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River Garden celebrates The Future

Jacksonville, FL, October 15, 2012 - Monday evening, River Garden Senior Services hosted more than 300 guests for an incredible evening to participate in the official dedication of the agency's new addition and updated space. Members from throughout the Jacksonville community came out to help River Garden celebrate this milestone in the agency's history. Guests included leaders from the Jewish community as well as the Jacksonville community at large, including City Councilman Matt Schellenberg and representatives from Baptist Health, Florida Blue, SunTrust Bank, Community Hospice, Haven Hospice, and Aetna Health.

Donors, board members, residents and family members enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres as they toured the new and refurbished facilities. One guest commented, "The Home never looked more stunning." while another said "My mother lives upstairs, and she is happier and healthier than she's been in a long time."

As part of the event, Linda and David Stein were recognized for their 1 million dollar lead gift to the River Garden capital campaign in a red ribbon cutting ceremony of the new 10,000 square foot David A. Stein & Family Center. The space was dedicated in memory of his grandmother Rose, a 'founding mother' of River Garden. The addition is home to the Frisch Family Adult Day Care and Activities Pavilion and the Bernard & Alice Selevan Therapy Pavilion. The new space has the capacity to enable both the Therapy Center and the Adult Day Care program to triple the number of clients served and increase River Garden's outreach into home and community based programs and services. The renovation of the existing space includes the Trager/Peltz Admissions & Home Health Pavilion, the Parker and Wilf Dining Pavilion and the DuBow Pharmacy, as well as the Sloat Memory Care Pavilion. The refurbishment of the entire building is still in process.

The evening was also an opportunity to thank all donors who have contributed to River Garden's capital campaign over the past 18 months. Campaign chairs Susan DuBow and Sandy Zimmerman, as well as honorary chairs David and Linda Stein, were applauded. "River Garden credits the entire community for the success of the campaign. We are very grateful to each and every donor, but we could not have done it without the leadership of our chairs and Visionary donors that got the campaign off to a running start," remarked Martin Goetz, CEO of River Garden. While touring the building one donor remarked "This is where my donation went – I am thrilled to be a part of this place." After hearing about the expansion of outpatient and home health services River Garden is now able to provide to the community as a result of

the addition and refurbishment, another donor remarked, "This organization really has its act together."

River Garden continues on its journey to keep building a strong agency recognized nationally as one of the leading senior service agencies.

About River Garden

River Garden is a not-for-profit, mission-driven community agency offering an array of elder care programs and services on a 37-acre campus in the Mandarin area of Jacksonville. Sponsored by the organized Jewish community, they serve residents from diverse religious and ethnic backgrounds while maintaining an environment supportive of Jewish identity and informed by Jewish values. River Garden is a six-time recipient of the prestigious Florida Governor's Gold Seal Award for Excellence in Long-Term Care.

The River Garden campus includes the River Garden Hebrew Home for the Aged, a 180-bed skilled nursing facility; The Coves, an 80-unit independent senior living facility; River Garden@Home, a Florida licensed home health agency; Adult Day Care, open seven days a week; The Therapy Center, providing outpatient physical, occupational and speech therapies; and the Albert Z. Fleet Geriatric Training Center, a not-for-profit post-secondary school which trains students for careers as certified nursing assistants. For more information, visit www.rivergarden.org.