Independent Living Visit Checklist

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Date of Visit: ________________________________

Location:
☐ Community is conveniently located for family and friends to visit
☐ Surrounding neighborhood is safe
☐ Shopping and entertainment centers are nearby
☐ Medical facilities and personal physician are nearby

Dining:
☐ Dining venues look and smell inviting
☐ Tables, chairs and linens are clean and in good condition
☐ Residents may invite guests for meals
☐ Resident committee works with dining services staff on menu planning
☐ The community accommodates special diets
☐ Dietician or nutritionist is involved in meal planning
☐ There are multiple dining venues
☐ You have sampled several meals

Support Services:
☐ Residents have access to in-home care
☐ Housekeeping, maintenance and laundry are provided
☐ Transportation services are available
☐ Security is on hand around the clock
☐ Nurse station or wellness clinic is available
☐ Counseling and/or psychology services are available

Hospitality:
☐ Visitors are greeted promptly and warmly
☐ Staff members smile and offer courteous greetings
☐ Staff members address residents by name and show respectful familiarity
☐ Residents are friendly and welcoming
☐ You feel safe, unpressured and comfortable
☐ All your questions are given diligent attention

Life Enrichment & Wellness:
☐ There is a calendar of activities and programs
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And finally, note how you feel. Does the community look and feel like a place you would be comfortable calling home?