

Below is a Letter to The Editor that Addie Abushousheh, Executive Director of AHHI, sent to a variety of newspapers after her visit to Garden Spot Village.

From: Addie Abushousheh

Date: Mon, 26 Sep 2011 09:49:57 -0700 (PDT)

Subject: Re: Your recent visit to Garden Spot Village

As the average age in the US climbs due to the post WWII baby boom, government, state, and local agencies are under pressure to improve the quality of living, working, and caring for the elderly. I have had the privilege of working with organizations advancing “Culture Change” efforts in long-term care which stress each resident’s autonomy, continuity, and wellness as well as care providers renovating their institutions and constructing “households” so smaller groups of residents may maintain a residential lifestyle. In a Culture Change and Household Model survey that I co-hosted in 2010, Garden Spot Village was recognized by a national panel of experts as one of six US long-term care household exemplars. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Garden Spot Village for contributing their insights for improving the quality of living in long-term care to my current PhD Dissertation Study as well as for their generosity and hospitality during my visit in September.

Sincerely,

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