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River Garden Hebrew Home / Wolfson Health & Aging Center

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## Foundation Gala Continues its 25 Years of Success

By Kathy Osterer, Chief Development Officer



Four-time Gala Chair and Foundation President, the lovely Jeanine Rogozinski and her dashing husband Chaim (middle couple) share the evening with special guests, daughters Rachel (left) and Danielle (right).

Twenty five years ago, the board of trustees of the **River Garden Foundation** wished to create an elegant community event that would establish the Foundation's identity and promote River Garden / Wolfson Health and Aging Center in the community. The River Garden Foundation Gala has indeed become known as one of the finest in town, and has helped educate the general community about the unique nature of River Garden, its national reputation as a model elder-care agency, and the special role it plays in our community. Over the past 25 years, more than \$3.7 million has been raised, net of expenses, to benefit River Garden residents.

*Shimmer & Stars...River Garden Foundation Silver Anniversary Gala* was celebrated Saturday, November 18, 2017 at the Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa. The black tie event was sponsored by **SunTrust Bank** and chaired by **Jeanine Rogozinski**. This was the fourth Gala Jeanine has chaired, and she is also the current Foundation President. To commemorate the importance of our 25<sup>th</sup> Gala, we honored local philanthropist **Barbara Parker**, chair of the first Gala in 1993, as well as the 2005 and 2006 events. Barbara's children, **Stacie & Dr. Larry Wilf**, and **Debbie & Jeff Parker**, have also chaired past Galas, continuing the family commitment of giving back to the community.

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## Golf Classic Coming in April

The 22<sup>nd</sup> River Garden Classic tees off Wednesday, April 25 at Deerwood Country Club. The event, co-chaired by Mark Lodinger and Michael Price, and proudly sponsored by Hardage-Giddens Funeral Homes & Cemeteries, supports The Albert Z. Fleet Geriatric Training Center at River Garden. Since the first tournament in 1997, more than \$1 million has been raised.

The tournament promises a great day of golf in support of River Garden. The day includes a deli lunch, contests throughout the course with skill prizes awarded on every hole and an evening Awards Reception.

Reserve today! Sponsorships available including player spots, luncheon, reception and signage. Limited individual player spots also available.

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## OUR MISSION

### To provide...

A wide range of quality, cost effective elder care services in residential, outpatient, and community based settings.

### To create...

A comfortable, caring, and dignified home for the frail elderly serving both rich and poor with excellence.

### To serve...

People of all faiths, while maintaining an environment supportive of Jewish identity and informed by Jewish values.

### To act...

As a valuable educational resource in elder care for the entire community.

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*Be sure to visit our website for the latest River Garden news and information.*



## INSIDE LINE

*by Martin A. Goetz, Chief Executive Officer*



WOW! As I write my column for this issue of the *River Garden News*, we've learned that *U.S. News & World Report* has named River Garden Hebrew Home as the best nursing facility in Florida! And while River Garden has a long history of being highly rated, this is the first time in memory that an independent rating service has come out and identified us as "best of the best." The quality metrics that *U.S. News* used to evaluate nursing centers are all readily available on the Internet and through state and federal websites. What isn't directly evaluated in the *U.S. News* listing is River Garden's longstanding organizational culture and overwhelming commitment to our mission, vision and values, all of which are focused on assuring that we remain an outstanding care community.

Earlier this fall, Hurricane Irma wreaked havoc throughout Florida. Nearly 100 nursing facilities had to evacuate either ahead of, or immediately following, the storm. Unfortunately, in one facility there were multiple deaths attributed to inadequate operation of the nursing home's emergency generator and air conditioning equipment. This resulted in emergency orders from Florida Governor Rick Scott mandating that nursing homes and assisted living facilities take immediate action to assure regulators and the public that our facilities could provide emergency power and air conditioning for up to 96 hours following a storm. Interestingly, River Garden had already been in the process of replacing its 27-year old emergency generator

with a new one. Hurricane Irma has caused us to revise the project and we will shortly be adding 2 ½ times the emergency generator capacity we currently have. We are also adding additional emergency electrical circuits and flying debris protection for exposed equipment. Doing so will enable us to go beyond these new standards surrounding resident safety and care. This project will be completed in March 2018.

