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Kresge Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center Earns Elite Five-Star Quality Rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Chelsea-Based Facility Also Listed as Trinity Health Preferred Provider

Chelsea, MI, Apr 26, 2017—United Methodist Retirement Communities (UMRC) today announced its Kresge Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center (Kresge Center) has received top ratings from state and national quality experts.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) awarded a five-star quality rating to Kresge Center. This highest possible ranking puts UMRC's facility in the top ten percent of all skilled nursing centers in the U.S. This news comes as Trinity Health (Saint Joseph Mercy Health System) also chose to list Kresge Center as a preferred provider this past month.

“We are extremely pleased to achieve the highest possible accolades from these arbiters of excellence,” said John Thorhauer, UMRC president and CEO. “Third-party endorsements are always a win, but when they come from organizations like CMS and Trinity Health, they indicate an extraordinary level of effectiveness. The board, staff, and partners of UMRC and Kresge Center are all celebrating these accomplishments.”

Thorhauer said CMS offers its Five-Star Quality Rating System to help people compare and choose nursing facilities more easily. Ratings are determined after CMS thoroughly examines each facility's health inspections, staffing, and other quality measures.

“Facilities with five stars are considered to have outstanding quality,” Thorhauer said. “While every individual and family must be careful to ask questions, visit care centers, and choose carefully among available options, CMS ratings provide a helpful starting point for narrowing down which skilled nursing facilities might be a good fit.”

Many hospitals also assign quality measures to skilled care facilities, so they can ensure strong outcomes for individuals who need an extra period of care and rehabilitation before returning home. Trinity Health, based in Livonia, has assigned preferred status to Kresge Center to show the facility is an excellent fit for residents and families.

“We are very pleased to have the trust of our local partners as we advance our shared care objectives,” Thorhauer said.

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About UMRC Building on a foundation of 110 years of service, United Methodist Retirement Communities is a faith-based, non-profit organization that promotes the wellness, dignity and independence of older adults, by providing high quality, innovative and compassionate senior residential care services across Southeast Michigan.