One way to understand care networks is through the subjects that constitute them and the spaces that receive them. Thus, by looking at its most neglected subjects our understanding of mutual care could strengthen and improve. The Round House, a geriatric care center, is built around the connection of the interior and exterior, of residents and visitors, paying special attention to the access to nature and housing as connected forms of care.

The Round House is a circular geriatric care building with six departments situated in Närlunda, Ekerö, Sweden. The project was commissioned by a client who wanted a unique proposal with a strong formal identity without any set direction on the plot. The main concept was to create spatial qualities through four circles, of which two are activated for communication, and the others form the solid dwelling area and the space of the inner courtyard. One of the main purposes of the circular form was to enhance the surrounding nature, making it possible for all the units to access wide angle views of the peaceful surroundings. The house is even elevated on concrete pillars to protect it from the risk of flooding of the site.

The small apartments are positioned on two sides of the corridor that cut the center of the solid volume. The common spaces cut the main volume of the building and create voids that reveal the center of the courtyard, which is seen from the outside. This allows the visitor to catch a
glimpse into the heart of the building and the residents to have a connection with what's happening outside.

We attempted to create a building that feels contemporary yet timeless, built with Sweden's most commonly used materials such as wood, metal, and glass. The building is designed to age gracefully and improve with time. The idea is that we have designed a structure like a bookshelf that will be completed once the people that work and live there are settled. The façade has raw standing wooden panels of raw pine, local stone, industrial metal for the roof and solar panels for the outer slope of the roof.

The desired expression has been a low building with a roof of a distinguished shape to be seen and recognized from a distance. All required technical areas are placed in the attic. ARQ
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