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From the documentary “Almost Home” by Milwaukee, Wisconsin, I have learned that:

1. The importance of unity. At Saint John's there is an upscale of a retirement community that has bright, spacious living areas. They usually meet in the afternoon for cocktails and find their daily plan and pursue hobbies such as woodwork and playing bridge. This helps them together fight their struggle with mundane and often assumed issues of old age such as changing relationships, disability, shrinking independence, and dementia.
2. Care for old age in society. The film offers a deep look into the lifestyle of the Milwaukee residents, their families and the people who take care of them as every person adjusts to the difficulties of aging. Under the leadership of George, Saint John's On the Lake is replacing its 135 years old medical facility with a social home. This aims at transforming the perspective of the people towards nursing homes, not as boredom institutions but as vibrant communities in which people can live rich and fulfill their lives, (Mills, 2003).

Instances of resistance of transition from the medical model to the social model of long term care include:

1. Edie and Lloyd after being notified on Milwaukee's social circuit are separated by Lloyd's Parkinson, forcing him to move from their independent resident to the nursing home. She is privately racked with guilt for not providing his care. On the other side, Lloyd works feverishly in therapy, hoping they will return to their residence. The incidence of Edie and Lloyd shows resistance to the transition into the social model which they wish to live back at their apartment, (Marak, 2017).
2. Erika Stoving is a dedicated nurse, who works for extra hours to offer care for every resident at home. She is accountable for the drop of a resident but instead of embracing

cultural transparency, she adheres to orders not to disclose to the families of the residents the details to protect the medical institution. Instead of being transparent to the society on how residents are being dropped, she resists to the medical model by not disclosing the medical facility, **(Loyd and Bonds, 2018)**.

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