

## DESIGN APPROACH

This design is intended to explore the possibilities of expanding unused spaces into Bed & Breakfast for visitors. The B&B can help initiate a program that helps senior citizens who are living alone in engaging with different groups of people. Visitors to the Bed & Breakfast can be encouraged to provide companionship to the elderly and provide any care if needed, in exchange, the residents can act as tour guides for visitors to experience the community.

Outside the living quarters is a big open courtyard surrounded by other local residents. However, since residents around the courtyard are facing away from the courtyard with access restricted to tiny windows and solid doors, an “operable wall” can inspire its use thus allowing the potential for the courtyard to be more accessible gathering area. In order to engage the elderly with relation involving the people around courtyard, this design turn into a more literal way by shifting the wall (facing front) of the elderly’s house, to form a smaller courtyard that will link to the big courtyard. Not only to bring the activity more intimately to them but also as a tool for climate control as this small courtyard will allow more natural light penetrate into their house while enhancing ventilation.

The use of the courtyard can be further encouraged by installing a drawbridge-style wall that lowers and extends from the residence into the courtyard, augmenting the extended space to become a dining terrace. The temporary terrace within the courtyard not only creates a sense of larger space, it can be used as a tool for climate control to enhance ventilation and natural lighting.

Hopefully, the new space can inspire the community in the future to become more interconnected and allow the elderly to enjoy their old age with leisure and companionship.