancing quality of life and provides supportive services tailored to address individual physical and spiritual needs." The new facility is designed for "people who have been hospitalized for surgery or other acute illness and require additional therapy services and rehab nursing care before returning to their own home."

Willmar Electric chose to provide a value engineered product, within a reduced timeframe, while collaborating with the architect and general contractor on a design defect, at the same time still focusing on quality. On September 10, 2016, Bethesda began the process of transferring patients from their current facility to the new addition making their goal to provide an environment which focuses on enhancing the quality of life and provide supportive services tailored to each senior's needs a continued priority.

"Willmar Electric Service exceeded our expectations with their quality service, community minded spirit and knowledge in the complexity of this project. Their partnership throughout this project, and over the past forty years, has helped Bethesda provide exceptional care to seniors in our community." —Michelle Haefner, CEO Bethesda