



Ladera del Norte was selected to be featured in the 2009 edition of
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Ladera del Norte is a unique 30-unit independent living community that provides seniors with affordable housing. While the majority of residents enjoy good health, physically, mentally and emotionally, some are victims of elder abuse. Ladera del Norte reserves a portion of the housing units for this “at risk” population, and the management firm provides the expertise necessary to address their special needs.

In order to provide a secure living environment, the community is fully gated. Visitors gain access by permit, and the management offices are situated upon approach of the site to provide an additional barrier to anyone entering the community.



The community is nestled into the base of the North Mountain Preserve, and blends beautifully with the Sonoran backdrop. The two residential buildings are oriented to take advantage of the mountainside perch offering splendid views overlooking downtown Phoenix or the adjacent desert landscape. Great care went into the positioning of the one-bedroom units to maximize the surrounding views through large picture windows in each living room.

Common areas encourage residents to gather and interact with one another, increasing their sense of place and belonging to the community. The Community Center allows residents to entertain friends and neighbors with a kitchen, great room and outdoor patio. The site also offers ample open space consisting of courtyards, meandering walkways, seating areas and lush landscaping.

“Jury Comment: Commons Building and outdoor spaces adjacent to community center are attractive.”

