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SAINT ANNA'S AT LAMBETH HOUSE • NEW ORLEANS, LA

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Rising from the banks of the Mississippi River in up-town New Orleans, this senior living community is the epitome of gracious Southern living: 12 stories of dark-red brick façade, charming corner patios, picturesque landscaping... and now, almost 60,000 square feet of new amenities and private residences.

This is Saint Anna’s at Lambeth House, a unique continuing care retirement community that has integrated independent living, assisted living and nursing care for 17 years. Its most recent addition includes a holistic wellness center with an indoor competition-length saltwater pool and fitness gym, a public café and art galleries, a multi-service spa/salon, an interfaith chapel and 56 private rooms for state-of-the-art, person-centered nursing care living.

Scott Crabtree, CEO and president of Lambeth House’s management company, is clear about the organization’s purpose. “We want an environment that nurtures the mind, body and spirit — the soul — of individuals, that enhances all aspects of living, including nursing and assisted care.”

The facility planners purposely avoided a traditional nursing home concept as well as the typical fitness center model, seeking instead to create beautiful, stimulating spaces that constantly inspire people to stay active and healthy. The results — gorgeous overall style, well-designed social areas and a high-end hotel feel — have earned Lambeth House the prestigious Merit Award from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Design for Aging.



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Naturally, combining elegant aesthetics and active functionality with senior nursing care dictates highly strategic decisions, particularly with flooring. Approximately 80 percent of the floors are soft surface — and Crabtree has used Tandus Centiva products since the mid-90s.

For the healthcare areas, Crabtree specified Powerbond®, a highly durable, inseparable hybrid resilient sheet floorcovering that is impermeable to moisture. The wellness center, café, chapel and hallways feature both Tandus Centiva’s broadloom carpet and Powerbond, and multiple Powerbond styles and colors were used for the assisted living residents’ rooms.

Crabtree says Powerbond is an obvious choice: its welded seams prevent moisture from getting under the flooring, thus preventing infection-control issues. It reduces sound. It has no odor problems and is extremely easy to maintain. It minimizes slipping, contributing to better safety and risk management. And it lasts.

Just as important, Powerbond is aesthetically appealing. Throughout Lambeth House, Powerbond’s comfortable, yet elegant, styles and patterns are pivotal in setting the design tone.

“I’ve used this product — a lot of it — for 20 years,” says Crabtree. “Tandus Centiva gives me great choices that cover a spectrum of designs and age well; I don’t have to worry about replacing flooring every few years.”

He’s constantly offered other options, but says, “So far, no one has shown me anything yet that compares with Powerbond, for healthcare or any other areas.”

“In fact,” he adds, “I just don’t think there’s another product equal to it on the market.”

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