Congratulations to the River Garden Foundation on its exceptional 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala, *Shimmer & Stars*. With nearly 600 guests in attendance, we rocked the Marriot Sawgrass Resort, all in support of River Garden Home. A special thank you to Jeanine Rogozinski, Gala Chair, and to our honoree, Barbara Parker. You'll find more about the Gala in this issue of our newsletter.

Our leadership is actively planning for the future — specifically evaluating the need for adding an assisted living facility to our campus. Earlier this fall we brought in special consultants to help our leaders assess the feasibility of such a project. There are more than 3,000 assisted living facilities in Florida, many within striking distance of our campus, and we are fully committed to determining whether there is enough Jewish community need and interest to sustain such a project. More about this in the coming year.

Please mark your calendars to join us for River Garden's 72<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Day celebration and the annual meeting of River Garden Senior Services on Sunday afternoon, March 25, 2018. See you then!

Our best wishes for a Happy and Healthy 2018!



# Anniversary Day and Annual Meeting 2018!

## SAVE THE DATE

March 25, 2018 from 3 - 6:00 p.m.: River Garden Hebrew Home will celebrate its 72<sup>nd</sup> year with a fun-filled Anniversary Day festival. Chair of the day is Board member Nan Rothstein. Everyone is invited — River Garden residents, Coves members, family and friends, volunteers and staff, and members of the greater community. Upwards of 500 people, ranging in age from infants to seniors, enjoy the day's activities.

You'll enjoy a delicious BBQ lunch and terrific musical entertainment. Purchase ceramics made by our residents and visit the Auxiliary Gift Shop. There will be so many activities for kids, including face-painting clowns, balloon artists, pony and cart rides, and a bounce house.

The Annual Meeting of River Garden Senior Services will begin at 4:30 p.m. in the Cohen Auditorium. Don't miss this year's special presentation to Sheldon Gendzier — the longest-serving board member in the history of our agency. Sheldon is retiring from the board after an incredible 60 years of service!

The River Garden Auxiliary Tombola drawing will conclude the day, with all monies raised directly supporting the residents.



## River Garden and United HealthCare

Medicare beneficiaries who have traditional Medicare Coverage with a Medicare Supplement issued by AARP or United HealthCare directly are fully covered during a Medicare Part A admission to River Garden.

However, if you or a loved one has a commercial health insurance policy issued by United HealthCare, or are enrolled in a United HealthCare Medicare Advantage Plan (HMO), it is important to know that you will not be able to access those benefits at River Garden.

We are committed to informing the Northeast Florida Jewish community that if they have a Medicare Advantage Plan (HMO) or commercial policy issued through United HealthCare, their post-acute care Medicare Part A benefits do not include access into our care system.

If you have additional questions please contact our Admissions Department at 904-886-8420.

## John Rutherford Tours River Garden Campus

U. S. Representative John Rutherford visited the River Garden campus to learn more about the challenges and concerns facing nursing homes and other agencies as they confront the issues of caring for seniors in Florida. The River Garden community has a long history in support of good and thoughtful public policy, and looks forward to working with Representative Rutherford as he continues to engage issues that impact Florida's frailest, at-risk residents.



*Pictured, (L to R): River Garden Home Board members and co-chairs of River Garden's Public Policy Committee Jerry Rothstein and Randy Kammer; Representative John Rutherford; Gloria Einstein, president of River Garden Senior Services; Dick Kravitz, board member of River Garden Foundation; Susan Cohen, president of River Garden Hebrew Home; Marty Goetz, River Garden CEO*

## We're Talking About *Wellness*

by Sue Leger Krall, ARNP, PhD, Director of Home & Community Based Services



*Sue Krall discusses wellness with members of The Coves.*



*Program attendees pay close attention during a recent presentation.*

We recently developed and implemented a series of health classes for Coves members. We decided to focus on wellness, instead of the typical focus on illnesses or diagnoses.

Coves members have been enthusiastic and open to expanding their horizons regarding how they think of their own health and wellness.

In the initial class we asked each person to develop their own definition of health and wellness. Classes have continued monthly, each with a specific focus. We explored biological, psychological, social and spiritual themes in “**You Are What You Are**”; issues of mobility in “**You Are What You Do**”; and the importance of nutrition in “**You Are What You Eat**.”

Other recent classes focused on **bladder health** and **mind health**, since these are areas of concern for any healthy independent senior.

