

Generations

Generations Series Homes Homes for Easy Living



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A LIFE-SPAN DESIGN HOME

Generations Series Homes are based on The Universal Design Principle and designed to accommodate people of all ages and abilities.



“Universal Design is the process of designing and building living, working and playing environments and products which are usable, to the greatest extent possible, by everyone at all stages of life regardless of their age, size, ability, or preference.”

Applying the principles of universal design simplifies life for everyone, by making homes and associated living environments more useable by more people, whether they are family members or guests. These design features accommodate the aging of the family, allowing family members to remain in the home throughout the various stages of their life cycle – from parenthood through retirement.

Many millions of Americans, including a huge number of baby boomers, are faced with lifestyle adjustments as they age. Consequently, a Generations Series home takes a wide range of physical and mental abilities into consideration! The universal designed Generations Series home is affordable, accessible, adjustable, adaptable, and attractive. It calls for design adapting to people... rather than people adapting to design. For example, a woman of short stature should be able to work comfortably in her kitchen, as should her husband who stands over six feet tall. A zero-step main entry allows a mother pushing her infant in a stroller, a person carrying groceries, or a person in a wheelchair to have a safe, barrier-free access into their own home. It is “Design for Everyone”

The large baby boom generation is now in their fifties and as they enter this new life stage, the homes in which they live need to reflect their changing physical needs as they age. In addition, many are facing the challenge of caring for an aging parent or family member in their homes, or they will face questions and lifestyle options for those aging parents.

“One of our greatest desires, as we grow older, is to be able to continue to stay in our own home. We want to stay connected with the source of our memories and comfort, as well as maintain our sense of control and independence. Our home is our security. In it we decide what and when to eat, the time we go to bed or awake in the morning. The control we wield in our home is the source of our independence, dignity and quality of life.”

“**The Right Home for Everyone**”: A Generations Series home is right for all people-at any age. Trying to get something from the top shelf can be a challenge for anyone who is short or has difficulty stretching and reaching. Door knobs can be tricky to use for the small hands of children, as well as the arthritic hands of adults. Features in Generations Series Homes increase their usability by people of all ages, sizes, and abilities, while enhancing the ability of all residents to live independently in their own homes for as long as possible.



