

RIVER GARDEN AWARDED UNPRECEDENTED 7TH GOLD SEAL

Jacksonville, FL, August 14, 2014 – River Garden Hebrew Home for the Aged was recognized with a 7th Florida Governor's Gold Seal Award for Excellence in Long-Term Care. Of the more than 650 nursing homes in Florida, River Garden is the only skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility to earn this distinction seven consecutive times, and the only agency in Duval County to ever earn the Gold Seal Award.

The two-year award was presented to Marsha Pollock, president of the River Garden Home Board and Loyd Lyle president of the Resident Council by Polly Weaver, Chief of Field Operations for AHCA, the Agency for Health Care Administration. More than 125 people were in attendance for the presentation ceremony.

Created in 2002, the Gold Seal Program recognizes Florida nursing homes that "demonstrate excellence in long-term care over a sustained period, promotes the stability of the industry and facilitates the physical, social, and emotional well-being of nursing home facility residents." River Garden Hebrew Home has continuously held this recognition since it was created in 2002 by the Florida Legislature.

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. In addition to being a seven time recipient of the Gold Seal Award, River Garden is a five-star rated community by AHCA and CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) and a recipient of US News & World Report's "Best Nursing Homes" recognition in 2013 and 2014.

The River Garden campus includes: River Garden Hebrew Home, a 180-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation 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 Rehab, providing short-stay rehabilitation and outpatient physical, occupational and speech therapies; River Garden Adult Day Care; 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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Loyd Lyle, President, River Garden Resident Council, holds the Gold Seal Award, presented to Mr. Lyle and Marsha Pollock (2nd from left), President, River Garden Home Board, by Polly Weaver (2nd from right), Chief of Field Operations for AHCA, the Agency for Health Care Administration, surrounded by Fred Tromberg, past President of River Garden Senior Services (left) and Martin Goetz, River Garden CEO.