Many Coves members thought it would be fun to include book reviews, so we recently reviewed “How Not to Die,” by Michael Greger, MD. The book focuses on benefits of a plant-based diet. We also plan to review the book “The China Study,” by T. Colin Campbell, PhD, and Thomas M. Campbell II, MD, which focuses on health and longevity.

It is exciting that so many Coves members have an interest, and participate in activities with a focus on wellness. As one member shared, “we are never too old to learn something new!”



**ARE YOU FOLLOWING US ON FACEBOOK?** If not, we invite you to “like” our page, and be part of our online community! The River Garden Senior Services Facebook page is a forum to keep you up-to-date on all of our services and related events on our active campus and in the surrounding community.

Please take a moment to “like” us, and share our Facebook content with family and friends.



## River Garden Earns 1<sup>st</sup> Place Ribbon!

For the second year in a row, River Garden submitted an entry to the Jacksonville Historical Society's largest annual fundraiser, the **Gingerbread House Extravaganza**. The event, which is held at Old St. Andrews on A. Philip Randolph Blvd. across from Veterans Memorial Arena, opened November 30 and runs daily except Sundays through December 23. Thousands of visitors flock to the historic venue for what *Southern Living* magazine has named one of the "South's best holiday experiences." More than 10,000 people are expected to attend this year.

The Extravaganza, a local holiday tradition, showcases gingerbread and confection creations by amateurs and professionals. Often called the "most creative art show in Jacksonville," gingerbread builders select themes ranging from a favorite storybook to an historic landmark.

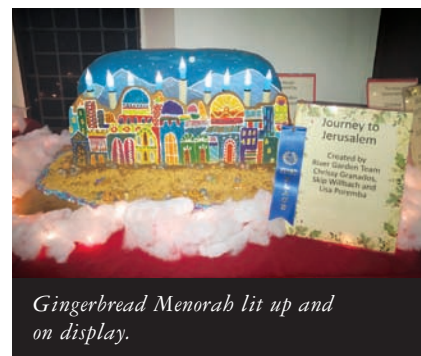
Last year, River Garden entered the event for the first time. Wishing to add a little touch of *Chanukah* to the festivities, the River Garden building team created a large, colorful *Dreidel*, which garnered a lot of attention.

This year, the team (**Chrissy Granados**, Expressive Arts Coordinator, **Lisa Poremba**, Director of Life Enrichment and Skip Willbach, Director of Marketing) decided to continue the *Chanukah* theme, building a two-foot wide, almost 15-inch tall, beautiful "Jerusalem skyline" *Chanukah Menorah*, complete with lighting!

And most exciting of all... the *Menorah* took home the 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbon for "Best Religious" category!



Lisa Poremba and Chrissy Granados proudly display 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbon.



Gingerbread Menorah lit up and on display.

## THE PLAYERS Grant Helps Establish Outdoor Serenity

River Garden sits on a beautiful property in the heart of Mandarin. Our residents and families enjoy spending time together in the fresh air, enjoying a peaceful lake and seating areas.

We recently installed a lovely, more secluded outdoor space which takes advantage of the serenity and natural beauty of our campus. Residents and their families will enjoy this calming and private space under a magnificent canopy of fully mature moss-draped oaks.

The privacy and tranquility of this area is important. Many people prefer more private spaces, and often, when families are going through difficult times, they need solitude to think, plan, heal and re-energize.

The gazebo includes electricity for a fan and lighting, landscaping, walkways from the main building and casual outdoor furniture.





# Shimmer & Stars

RIVER GARDEN FOUNDATION  
Silver Anniversary Gala

Sponsored by  **SUNTRUST**

Foundation Gala Continues  
its 25 Years of Success

Chaired by Jeanine Rogozinski



L to R: Patrick J. Geraghty, CEO of Florida Blue and his wife Inger, with friends Bob & Ilene Thrasher and their hosts, newlyweds Illyse & Chip Greene, Executive VP of HUB International Florida.



Seated, L to R: Susan Wolchok, Past Gala Chair Debra & Leonard Setzer, Joanne Coben; Standing, L to R: Stephen Wolchok, Simon & Judi Garwood, Melanie & Ben Setzer.



Girls having fun... L to R: Robin Morris, Susan Lubliner, Past Gala Chair Dorothy Verstandig, Arlene Yegelwel.



