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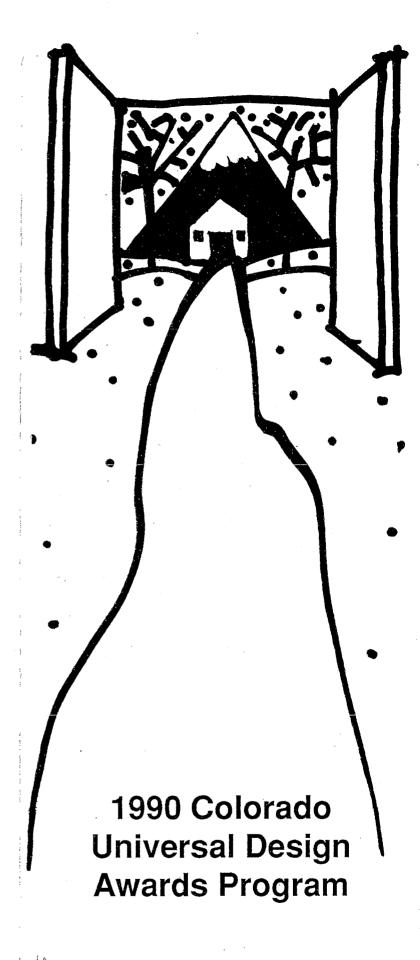
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To recognize excellence in design and in research which integrally satisfies the requirements of barrier free access for all people.

Merit Award Non-Residential, New Construction

Project: Eaton Terrace Congregate Care Facility

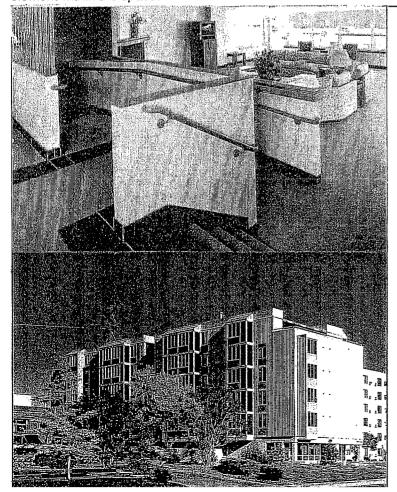
Owner: Eaton Terrace

Submitting Architect: OZ Architecture

For ten years, Eaton Terrace has successfully provided subsidized Congregate Care of the low-to-moderate-income elderly. In recent years, however, there has been an increase in the number of people who require a higher level of care. For this reason, it was determined that a new 66 unit Assisted Living wing would be added to the existing six story facility. The design of the new addition was controlled by severe site restrictions and budget: increasing availability to the low-to-middle income elderly, while maintaining moderate rents. Upgrading materials and aesthetic qualities were difficult aspects of the design criteria.

The most significant design feature of the new addition are the living units themselves. The three basic unit designs (a 345 sf studio and one bedroom corner alcove units of 395 sf and 455 sf) are stacked on each of the six levels for efficiency. At Eaton Terrace, all units are fully handicapped-accessible. The kitchenette is designed to be easily adjustable by in-house staff to meet the height and reach requirements of tall people, small people or people who use wheelchairs. Thus, a resident does not have to move out of her/his own unit should they become physically impaired. All bathrooms are equipped with handrailings and specially designed showers. The floor of each shower and adjacent area have all been sloped to drain; and there is no entrance threshold, thus allowing wheelchair access into the shower. Handrails, easily reached shower controls, adjustable hose shower heads, and a built-in bench seat all contribute to easing the problems of bathing for the physically disabled.

The spacious eight foot wide corridors are bisected at the center by the atrium lobby and activity spaces, all of which have broad exterior views. Floor material changes and natural light lead sensory deprived residents to elevators and activity areas. These subtle changes serve to further the independence of all residents. Handrails in the corridors are upgraded to become a positive design element within the space.



ADJUSTABLE UNIT KITCHEN



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TALL HEIGHT CONFIGURATION