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### **CEDAR CREST AWARDED ACCREDITATION FROM JOINT COMMISSION**

**Cranston, RI** – By demonstrating compliance with the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organization’s national standards for health care quality and safety, Cedar Crest Nursing & Rehabilitation Centre has earned the Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval™.

“We sought accreditation for our organization because we want to demonstrate our commitment to patient and resident safety and quality care,” says Susan K. Whipple, CEO and Administration of Cedar Crest. “We view obtaining Joint Commission accreditation as another step toward excellence.”

“Accreditation standards exceed federal and state requirements,” says Marianna Kern Grachek, R.N., executive director, Long Term Care Accreditation Program, Joint Commission. “Furthermore, because this is a voluntary program, accreditation represents Cedar Crest’s decision to be recognized for its efforts to providing safe, quality care.” The award of accreditation is for a three-year period ending November 30, 2013.

Cedar Crest Nursing & Rehabilitation, family-owned and operated, recently celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and is a leading provider of long-term care, post-hospital care, memory care, respite care and hospice care with more than 1,000 people admitted and discharged back to the community each year. For more information, visit [www.cedarsliving.com](http://www.cedarsliving.com)

Founded in 1951, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (TJC) seeks to continuously improve the safety and quality of care provided to the public through the provision of health care accreditation and related services that support performance improvement in health care organizations. TJC, evaluates and accredits more than 15,000 health care organizations nationwide and is the nation’s oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care.

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