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**Dirtworks, PC recognized in DESIGN / Environments
for Aging 2008 Architectural Review**

New York, NY – February 4, 2008 – Dirtworks, PC is recognized in the 12th issue of DESIGN / Environments for Aging for the Life Enrichment Center in Kings Mountain, North Carolina. The garden at the Life Enrichment Center has been described as a “...wonderful layering of spaces, with quiet seating near the building, more active gardening and social spaces in the middle, and the longer walking path with nicely unobtrusive perimeter fencing,” by the jurors from the Society for the Advancement of Gerontological Environments (SAGE) and Long-Term Living magazine, co-sponsor.

The garden at Life Enrichment Center is based upon the belief that nature has significant therapeutic qualities. It builds upon the idea that nature’s richness and wonder engages our senses and provides the means to restore and maintain a positive sense of self. By providing participants with access to the outdoors, views of nature and exposure to daylight in a safe and supportive environment the project enhances the individual’s sense of dignity, self-esteem, happiness and belonging. Further, the garden aids not only the participant, but also their families and caregivers by providing a restful retreat as an ally against burnout. Suzi Kennedy, Director of the Center states, ”Not a day goes by that the participants and their families don’t thank us for the therapeutic garden and our understanding of what it takes to offer truly holistic care.”

Dirtworks, PC (www.dirtworks.us) is an internationally recognized and award-winning landscape architecture firm. Its designs enhance the restorative quality of the natural environment. The firm, founded in 1995 by David Kamp, FASLA, LF, provides clients with the creativity and technical knowledge essential to project design and site planning. Dirtworks, PC provides a full range of professional services with a staff of technically trained and design-oriented landscape architects.

About SAGE

SAGE (<http://www.sagefederation.org/>) is an organization that promotes networking and collaboration among individuals who are creating better environments for older adults. SAGE members are individuals from a diverse array of professions and disciplines. SAGE seeks common ground so that environmental issues can be discussed in a non-adversarial climate.

About Long-Term Living

Long-Term Living formerly known as Nursing Homes/Long Term Care Management focuses on the recent broadening of the long-term care marketplace to encompass all levels of senior care and housing. It addresses such issues as: How can facility-based providers invest in or partner with more independent, home-based service providers? What new developments in senior housing should they know about? What does urban revitalization mean to the field? How can they become the referral facilities of-choice when seniors need supportive care?

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