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**Founded 1985**

Sister Jeanne Andre Brendel's experiences as an educator, administrator and social worker for 60 years inform her views on quality of life issues for seniors. She believes loneliness should never be a reason why an otherwise healthy elder might die. A sense of community was what was needed. That could be achieved in a new kind of family living situation that she envisioned. Sister Jeanne took on the difficult task of making it happen. Over a million dollars and many years of paperwork were required.

Three Harvest Houses on Long Island provide an option that is unique in the United States. They are residences for a small group of healthy seniors that foster communication and relationships. They are not assisted-living or nursing homes, but family homes in familiar communities. Intergenerational volunteers assist in the operation of each house.

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