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Tutera's Westridge Gardens Rehabilitation & Health Care Center Recognized on *U.S. News & World Report's* "Best Nursing Homes 2015" List

120-Bed Skilled Nursing Facility Earns 5-Star Rating for Third Consecutive Year

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (June 1, 2015) – Westridge Gardens Rehabilitation & Health Care Center — owned and operated by Tutera Senior Living & Health Care — has been recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* on its annual "Best Nursing Homes 2015" list. The prestigious recognition marks the community's third consecutive year to earn a five-star rating for its consistently high standard of quality care. Westridge Gardens is a 120-bed skilled nursing facility located in Raytown, a suburb of Kansas City, Mo.

To qualify, Westridge Gardens Rehabilitation & Health Care Center had to earn an overall five-star quality rating from Nursing Home Compare, a program run by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the federal agency that sets and enforces standards for nursing homes. Each year, *U.S. News & World Report* awards a "Best Nursing Homes" designation to facilities that earned the agency's highest overall rating of five stars for performance in three categories: state-conducted health inspections, how much time nurses spend with residents, and the quality of medical care.

"This national recognition is a tremendous honor," said Joe Tutera, CEO of Tutera Group. "It reflects the intensive, daily dedication of the entire staff at Westridge Gardens. They continue to raise the bar in delivering Tutera's commitment to consistent, quality care that meets the individualized needs of our residents and their families."

Westridge Gardens' profile on the US News & World Report website now displays a "Best Nursing Homes" badge to recognize their status as one of America's best nursing homes. Only 22 percent of all nursing homes in Missouri earned an overall five-star rating. Westridge Gardens' record of success also includes being recognized locally as the "Business of the Year" by the Raytown Chamber of Commerce in 2013. For more than 20 years, Westridge Gardens Rehabilitation & Health Care Center has provided a safe, residential environment offering a range of services including 24-hour skilled nursing care; physical, occupational and speech therapy, and short and long-term rehabilitation.



As one of the nation's premier senior care providers, Tutera Senior Living & Health Care operates 47 senior living communities in 13 states.

Now in its seventh year, the *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Nursing Homes 2015 highlights the top nursing homes in every state and nearly 100 major metropolitan areas. It is designed to help the several million Americans who will spend at least some time in a nursing home in 2015 rehabbing after a hospital stay or as long-term residents. On a given day, 1.4 million people, most of them 65 and older, live in nursing homes, according to *U.S. News & World Report*. *U.S. News & World Report* evaluated nearly 16,000 facilities across the country for its annual report.

Best Nursing Homes provides data and information on care, safety, health inspections, staffing and more for virtually all U.S. nursing homes. A searchable database lets users find highly rated nursing homes by distance as well as by location. Each facility's profile displays health and fire safety violations, performance in important clinical categories and how much time nursing staff spends with residents.

About Tutera Senior Living & Health Care

Tutera Senior Living & Health Care is a locally-owned diversified post-acute senior health care provider operating 47 senior living communities in 13 states throughout the United States. As one of the nation's premier senior care providers, Tutera Senior Living & Health Care offers its residents independent living, assisted living, skilled nursing, post-surgery rehabilitation, memory care and home health and hospice care. In 1983, Dominic F. Tutera MD founded Tutera to provide compassionate patient care with the uncompromising values of integrity, accountability and commitment. Tutera Senior Living & Health Care still embodies those values today. Tutera is committed to making a positive difference in the lives of its residents and their families through senior living and health care experts who inspire and promote individuality and personal happiness. For more information, visit www.Tutera.com.

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