Paul Campbell (seated, 3rd from right), of Dignity Memorial, with Jody & Janne Brandenburg (seated, 2nd from right and far right), of Hardage-Giddens Funeral Homes & Cemeteries, have a great time celebrating with staff, family and friends.



Brian Parks (standing, far right), Region President of SunTrust Bank, Premier Gala Sponsor with his guests.



Standing (L), Donna & Greg Berger; standing (R), Fran & Russell Selevan; seated (L) Susan & Jack Selevan; seated (R) Rebecca & Michael Bruce



Harry Frisch (seated, 2nd from right) and friends.



This year's Gala recognized our stars, all Past Gala Chairs: **Barbara Parker, Rochelle Proctor, Denda & Bob Shields, Karen Wolfson, Kathy Osterer, Masha Pollock, Shirley Bielski, Debbie & Mel Gottlieb, Gaye Sager, Judi Greenhut, Stacie & Dr. Larry Wilf, Sue Eaglstein, Wendy Efron, Allison Bailys, Gayle Bailys, Susan DuBow, Debra Setzer, Francine & Jim Kempner, Jeanine Rogozinski, Debby Fialkow, Nancy Zimmerman, Maxine Romo, Dot Verstandig, Arlene Adelson, Diane Rothstein, Debbie & Jeff Parker, Jackie & Stephen Goldman.**

At this year's Gala, River Garden also celebrated being listed by *U.S. News & World Report* as the **#1 nursing home in Florida**. We are also proud to have earned the *Governor's Gold Seal Award for Excellence in Long-Term Care* an unprecedented 8 out of 8 possible terms, covering a span of 17 years. Philanthropic support from the community helps our residents enjoy their lives with a sense of caring and dignity.

"Save The Date" for next year's Gala... November 17, 2018. Chairs are **Rachel and Colman Brodsky**. If you would like information, please contact Kathy Osterer at 904-886-8430 or [kosterer@rivergarden.org](mailto:kosterer@rivergarden.org).



*Party they did! Jennifer Goetz joins Blonde Ambition on the dance floor to entertain. A star is born!*



*Meet the 2018 Gala Chairs: Colman & Rachel Brodsky, already aglow in anticipation of next year's Gala.*



*Twenty five years of Gala Chairs surround Barbara Parker (seated) with love.*



*Barbara Parker, three-time Gala past chair and the evening's Honoree, and her son, Jeff Parker, share a special moment.*



*L to R: David & Linda Stein share a drink with Nancy & Seeman Zimmerman and reminisce about Galas gone by. Nancy co-chaired "Everything's Coming Up Roses", in honor of David Stein's grandmother Rose, one of the founding 'mothers' of River Garden.*



*L to R: Kim & Richard Sisisky catch up with Susan & Hugh Greene, President and CEO of Baptist Health.*

## Creating Art *Together*

by Leslie Held, Director, Jewish Life and Volunteer Services

Across the country, Jewish communities are undergoing a radical change. In past years, houses of worship were the social and religious center of Jewish life with other institutions providing other important programming. A recent Pew Research Center study revealed a new trend: all Jewish sects, with the exception of Orthodoxy, are experiencing significant decreases in membership. This demographic shift has a dramatic effect on agencies such as River Garden, as they often become “primary arenas for Jewish life.”

It is with this knowledge that I was driven to create an ongoing, intergenerational project that would mutually benefit the young and not-so-young with the goal of fostering positive relationships between them.

Together with **Betsy Miller**, Youth Services Director of the Jewish Community Alliance (JCA), we’ve developed a program whereby every few months JCA teens join River Garden residents to paint canvases with different themes. These are then displayed in a prominent area of River Garden for all to see and admire.

During the first session in January 2017, teens and seniors bonded, unleashing their creativity, resulting in magnificent canvases of floral masterpieces titled, “In Bloom.”

Their second project was more personal, as residents were able to honor a favorite pet they loved while growing up. This exhibit was titled, “Portraits of Loyalty.” The most recent masterpieces depict the artists’ love of their favorite desserts. The program continues every quarter as they create new and meaningful portraits.

This intergenerational art project is a moving and meaningful experience for participating residents and teenagers. A designated gallery now exists on the second floor, outside the Therapy Pavilion for displaying this rotating exhibit for the entire community to view and appreciate.

