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Building design enhances shoreline



The West Tower Entrance

Project: Westminster-Canterbury True LifeCare Senior Living Facility

Licensee: Pre-Mix Industries, Chesapeake, Va.

Mason contractor: Snow Jr. & King, Inc.

Architect: SFCS, Inc.

Expanding their amenity offerings and resident capacity, Westminster-Canterbury, a True LifeCare retirement community located on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay, added a 14-story West Tower. Featuring a parking garage, theater, clinic and 164 new residences, the new West

Tower complements the original East Tower while maximizing the residents' beautiful views of the bay. The contemporary brick-and-glass structure, the extensive landscaping along Shore Drive, and the expansive lawn around the East Tower and down to the beachfront serve to enhance the architectural appearance of the shoreline.

When originally built in 1983, Snow Jr. & King was the mason contractor, and they were chosen again by W.M. Jordan Construction, Inc., for the addition of the block and brick tower. Pre-Mix Industries provided SPEC MIX® mortar for the job. Snow Jr. & King foreman Eddie Wells said that considering the job pace and physical requirements of the project, the job wouldn't have run as smoothly without the SPEC MIX system. "The space it saved us and the manpower it saved us helped make this job possible."

The masonry portion of the high rise was erected in less than 12 months and required six silos, 236 bulk bags of gray mortar, 618 bulk bags of colored mortar and 150 bulk bags of grout.

Designed by the architectural firm SFCS, Inc., this \$80 million expansion project received Masonry Construction's "2003 Best High Rise," which was awarded at the World of Concrete/World of Masonry show in Las Vegas, Nev.