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RIVER GARDEN CELEBRATES 70 YEARS SERVING THE JACKSONVILLE COMMUNITY

Jacksonville, FL, March 13, 2016: Fun, laughter and lots of activity best describe the day. River Garden Hebrew Home celebrated its 70th year with a wonderful Anniversary Day festival. A little afternoon rain couldn't dampen the joy and enthusiasm, as 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. The day's festivities 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.

Michael Paul, Home Board member, chaired the event, and did an outstanding job coordinating activities and hosting the annual meeting. "It was my honor and pleasure as a 3rd generation board member to serve as chairperson of this special event. When I was a child, I was introduced to River Garden by my parents, both of whom are current board members." Paul continued, "My grandparents were well served here. In keeping with the 5th commandment, *"honor thy father and thy mother,"* I'm reminded of words my grandmother, Rubye Safer, offered during her installation to the board many years ago: "You must continue to plant seeds and nurture our special Garden with loving hands so it will bloom and grow into greater beauty." My grandmother's words remain just as true today."

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 40-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 7-time recipient of the Governor's Gold Seal Award, River Garden is a 5-star rated community by AHCA (Agency for Health Care Administration) and CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) and a recipient of US News & World Report's "Best Nursing Homes" designation in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

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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Young and young-at-heart alike shared in the joy of River Garden's 70th Anniversary Day celebration

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