

Franke Tobey Jones Myths

Myth: You have to give up half of your assets or monthly earnings to live here.

Truth: This is not true. We do not take your assets or monthly earnings.

Myth: You have to pay an entrance fee or buy-in to live here.

Truth: Only the Duplexes and Garden Apartments have an entrance fee.

Myth: You can only move here if you are independent.

Truth: We have several lifestyles at Franke Tobey Jones: Independent Living, Assisted living, Skilled Nursing and Memory Care.

Myth: You have to be wealthy to live here.

Truth: Not true. The prices at Franke Tobey Jones are comparable to many retirement communities in the area.

Myth: We are a nursing home only.

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Myth: We are an Assisted Living only.

Truth: We have several lifestyles at Franke Tobey Jones: Independent Living, Assisted living, Skilled Nursing and Memory Care.

Myth: We don't have memory care.

Truth: We do have a Memory Care called "Our Place" which has a wonderful family-like environment.

Myth: We have a dress code.

Truth: There is no dress code. You can dress how you are comfortable.

Myth: People perceive us to be formal and elitist.

Truth: We are not formal or elitist. Because our landscaping and buildings are so beautiful it gives the impression of being very formal, but our residents will tell you that it is a very casual, comfortable, social atmosphere anywhere on campus.

Myth: FTJ is too expensive or out of their price range.

Truth: Most people are surprised to find that our prices are comparable to many retirement communities in the area.

Myth: Franke Tobey Jones was a man.

Truth: Franke Tobey Jones was a woman.

Myth: Franke Tobey Jones was built as a personal residence.

Truth: Franke Tobey Jones was built from the beginning to be a retirement community. Franke Tobey Jones was determined to establish a Home in which the elderly could live in comfort and dignity, whatever their means. In July 1923, Franke Tobey Jones announced she wanted to donate a building site near Point Defiance Park, in addition to \$150,000 for the development of a permanent Home for the elderly. On July 16, 1924 the Franke Tobey Jones Home cornerstone was laid on a spectacular five-acre site with

views of Commencement Bay and Mount Rainier. With a wheelbarrow and spade, Franke, at the age of 80, presided over the ceremony. On March 24, 1925 the Home opened, a beautiful Tudor-style building with private accommodations for up to 65 residents. In addition to gracious living rooms and dining rooms, it had a stage for entertainment, a library and at the heart of the communal living area, a picturesque solarium. The building was designed with no stairs; gentle ramps went from one level to the next. It was soon recognized as one of the most outstanding facilities in the nation. Franke Tobey Jones was described by a friend as, "The biggest heart ever found in such a small body."