

# FIRM PROFILE

EGA is an architectural design and planning firm that was founded 43 years ago with the commitment to offer only the highest levels of design service to its clients. While EGA has provided architectural services for a diverse listing of project types, the firm's primary practice is the study and design of senior living environments. This has been the foundation and focus of the practice from the firm's inception. Today, with an office on the North Shore in Newburyport, Massachusetts, EGA is a nationally recognized leader in the senior living field with a continuing commitment to excellence in design and service to its clients.

Chairman of EGA, Charles Griffin, joined the firm 42 years ago as a young intern. Gerry Menke came aboard in the early 1980's and today is the CEO Peter Schmidt has been with the firm for 13 years and is President. Together Chuck, Gerry, and Peter have logged over 75 years at EGA, involved in the sole practice of the firm: **Senior Living Environments.**

EGA designed its first Continuing Care Retirement Community in 1966. Since that youthful initiation into the senior's market the vast majority of EGA's work has been the design of Continuing Care Retirement Communities, Assisted Living Facilities, Long-Term Care Facilities, Alzheimer's Units and Hospices. In more than 120 senior projects, over 20,000 dwelling units in 17 states have been designed by EGA. Working with visionary clients, we have long been involved in the development and evolution of new ideas and better ways to serve the needs of the elderly. Our innovative and sensitive designs have helped define senior living as it exists in the US today.

Working mostly with nonprofit volunteer boards but also nationally renowned clients such as Marriott, Sunrise, Atria and Kapson Senior Quarters, EGA has seen just about every kind of budget, program, big project, small project, good idea and bad idea that can be imagined. This uncommon resume is the foundation that allows EGA to provide thoughtful and appropriate responses to the complicated problems of developing senior living projects.

EGA has a dedicated staff of over 20 full-time employees. Turnover is rare and a number of our employees have been with us for a decade or longer. Since we are dedicated to elder design we attract staff that are similarly inclined. We are located in a complex of granite buildings constructed in 1825 that once housed the Essex County gaol, keeper's house and carriage house. Our relaxed, yet professional working environment supports our office philosophy of flexibility in servicing our clients.

EGA has received numerous awards for our designs from the American Institute of Architects (AIA), American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA) and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). EGA was one of the 16 founding members of the National Association of Senior Living Industries (NASLI), is an affiliate member of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA) and a member of the Assisted Living Facility Association of America (ALFAA). Charles Griffin, Chairman of EGA, was a founding board member of MASS ALFA.



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