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## RIVER GARDEN CELEBRATES 69th YEAR, HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

Jacksonville, FL, March 22, 2015: Fun, laughter and lots of activity best describe the day. River Garden Hebrew Home celebrated its 69<sup>th</sup> year with a wonderful Anniversary Day festival. What started as a humid, overcast and rain-threatening morning turned out to be a beautiful day. More than 500 members of the community, ranging in age from infants to seniors, gathered on the River Garden campus to join in the celebration, which included a barbeque, pony rides, face painting and clowns, balloon artistry, games, and a bounce house. Many also attended the annual meeting of River Garden Senior Services, held in the Cohen Auditorium.

**Debby Kaye**, Home Board member, chaired the event, and did an outstanding job coordinating the activities of the day and hosting the annual meeting. "Anniversary Day is a wonderful way to bring our River Garden family - residents, staff members and volunteers - together with the Jacksonville community to celebrate another successful year", commented Kaye. "Since joining the Board three years ago, I have learned so much about River Garden. As part of this year's planning committee, I saw up close the countless hours spent planning the event, ensuring that all guests would have a great time. And as "Chair of the Day", I had an opportunity to be reminded how lucky we are to have this fabulous resource in our community. I am honored to have played a small role in this very special day."

## **About River Garden**

River Garden Senior Services 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 at River Garden, 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, providing financial support to the River Garden system of senior services.

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Children of all ages celebrate River Garden's 69th Anniversary Day celebration

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