Due to the program’s success, River Garden will receive a Jewish Programming award at the Association of Jewish Aging Services (AJAS) conference in February.



*With each stroke of the brush, favorite pets' personalities come to life.*



*Teens, residents and volunteers proudly display their completed canvases.*



*Velma and her teen partner carefully plan their floral designs.*





*Left:* Professor Kimberly Beasley from Jacksonville University brought her Service Learning Performance Ensemble for a Veterans Day Weekend performance. The students performed Broadway music and a medley of patriotic songs. *Right:* The steering committee of the Northeast Florida Jewish Genealogy Society met to put the final touches on the December 6 kickoff event at River Garden. Whether you're a beginner who wants to pass on your family history to your children and grandchildren, or a seasoned family historian, we welcome you to be a part of this new endeavor.



*Left:* During a recent visit to River Garden, Rabbi Avi Feigenbaum, Director of Education at Etz Chaim Synagogue, stops to transport Murray Husney to his therapy appointment. *Right:* Martin J. Gottlieb Day School middle school students arrived ready to create a "getting to know you" project. With magazines, scissors and glue, students assisted residents in finding pictures for a collage, revealing past hobbies and interests along the way.



*Left:* The Israeli Delegation of Future Leaders arrived in the States to attend a conference in Tennessee. With an extra day to spare, Jill Abel, Israel Partnership Director at the Jewish Federation, arranged for a stopover in Jacksonville to visit the Coves. They spent time in small groups discussing topics of mutual interest that initiated meaningful dialogue. *Right:* Bolles student Barbie Goldstein (R) is accompanied by fellow Bolles musicians to play for our residents during Friday afternoon Shabbat services.



# Adult Day Care Program Client Profile: Shirley Mirkis

by Tina Tadros, Manager, Adult Day Program and Dr. Sue Leger-Krall, ARNP, PhD

Shirley (Pike) Mirkis was born and raised in Savannah, Georgia, which, she says, gives her the right to describe herself as an “All Around Southern Gal.” Shirley attended Savannah public schools and the B.B. Jacob synagogue. After graduating high school, she spent three years in college, her last year at University of Georgia in Athens.

She met her husband Leo while attending a party in Jacksonville, which she describes as “a way for Jewish boys and girls to meet” — and she laughingly reported that five of her friends who attended that evening all found husbands! She and Leo married and moved to Jacksonville where her first daughter Sherry was born. They eventually moved to Cincinnati where her second daughter Helene was born, and where Shirley enjoyed volunteering at the Hebrew Union College for many years. She said, “that helped me realize volunteering and helping people was in my blood.”

When the family moved back to Jacksonville, Shirley continued volunteering. She was even a member of the planning committee for the first River Garden Gala in 1993.

Shirley has two grandchildren, whom she describes as her pride and joy. She is an avid reader, has been part of her Jacksonville book club for many years and still enjoys attending their monthly reviews.

Recently, Shirley began attending the River Garden Adult Day Program, and said that she enjoys many of the program’s activities. She also discovered that she and another Adult Day Program participant, Leon Robins, had mothers who originally came from Belarus!

Shirley says her “favorite part of the day is when we do the chair exercises.” She also enjoys the delicious Jewish dishes and dessert that are served each day. Shirley enjoys reading the morning paper available to Adult Day clients, and often shares some of the articles with other program attendees.

Shirley always has a smile on her face. She has an infectious personality and it is a joy to have her participate in our Adult Day Program!



*Shirley Mirkis loves reading the newspaper every morning.*



River Garden’s 72<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Day & Annual Meeting of River Garden Senior Services

**Sunday, March 25, 2018 ~ ~ ~ 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM ~ ~ ~ Rain or Shine**

**Nan Rothstein, Chair of the Day**

Musical Entertainment, Face Painting, Barbeque, Bounce House, Clowns, Pony Rides, Kiddie Train Rides

**An afternoon of food and fun for the entire family!**

Annual Meeting in the Cohen Auditorium begins at 4:30 PM followed by Tombola ~ ~ huge prizes!





# If it's between Uncle Sam and River Garden, where do you want your IRA to go?

Did you know when you designate retirement plan assets to your heirs, taxes can slice away as much as 65 percent before your loved ones see a penny?

But if you make River Garden the beneficiary of your retirement plan, 100 percent goes to us tax-free!

Consider leaving other, less tax-burdened assets to your heirs and leave your IRA to River Garden. It is a win-win!

