Building Bonds
Reimagining Design Concepts of Senior Housing

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Conversation:
Responding to the rise in human life expectancy, can design prolong life satisfaction by helping older adults maintain their independence?

Stakes:
"Let's face it – we do not need special architecture for old people, we need the right architecture for all ages. The problem with designing environments specifically for older people is that nobody wants to move into them: they are the last resort, not the first choice" (Farrely, 2014)[1].

Betterment:
The project attempts to challenge the social stigma in designing for older adults by proposing an intergenerational, mixed-use residential development that meets people's needs throughout all stages of life and allows them to age in place.

Profile:
The experience of growing up in a different culture sparked my interest in reevaluating design concepts of senior housing and emphasizing the importance of social connection, shared experiences, and mutual support.

[1] Farrelly, L. (2014). Designing for the third age: architecture redefined for a generation of "active agers" (1st ed., Vol. 228).