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New Rehab Director Appointed at Cranston Nursing Center

Cranston Resident Leads 33-member, Post-hospital Rehab Team

Cranston, RI – June 25, 2010 – Cedar Crest Nursing & Rehabilitation is pleased to announce that Heather Silva, OTR/L, has been appointed to the position of Director of Rehabilitation Services. In her role, Silva coordinates operations of the facility's 33-member in-house rehab team that includes physical therapists, physical therapy assistants, occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, speech language pathologist, and students. In addition to staffing responsibilities, Silva works to ensure quality patient and resident care, and to enhance relationships with key stakeholders such as physician groups.

Silva, who received a B.S. in Occupational Therapy from Utica College of Syracuse University, has worked at Cedar Crest for over 10 years. She has advanced education in neurological and orthopedic dysfunction, geriatric strength training, balance disorders and upper extremity rehabilitation. Silva grew up and currently resides in Cranston.

Cedar Crest Nursing & Rehabilitation Centre is a 156-bed, family-owned and operated facility, located in Western Cranston and is currently celebrating its 40th anniversary. Cedar Crest offers long-term care, including a designated neighborhood for those with memory-impairment or dementia. Cedar Crest also provides post-hospital skilled nursing and rehabilitation care for more than 1000 patients each year who are admitted and discharged back to the community.

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Heather Silva, OTR/L, has been appointed to Director of Rehabilitation Services at Cedar Crest Nursing Centre in Cranston.