

## **Renovations Land Grace Healthcare of Three Rivers the Brick Award from Local Chamber of Commerce**

**(Three Rivers, Mich.) – Grace Healthcare of Three Rivers** received the Brick Award from the Three Rivers Area Chamber of Commerce during a dinner October 5, 2016, celebrating the skilled nursing and rehabilitation center’s major renovations throughout the year, which resulted in increased services available to the local community.

The Brick Award is presented annually to St. Joseph County companies recognized for making significant investments into their businesses with physical improvements and new purchases. Grace Healthcare of Three Rivers, formerly known as Riverview Manor, experienced extensive interior and exterior upgrades, as well as a name change, in 2016.

An Open House, unveiling the renovations, was initiated with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony hosted by the Three Rivers Area Chamber of Commerce on Sept. 29, 2016. Staff offered tours to guests, revealing upgrades such as new furnishings, flooring, ceilings, lighting, window treatments, and the additions of a family room, state-of-the-art spa and occupational therapy kitchen for rehab-to-home programming. The tour also featured the center’s new skilled rehab unit featuring 12 private and 6 semi-private rooms all furnished with home-like comforts such as down comforters, flat screen TVs, personal storage, and guest seating. The rehab unit additionally features a private dining room and lounge area.

“In this highly competitive industry, our recent renovations helped push us to the forefront of our market and show our community that we are invested in Three Rivers and the surrounding area,” said Kim Messinger, Michigan Area Marketing Director for Grace Healthcare.

While unseen during the physical tours, an addition to the Three Rivers center that piqued curiosity of Open House guests was the Multi-Sensory Room (MSR) developed and designed for dementia and Alzheimer’s care. Rather than tour the center’s secure memory care unit to showcase this new room, staff instead described the concept to guests: By using gentle stimulation of sight, sound, touch, smell, and movement in a controlled way, the MSR experience boosts feelings of comfort and well-being, relieves stress and pain, and maximizes a person’s potential to focus, all of which help improve communication and memory.

“Ultimately,” Messinger concludes, “every improvement we make is for those that we serve.”

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