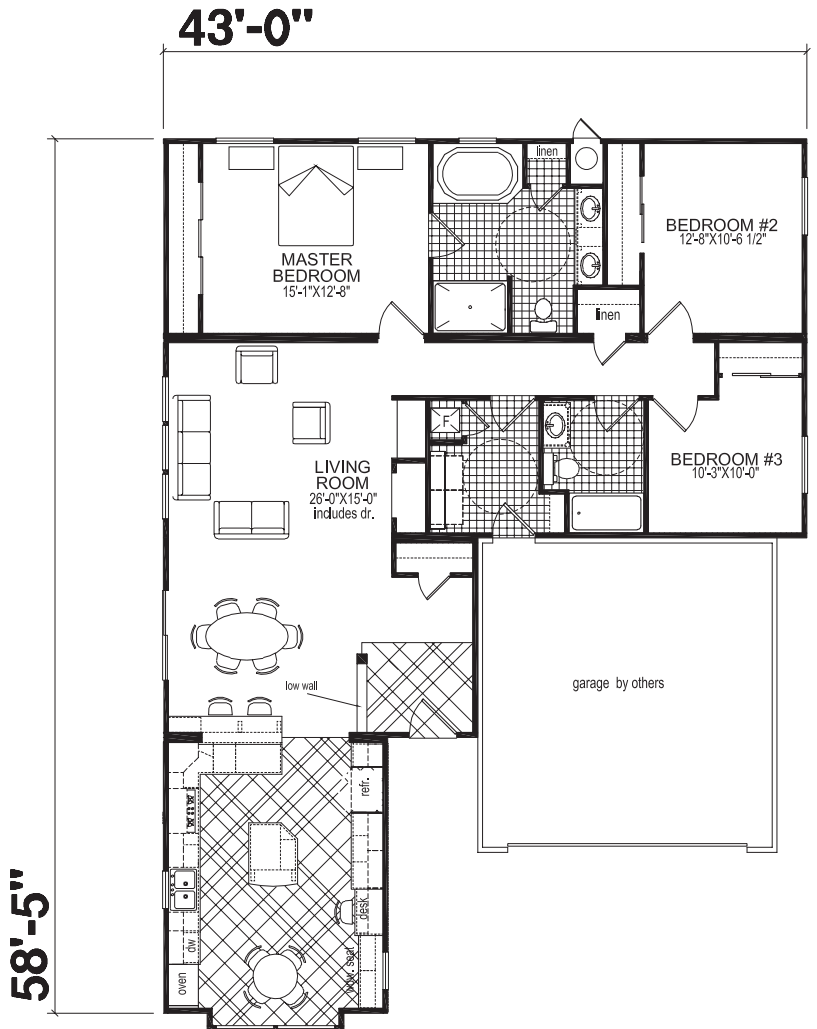
Generations Feature Group

- 1 Wide hallways for easy passage of household furnishings and personal accessibility.
- 2 Wide exterior and interior doors for easy passage.
- 3 Raised electrical outlets grounded and easy to access.
- 4 Larger rocker style wall switches located within easy reach at approximately 42" (to center of switch)
- 5 Lever style door handles for ease in opening.
- 6 Large easy-to-read thermostat located at a convenient height for easy adjustment.
- 7 Adjustable-height vented shelving in all closets for flexible custom storage and retrieval.
- 8 Energy-efficient fluorescent lighting package helps eliminate shadowing, creating a safer environment.
- 9 Cabinet system is designed for convenient accessibility to store, retrieve, or use kitchen and bath accessories / features.
- 10 Easy-access sinks and plumbing faucet fixtures with designs reflecting current décor trends.
- 11 Kitchen appliances with large front or side mounted controls for easier operation.
- 12 Elevated or raised dishwasher for no-stoup, no-bend loading and unloading.
- 13 Oval-bowl toilets at more comfortable height in all bathrooms.
- 14 Easy-access, single-lever shower control in master bathroom with anti-scald, pressure-balance feature.
- 15 Full-length vanity mirrors mounted directly above counter backsplash.
- 16 Full-extension drawers and shelves inside cabinets for easy access.



The "Serenity" Model

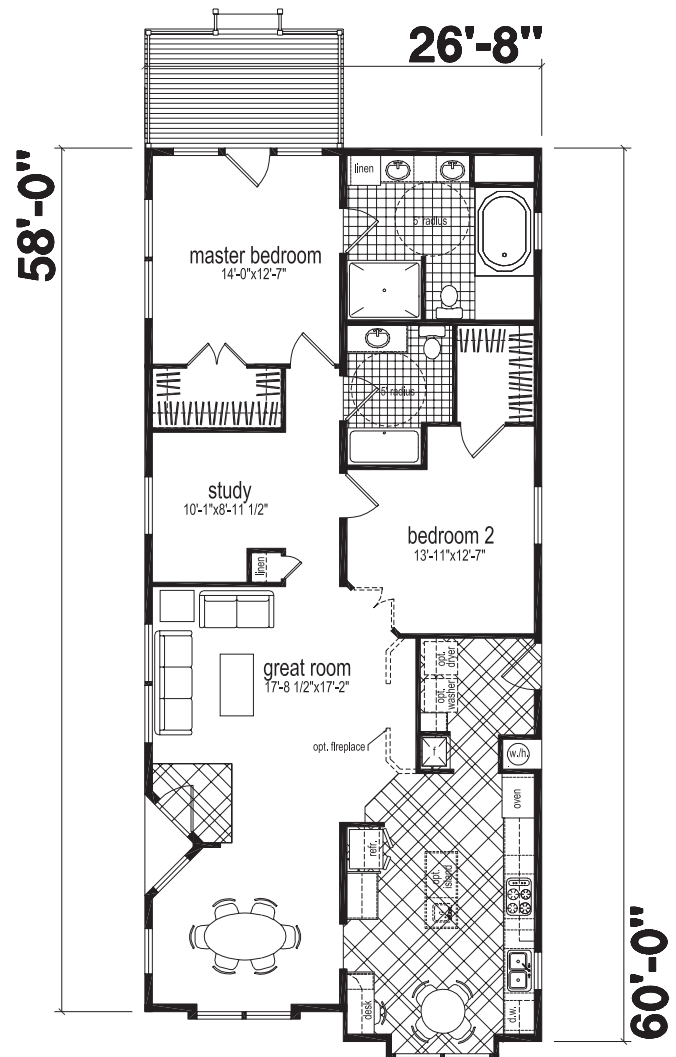
The front elevation of this approx. 1713 sq. ft. model will welcome you home. The formal entry, comfortable room arrangement and placement of lifestyle features are everywhere. Good lighting and other amenities are not usual in today's or yesterday's homes, but will be part of the future of Livable Homes. Quality construction component features, professional architectural design and interior décor put this 3 bedroom, 2 bath model way ahead of other floor plan designs.





