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Friendship Village Chesterfield Skilled Nursing Receives the 2019 Women's Choice Award® as one of America's Best Extended Care Facilities

St. Louis, MO, September 10, 2019– Friendship Village Chesterfield Skilled Nursing has been named one of America's Best for Extended Care by the Women's Choice Award®, America's trusted referral source for the best in healthcare. The award signifies that Friendship Village Chesterfield Skilled Nursing has been designated as one of approximately 1,000 extended care facilities out of over 15,000 across the nation.

Additionally, **Friendship Village Skilled Nursing** is consistently top-rated by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the American College of Health Care Administrators, making it one of the most sought-after extended care communities in the area. With a dedicated long-serving staff, **Friendship Village** brings 40 years of experience serving seniors with excellence while building the future of senior living through innovative programs, technology, and dedication to keeping residents and patients well, longer.

Friendship Village is currently expanding its Skilled Nursing care at both its Chesterfield and Sunset Hills campuses and welcomes prospective residents from outside the Friendship Village community to call Helen Brungard at (314) 207-9449 for Friendship Village Chesterfield Skilled Nursing or Tasha Murphy at (314) 300-0161 for Friendship Village Sunset Hills Skilled Nursing to schedule a time to visit. Comprehensive information about Friendship Village can also be found at www.FriendshipVillageSTL.com.

"I was very excited to inform our nursing staff that **Friendship Village Chesterfield** was recognized as one of the top Extended Care Facilities in Missouri by the Women's Choice Award," said **Friendship Village Chesterfield** Administrator, Ken Klump. "We are extremely proud of our nurses and receiving this recognition is a testament to the excellence they provide every day."

Along with **Friendship Village's** state-of-the-art campuses with all levels of senior living available in one location, its exclusive Life Care program, which makes future healthcare costs affordable and predictable, and its focus on innovate wellness programs that keeps residents healthy and active as long as possible, its Skilled Nursing program is yet another area where **Friendship Village** proves itself a leader in modern senior living.

According to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, 70% of people turning age 65 can expect to use some form of long-term care during their lives. The Women's Choice Award helps individuals and families make educated decisions about where to find the best care by evaluating results from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) five-star rating system. The methodology for the award is unique in that it also assesses primary research about women's healthcare preferences.

Those communities recognized as **America's Best for Extended Care** are Medicare certified and have received **four or five star ratings** in the following four categories and must have a combined total of at least 18 stars to be chosen. The CMS rating categories are: General staffing, Registered nurse staffing, Quality rating and Inspection survey rating.

Award-winning facilities must have at least 25 residents, Medicare certification, and no recent history of penalties or fines.

"Choosing an extended care facility can be a very difficult and emotional decision," said Delia Passi founder and CEO of the Women's Choice Award. "As women make the majority of healthcare decisions, our award helps her find a quality facility to care for a loved one." For more information on the 2019 America's Best Extended Care Facilities, please visit https://www.womenschoiceaward.com/awarded/best-hospitals/extended-care/

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ABOUT FRIENDSHIP VILLAGE

Friendship Village Senior Services is a faith-based, not-for-profit organization devoted to providing a full range of senior living options. As the only provider of the Life Care program in the St. Louis metro area, Friendship Village guarantees residents access to all levels of health care—all on one campus—at a predictable cost for life.

Friendship Village continually invests in wellness programs and technology to keep residents living well and independent, longer. From independent living, to assisted living, memory care, skilled nursing and in-home care, Friendship Village continues to build the future of senior living.

Friendship Village at Home brings the extensive experience and quality care of Friendship Village services to the homes of area seniors and includes Medicare home health and private duty care. Our mission-driven board of directors and highly experienced staff encourage a culture of friendship and loving care through the highest quality services and a focus on residents' spiritual, emotional, physical and social wellbeing. For more information about Friendship Village Senior Services please visit www.FriendshipVillageSTL.com.

ABOUT THE WOMEN'S CHOICE AWARD®

The Women's Choice Award® is a trusted referral source, empowering women to make smart healthcare choices by identifying the country's best healthcare institutions based on robust criteria that consider female patient satisfaction and clinical excellence. The Women's Choice Award was honored by the INC 5000 List of America's Fastest-Growing Private Companies for three consecutive years. Visit http://www.womenschoiceaward.com/ to learn more.

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