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Mary's ON BAYSHORE *Assisted Living*

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A unique assisted living facility in Venice, Mary's on Bayshore offers an atmosphere of peace, comfort and hospitality. Licensed by the state for over 20 years, it is run by two extraordinarily caring and compassionate women, Owner and Administrator Mary Ann Hodge, RN, BSN, and her daughter, Katherine "Katie" Hodge-Corrigan, BA, SpEd.

Situated within a single-story family residence, this charming facility offers a relaxing ambiance. Located near Roberts Bay, the home was built by Mary's parents in 1956 and has since remained in the family. Working as a registered nurse in hospitals for many years, Mary dreamt of living in her family home and opening its doors to care for others. More than 20 years ago, she realized that aspiration when she welcomed her first residents, a married couple. She soon had a waiting list, and was able to add a wing, featuring two bedrooms and a full bath, to accommodate two more people. Eighteen years ago, an additional expansion added two more bedrooms and two full baths. To this day, the main house remains richly decorated with her parents' lovely furniture, resulting in an inviting feel that's "just like home."

Mary is proud to say it is a joyful place where the residents, whom she considers to be family, are encouraged to invite their relatives, including their grandchildren and pets, for visits. She notes that their families are welcome to swim with them in the pool, which residents use for recreation, exercise and pool therapy. Residents celebrate

birthdays together with their loved ones and, at Christmastime, everyone is invited for holiday dinner at the home. After dinner each night, residents are welcome to sit in the living room and listen as Katie, who has years of classical training and enjoys performing for the family, plays the piano. "It's really whatever the residents wish to do," Mary says. "As I see it, this is their home and I am here to serve them."

Several special animal members of the family have also enhanced the atmosphere within the house over the years. Charming dogs, Moses and Abraham, welcomed guests to the home, as have two friendly parakeets.

What makes this six-bedroom, family setting so special is the respect shown for the residents, who are provided home-cooked meals, approved by a registered dietician; scheduled activities daily; home health therapy with a doctor's order; transportation to and from appointments; and, as needed, hospice, memory, respite or limited nursing care. Even more impressive is the ratio of staff to residents, which is 1 to 2.3, ensuring that each individual receives the utmost in personalized care.

Other features that make Mary's on Bayshore stand out is its consistent, dedicated staff, with a registered nurse in residency twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Mary says, "This kind of care allows us to observe residents and address health concerns early on, thereby avoiding admissions to an emergency department or hospitalizations."

"For the first time," Mary notes, "the area in and around Venice is saturated with assisted living options, but we are proud of our incomparable, holistic concept that nurtures the body, mind and spirit." Substantiating its value to the community, she adds, Mary's on Bayshore was awarded the Venice Gondolier Sun 2017 Readers' Choice First Place Best of Venice Award for Small Assisted Living Facility.

Get to know Mary's on Bayshore, which offers all the desired comforts, plus an environment that feels "just like home!"

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A place to call HOME!

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ON BAYSHORE
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2 to 1 Resident-to-Staff Ratio • 6 Licensed Beds
Private Rooms & Baths • Residentiary RN 24/7, 365 days
Pool Therapy, Activities & Home-cooked Meals

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