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## RIVER GARDEN'S 8<sup>TH</sup> GOLD SEAL AN UNPRECEDENTED ACCOMPLISHMENT

*Jacksonville, FL, June 9th, 2016* – River Garden Hebrew Home for the Aged just received confirmation that it will be recognized with an 8<sup>th</sup> Florida Governor's Gold Seal Award for Excellence in Long-Term Care. Of the more than 680 nursing homes in Florida, River Garden Hebrew Home has continuously held this recognition since it was created in 2002 by the Florida Legislature.

The Gold Seal Award recognizes Florida nursing homes that "demonstrate excellence in long-term care over a sustained period, promotes the stability of the field and facilitates the physical, social, and emotional well-being of nursing home facility residents."

### **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 an 8-time recipient of the prestigious Governor's Gold Seal Award for Excellence in Long Term Care, 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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