



Andrea Donovan has made finding alternative living options easier

Choosing an alternative living option for you or a senior loved one may be time-consuming, confusing and stressful. Most people don't know how to begin their research on what can be an arduous process. Furthermore, changes in a senior's health or level of care often requires a timely decision.

Andrea Donovan Senior Living Advisors provides a service that streamlines the search for appropriate alternative living options. Donovan has toured and evaluated more than 150 independent, assisted-living and nursing home communities in the Chicago metropolitan area. She has analyzed them on the basis of cost, methods of payment, level of care, location and staffing. She has also collected copies of floor plans, menus, and activity schedules.

After conducting a fact-finding interview with the senior or family, she finds appropriate options, prepares a simple spreadsheet and makes a presentation to the decision-makers. When the most viable options are identified, she makes appointments for tours and attends if the senior or family wishes. Her clients have saved time, expense, and alleviated the stress of visiting communities that don't meet the senior's needs.

"My parents retired to Florida and spent many satisfying years in their home. When Dad had a stroke, we knew it would be best for them to move closer to us in the western suburbs. They wanted an independent living apartment with additional help for my father. Of course, costs were a concern," said Fran White of Naperville.

"Prior to meeting Andrea, we searched via the Internet, placed many phone calls, and visited a number of communities to find one that met their needs. We found a few possibilities. The more we looked, the more we realized the support of a consultant with greater experience would help find the best options," explained White. "Andrea worked within my parents' budget, our location preference, and requests for features in their apartment, plus ala carte services for my father. She confirmed some of our findings and brought new information to the table. She made it easier to see the real features that were available at each location and showed us even more options than we had been able to find on our own searches. With Andrea's help, we were able to find a community and support that continues to exceed my parents' expectations. Andrea's service is so right for today's families."

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