The “Integrity” Model

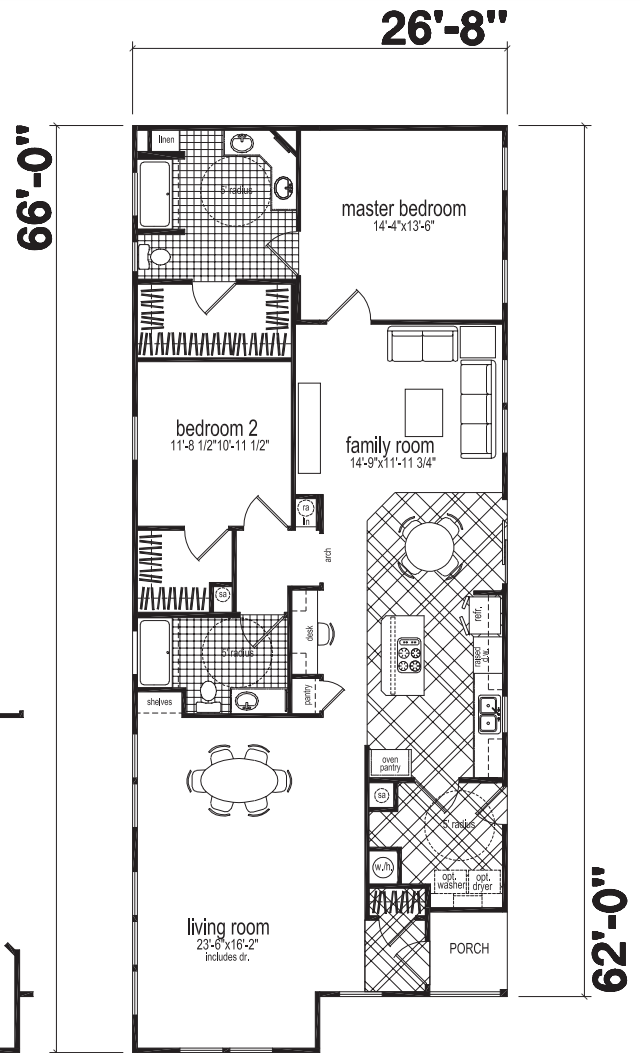
Welcoming guests into the warm, comfortable and spaciouly designed living area of the approximately 1572 sq. ft. Integrity Model will be a pleasure. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath model provides a well-appointed kitchen, formal dining room and convenient laundry room. A functional cabinet system, logical major appliance placements and user friendly faucet controls will make for easy living.





The "Pinnacle" Model

The Pinnacle Model provides high quality and the benefits of universal designed features within approximately 1674 sq. ft. of space. This 2 bedroom, 2 bath home features generous living areas, a well-designed kitchen and walk-in closets. An optional den will offer a private place to relax and unwind.



Generations Series Homes for Everyone

EXTERIOR UNIVERSAL DESIGN FEATURES:

Wide 36" doors and level entry to the home with no steps to climb, allows barrier-free access for everyone. Wide 36" doorway with lever handle-set enables a person to pass through with a handful of groceries, and equally accommodates strollers and wheelchairs.

INTERIOR UNIVERSAL DESIGN FEATURES:

Interior doors are 36" wide instead of the much smaller doorways prevalent in most homes, allowing easier passage from room to room for people of all ages. Lever handle-sets on all doors adds elegance to surroundings, while simplifying opening and closing of doors, especially for youngsters and adults with grasping difficulties.

Convenient Location of Light Switches & Electrical Receptacles: All light switches are the large rocker-type for ease-of-use. Located at a height of 42", instead of the more prevalent 48", they are more convenient to use by children and older adults, especially when carrying items. Electrical receptacles mounted 18" above finished floor instead of the usual 9" to 12", are easier for everyone to locate and more accessible for seniors and anyone else who has difficulty bending.

KITCHEN UNIVERSAL DESIGN FEATURES:

Variable-Height Counter-Tops: provide seating-height surfaces and are far more comfortable and easier for everyone to use than a single-height counter. Positioning appliances at a more accessible counter-top height, will afford increased leverage for heavy tasks.

Knee Space under Sinks and Counters: allows anyone to sit more comfortably at the sink or counter, enabling seniors and others with standing difficulty, to more readily perform kitchen tasks.

Pull-Out Drawers & Shelves: in lower cabinets allow easier access to items at the back of drawers and shelves than the fixed variety. More readily accommodates storage of heavy and bulky items.

BATHROOM UNIVERSAL DESIGN FEATURES:

Larger Bathroom Size: Everyone benefits from increased space to maneuver, especially individuals with wheelchairs or mobility challenges.

Plumbing Fixtures: Larger 48" x 60" no-step, easy entry shower stalls are more convenient to use by everyone, providing better access for individuals with mobility problems. Taller 16-1/2"+ high toilets are more comfortable for most users. Shower head with 6' hose easily adjusts to height of different users, and is great for washing hair, bathing children, and massaging backs.

Safety Bars in Showers and Bathtubs: provide added safety for all people of all ages and abilities.

LIGHTING THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSAL DESIGN HOME:

Excellent Fluorescent Lighting: provides high level, shadow-free, general illumination throughout the home and maximizes the performance of daily living tasks, while substantially reducing home accidents and injuries. Fluorescent lighting, compared to incandescent, is far more energy efficient.



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