

Eldershire:

Transforming the Culture of Aging

Join the Vital Aging Network (VAN), Twin Cities Public Television (tpt), Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging and Evercare as nationally renowned geriatrician Dr. Bill Thomas speaks about transforming the culture of aging.

Reception and Brief Comments (free)

5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 13, 2006

Nicollet Island Inn, Minneapolis

Space is limited to the first 100 guests, RSVP required by emailing kari@tcaging.org

Approved for 1 hour of nursing home administrator CEUs

Application pending at the Minnesota Board of Social Work

Vital Aging Network (VAN) Forum (free)

10:00 a.m. to Noon, Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Landmark Room, Minnesota Masonic Manor, Bloomington

11501 Masonic Home Drive off Normandale (Hwy 100)

Approved for 2 hours of nursing home administrator CEUs

Application pending at the Minnesota Board of Social Work

The geriatrician, Dr. Bill (William H.) Thomas, and his wife, Jude, are innovators who dedicate their lives to transforming the culture of aging. Their Eden Alternative has revolutionized thinking about nursing home environments. Their Green House Project pioneered neighborhood homes that provide residential long-term care for frail elders. Eldershire, their new residential alternative for pro-active adults, challenges traditional thinking about "retirement communities." The aim is to draw elders, and those who wish to be with elders, to a place where they can grow, contribute, be supported in who they are, and not have to ever leave unless they choose to do so. Eldershire, will be an elder-rich intergenerational cohousing community. Universal and sustainable design principles will be employed in the design of homes and common buildings. The design will foster informal, spontaneous social interaction while preserving home ownership and an essential zone of privacy.

The forum coincides with the Spring 2006 tpt airing of "ALMOST HOME" on Public Television. Almost Home is a stunningly intimate feature-length, cinema verité film that follows the stories of residents, families and workers in a Midwestern nursing home as they struggle with the personal challenges of aging while trying to transform their century-old hospital-like institution into a true home.

Tour and Conversation (free)

7:00-9:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Monterey CoHousing Community

2925 Monterey Avenue South, St. Louis Park

7:00-7:30 Brief Tour

7:30-9:00 Conversation About Creating CoHousing Communities with Dr. William H. (Bill) Thomas; Joelyn Malone, housing and human services consultant; Jan Hively, senior advisor, Vital Aging Network, member of Eldershire's national advisory board, and Monterey residents.

Space is limited to the first 50 guests. RSVP required by emailing malone-communitiesconsulting@hotmail.com.

