



GENESIS EAST GREEN ROOF Planting Seeds for Better Health & Well-being

A compassionate physician sits with a patient and her family, sharing the news that the tumor she has been suffering with is incurable. In the same hospital, in the same general time frame, another grieving family sits with their mother, Sonja Mess, also dying of cancer. The view is bleak, both literally and figuratively. Rooftops, covered with gravel and cement, do not soothe the soul of the physician, the patients or the families as they comfort each other. The physician, Dr. Joseph Lohmuller, and the Mess family of rural Scott County, instinctively knew that they needed to do more to heal the hearts of patients and families at Genesis.

In 2010 Dr. Lohmuller spearheaded a drive to build a green roof at Genesis. Roof Top Sedums, LLC, the family farm in Davenport owned and operated by the Mess family, was independently asked to supply the sedum plantings for the project. Sonja E. Mess, the matriarch of the Mess family, had been a Genesis employee before succumbing to cancer. The collaboration between the two was unexpected and fortuitous.

With the recent expansion at Genesis Medical Center, East Campus, the time is right to continue their work and expand the project to include two additional spaces, currently covered with the same unsettling gray, miserable roof that started the renovation of the first transformational view.

PROJECT CHAMPIONS Dr. Joe and Ann Lohmuller



I will always feel connected to the patients in my care and to the staff that made my work possible. The green roofs are a gift to them from all of us and part of the legacy of healing we hope to have at Genesis.

Dr. Lohmuller came to the Quad Cities in 1991 to join Davenport Surgical Group. This summer, Dr. Lohmuller, a former Chief Medical Officer and Medical Staff President, will retire to spend more time with wife, Ann, and their children and grandchildren.

Healing with a Little Help from Nature

Throughout history, gardens and calming outdoor spaces have been utilized in the healing process. Patients with access to visual nature scenes report a more positive outlook, fewer negative emotions, and an increased ability to block or reduce stressful thoughts. Patients indicate almost universally that they prefer facilities that provide access to the outside world through a garden, a window view, or a balcony. Physiological changes consistent with improved mental health take place when we have the opportunity to expand our view.

Three floors of patient rooms will look out onto the green roof space with colorful plantings and ballast. Designed for low maintenance, the green roofs will provide an engaging and therapeutic view year-round with minimal maintenance and operating expense.



Patients prefer to receive care where they have access to nature through a garden, beautiful views from windows, access to balconies, pictures, or indoor plants. Incorporating the natural world into the healing process is a form of therapy.

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Before the Garden, staff called it Pebble Beach

From rocks and metal to a beautiful rooftop garden that can be viewed from rooms on several floors. Before the garden, third floor staff called it "Pebble Beach." Dr Lohmuller overheard that comment, looked at the roof and was determined to change it.

When patients see the roof for the first time, they are surprised. Comments patients have made are:

"It's such a wonderful use of this space."

"I love it."

"How were they able to do that?"

On behalf of patients and staff, we thank you.

Kathy Bollinger

RN Genesis Health Group,
Davenport Surgical



Pebble Beach 2010



More than 4,100 trays of plants were installed for the first green roof at GMC East Campus, visible from more than 50 patient rooms.

Patients, visitors and staff have benefited from the amazing view that was once gravel and sewer vents.

It's All in the Greenery

The original rooftop green roof, developed and built in 2010, was funded through the generosity of Genesis benefactors, grateful patients and their families, and the Quad City community.

We invite you, once again, to continue to serve our patients, their families and all those in need of healing by expanding the green roof project to include two new spaces.

Projected costs for this project are \$250,000. The Genesis Foundation Adler Fund will match gifts 100% up to \$125,000. Construction is slated to begin in the fall of 2022.

Plants for the existing and new green roofs were grown at Roof Top Sedums by owners Teresa Nelson and Roxanne Nagel. The Mess sisters feel a personal connection to the green roofs at Genesis, where their mother worked and spent the final days of her life looking out on a lifeless roof 24 years ago.

Rooftop Sedums helps clients, like Genesis, achieve an enduring, meadow-like aesthetic for their roofs, reduce stormwater runoff, lower interior sound levels and reduce energy use while increasing roof life. The end result is a green roof garden space built for the enjoyment of all who view its beauty.



Roxanne Nagel



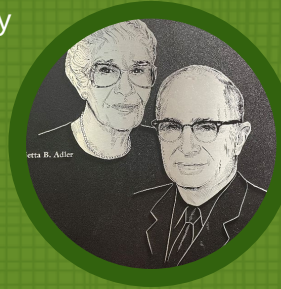
Teresa Nelson

**Owners,
Rooftop Sedums, LLC**

Double the Impact of Your Gift



Thanks to the foresight and generosity of legacy benefactors Philip D. and Henrietta B. Adler to the Genesis Foundation, every gift to the green roof project will be matched 100% up to \$125,000, one half of the project cost. Mr. and Mrs. Adler were well known for their humble service and generous support for several community organizations including the former St. Luke's and Mercy Hospitals. Giving was a way of life – a tradition – in the Adler family. The Adlers were visionaries.



They sensed the growing health care needs of our community, and they understood the hospital's critical role in ensuring and protecting our quality of life. Undoubtedly, the Adler family knew the hospital would define itself through unmatched service and unparalleled care as the heart and soul of the Quad Cities.

ESTIMATED PROJECT BUDGET

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| Plants and Rooftop Sedums: | \$139,225 |
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| Roof Preparation: | \$102,975 |
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| Contingency | \$7,500 |
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| Total: | \$249,700 |
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| Genesis Foundation Adler Fund Matching Grant: | -\$125,000 |
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| Amount to be raised: | \$124,700 |
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EXISTING ROOF 2022

Please help us achieve our \$125,000 goal by making your tax-deductible gift to the Genesis Foundation for the Green Roof Project.



The mission of the Genesis Foundation is to raise and distribute resources to enhance the delivery of care through Genesis Health System.

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