- You make a gift to support our River Garden community for future generations.
- Your loved ones receive more from your estate.
- Sorry, Uncle Sam. You've had enough already.
- It's much easier than most people realize. A few simple sentences added to your will is all it takes.



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Facility / City	Inspection				Inspection Components				
	Overall Inspection	Quality of Care	Quality of Life	Administration	Nutrition & Hydration	Restraints & Abuse	Pressure Ulcers	Decline	Dignity
RIVER GARDEN HEBREW HOME	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★

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Facility	General Information			
	Overall Rating	Health Inspection	Staffing	Quality Measures
RIVER GARDEN HEBREW HOME FOR THE AGED	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★

### MDS 3.0 Quality Measures Comparison Report ~~~ As Reported on November 30, 2017

Measure Description	River Garden (%)	Florida (%)	National (%)
Functional Improvement Accomplished (Short Stay)	82.8% *	68.6%	66.7%
Re-Hospitalization After Nursing Home Admission (Short Stay)	23.1%	23.0%	21.1%
Outpatient Emergency Department Visit (Short Stay)	3.6%	9.9%	11.9%
Successful Discharge Back To The Community (Short Stay)	59.4% *	55.5%	57.0%
New/Worse Pressure Ulcers (Short Stay)	0.3%	0.6%	0.9%
UTI - Urinary Tract Infections (Long Term)	2.0%	3.8%	3.8%
Physical Restraints (Long Term)	0.0%	0.5%	0.5%
Worsening Ability to Move Independently (Long Term)	14.1%	17.1%	18.3%
Excess Weight Loss (Long Term)	2.0%	7.0%	7.1%
Anti-Anxiety or Hypnotic Medication (Long Term)	23.0%	26.9%	22.9%
Self-Reported Moderate/Severe Pain (Short Stay)	2.4%	10.7%	14.1%
Self-Reported Moderate/Severe Pain (Long Term)	2.0%	3.8%	5.9%
Residents Given Seasonal Influenza Vaccine (Short Stay)	98.8% *	85.8%	80.6%
Residents Given Seasonal Influenza Vaccine (Long Term)	99.7% *	93.4%	94.8%
Anti-Psychotic Medications (Short Stay)	0.0%	2.1%	2.0%
Anti-Psychotic Medications (Long Term)	9.7%	15.5%	15.9%

\* Higher % is better

**No clinical care deficiencies** -- 5 consecutive annual AHCA/CMS inspections - 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

**74%** -- Staff Stability Rate calculated using AHCA criteria // **19%** -- Staff with more than 10 years of service with River Garden

**98%** -- Clients who would recommend River Garden to others

- Full-time Medical Staff
- Full-time Dietician
- In-house Pharmacy
- Full-time Pharmacy Staff
- 3 Masters-Prepared Social Workers
- 5,000 SQ FT Rehab & Therapy Gym

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## River Garden Made The List – In A Big Way!

by Skip Willbach, Director of Marketing & Communications



In a recent article in the *Tampa Patch* by Don Johnson (Patch Staff) - Updated Oct 31, 2017 3:27 pm ET, River Garden was listed by *U.S. News & World Report* (USN&WR) as the best nursing home (of a total of

about 685) in the state of Florida! Not “one of the best”... *THE* best!

A total of 121 nursing homes, labeled as “top performers” and with overall ratings of 4.5 or greater on a scale of 1 to 5, made the list. USN&WR says nursing home performance was evaluated over time, averaging monthly data over a year, and much emphasis was placed on strong performance in medical quality measures. To receive a high USN&WR rating, homes had to provide significantly more than the required minimum of rehabilitation therapy. All rated homes accept residents covered by Medicaid, Medicare or both.

For additional information about River Garden’s statistics, refer to the chart on p.15.

### 121 Florida Nursing Homes Rated As Best In State: U.S. News!

There are six nursing homes in Northeast Florida that made the list. This table shows all six homes, along with their USN&WR rankings:

1.	River Garden Hebrew Home For The Aged	Jacksonville
36.	Bartram Crossing	Jacksonville
44.	Fleet Landing	Atlantic Beach
96.	University Crossing	Jacksonville
101.	St. Vincent’s Medical Center Southside	Jacksonville
103.	Summer Brook Health Care Center	Jacksonville