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## US NEWS & WORLD REPORT RANKS RIVER GARDEN AMONG THE BEST - AGAIN

**Jacksonville, FL, March 27, 2014** -- US News & World Report has once again rated River Garden Hebrew Home a 5- star community, which positions them among the Best Nursing Homes in the United States. This ranking is one of the most helpful and popular tools among Baby Boomers and others when researching and evaluating nursing homes for short-stay rehabilitation, as well as traditional long-term care. Approximately 20 percent of nursing homes nationwide earned an overall 5--star rating.

At the top of the US News & World Report list are those with a rating of 5 stars from CMS - the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the federal agency that sets and enforces standards for nursing homes. These top facilities are rated 5-stars for their overall performance in health inspections, nurse staffing and quality of medical care. This prestigious status reflects River Garden's dedication to providing excellent elder care in Northeast Florida.

### **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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