

The Garden Café—Serving up a healthy taste of community



Gail Johnson (left) and Kate Willems chatting over breakfast.

There's a new place at Auburn to get caught up on all the events of the day and solve *most* of the world's problems over a cup of coffee. *The Garden Café* recently opened its doors and is quickly becoming a favorite hangout at Auburn.

"This is nice to have available to us," Auburn Courts resident Gail Johnson said. "Breakfast was pretty good too."

Excitement among residents has been building for the grand opening of *The Garden Café* as this gives them even more food choices on campus.

"We are always looking for new experiences to offer residents and *The Garden Café* helps us live out our mission even that much more," Sheila Neiland-Snyder, housing administrator at Auburn, said. "Our goal is to make it a central gathering place for residents, families and staff."

The Garden Café currently serves breakfast but, in the future, Neiland-Snyder plans to also offer soup and sandwiches for lunch. "Eventually we would like to be open 24/7," she said.

Kate Willems, a nutrition culinary coordinator who is responsible for the menu at the café, added, "This is an important place for people to connect and build relationships. We will have all kinds of healthy choices for people but we wouldn't be a café if we didn't offer some sweet treats as well!"

The Garden Café is open regular business hours so check it out the next time you are visiting Auburn in Chaska.