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## RIVER GARDEN HOSTS NORTH AMERICAN SENIOR SERVICES AGENCIES

**Jacksonville, FL, April 1, 2014** – River Garden Senior Services was honored to host a very special event on its campus Tuesday afternoon. More than 125 men and women participated in an educational session with guest speaker Larry Minnix, President and CEO of LeadingAge, a national association of 6,000 not-for-profit aging services providers nationwide. Participants then toured the entire River Garden campus, and were treated to a reception in their honor. Attendees were representatives from Jewish senior services agencies throughout North America who gathered at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Jacksonville from Sunday, March 30 through Wednesday, April 2, 2014 to attend the 54<sup>th</sup> annual conference of AJAS - the Association of Jewish Aging Services. The international association represents over 100 not-for-profit Jewish community agencies throughout the United States and Canada which hold themselves in service to their communities by promoting and supporting the delivery of services to an aging population.

### **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, River Garden serves clients 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,' a five-star rated community by AHCA and CMS, and a recipient of US News & World Report "Best Nursing Homes" recognition in 2013 and 2014.

The River Garden campus includes: River Garden Hebrew Home, a 180-bed skilled nursing facility; The Coves, an 80-unit independent living community; River Garden Home Health Care, a Florida licensed and Medicare certified home health agency; River Garden Adult Day Care; River Garden Rehab, providing short-stay rehabilitation and outpatient physical, occupational and speech therapies; The Albert Z. Fleet Geriatric Training Center, a Florida licensed not-for-profit post-secondary school providing continuing education for staff, and classes to train students for careers as Certified Nursing Assistants; and River Garden Foundation, an integral part of the River Garden community, providing financial support to the River Garden system of senior services.

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