

SDHCA Feature Facility

Tekakwitha Living Center

Sisseton



The SDHCA Feature Facility for January is Tekakwitha Living Center where Jim Cornelius is the administrator. Located in Sisseton, population 2,475, the facility has 62 beds and 24 senior housing units. Tekakwitha Living Center has 101 employees and an annual facility payroll of \$1,976,000. The facility has been a SDHCA Member for 18 years!

Some of the services offered at the facility include a six-suite short-term rehab unit, including a Bariatric Suite, and full-time PT, OT, and ST therapy services. There is a “Spirit Room” for palliative care services, hospice and respite services.

In the planning stages, Benedictine Health System has endorsed an initiative called 40-40-20. Tekakwitha Living Center is to diversify their services; 40% of people they serve are in the SNF, 40% of people are in Assisted Living/Supervised Living and 20% of people are served in their homes. Tekakwitha is working to accomplish this in the near future.

Something that makes the facility unique is that Tekakwitha Living Center is named after the recent canonized Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, who became a saint on 10/21/2012. The facility is a Member Organization of the Benedictine Health System and owned by the Sisters of St. Scholastica in Duluth, MN. They also have a 20 child preschool within the facility called Busy Bee Preschool and a 45 child daycare that they have operated since 1989.

SDHCA would like to thank Jim and the entire staff at Tekakwitha Living Center for all they do for South Dakota seniors!