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Hello everyone, and welcome to hardhat update #2! These updates are designed for West Center families, friends and staff, to keep you posted on the exciting things happening as we move to and through our reconstruction project, over the next year. We will send these out each Wednesday by email, with a digest in billing at month's end. This week, the basics:

**Who:** Several years ago, the West Center Board and staff, in conjunction with some of the nation's most innovative dementia care and senior living design experts, began a plan to reconstruct the Center to take it into the future.

**What:** The project will reconstruct each of the five living areas (suites) one at a time, into home replicas, with the amenities and features found in a normal home. The design details are specially crafted for safety, comfort and life enrichment for residents at different stages of the disease.

**Where:** The plan is to reconstruct the north side of the building first, bottom to top, then to move to the south side. So the progress will be Mesquite and all patio areas, then Azalea, Monarch, Bluebonnet, and Cardinal.

**When:** Target date is to start in early fall. Construction time is one year.

**Why:** The Center's original design remains unique and effective in its division into small households designed for different stages of dementia. However, the interiors represent what was known about dementia twenty years ago, and much progress has been made since then. The end result will be a household full of life. We hope you enjoy following our progress!

Best Wishes,

*Susan Farris, Executive Director*