ArchCare at Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center serves people of all faiths, backgrounds and financial circumstances, and accepts Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance and managed care plans. Financial counselors are available to discuss insurance coverage and Medicaid eligibility, and can provide assistance in applying for Medicaid.

We are committed to the compassionate care of those unable to fully care for themselves. We hope you take the opportunity to contact us and learn how we can give you peace of mind as you continue on the journey of caring for your loved one.
Neurodegenerative Care at ArchCare at Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center

The Mary and Jim White Unit for the Care of People with Huntington’s Disease (HD) at ArchCare at Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center provides exceptional care focused on enhancing the quality of life and self-esteem of residents with this degenerative neurological disorder. The 48-bed unit is a recognized leader in managing the physical, emotional and cognitive challenges of this unique population, and works in collaboration with the Huntington’s Disease Center of Excellence at Columbia University.

Individual plans of care are formulated to help residents express themselves and socialize to their maximum ability. Therapeutic services such as Adaptive Recreational Programming take into account the movement and behavioral symptoms experienced by people with HD, allowing them to derive the greatest benefit from these activities.

ArchCare, the Continuing Care Community of the Archdiocese of New York, has provided specialized care for people with neurodegenerative disorders such as Huntington’s disease since 1988. Care programs emphasize safety, preservation of function, psychological health, nutrition and a broad array of activities tailored to preserving the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of each resident.

Residents are cared for by an interdisciplinary team lead by a physician who specializes in HD. Psychiatric and behavior management services are available onsite, and state-of-the-art technology and architectural features ensure safety and comfort. A host of supportive services are also available for caregivers and family members who are affected by and may be at risk of HD themselves.

Personal care team members include:

- Movement disorders neurologist
- Internal medicine physicians
- Nurse practitioners
- Psychiatrist
- Registered nurses
- Dietician/clinical nutrition specialist
- Therapeutic recreation experts
- Physical and occupational therapists
- Adaptive equipment specialist
- Speech pathologist
- Social workers
- Pastoral care

Residents enjoy private and semi-private rooms with individual televisions and, if they desire, in-room mini-gardens. Regular programs include weekly horticulture activities, massages, parties, social gatherings and outside trips. The Center’s location directly opposite New York City’s Central Park allows for outdoor excursions with staff and loved ones.

Family members are encouraged to take an active role in planning and monitoring their loved one’s care, and to participate in ongoing family support programs.