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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:****Mather LifeWays Identifies New Owner/Operator for Evanston-Based Mather Pavilion**

**Evanston, Ill. (October 9, 2014)** – Mather LifeWays has identified Symphony of Evanston, a Member Facility of the Symphony Post Acute Network®, as the new owner/operator for Mather Pavilion, 820 Foster Street, in Evanston, effective November 1, 2014. The sale fulfills a strategic decision by the not-for-profit to move away from operating freestanding nursing homes, and will in no way affect ownership or operation of other Mather LifeWays residences, including The Mather, a continuing care retirement community (CCRC) in Evanston; Mather Place of Wilmette, an independent living community in Wilmette; and Splendido, its CCRC in Tucson, AZ.

The announcement was made yesterday to employees jointly by Mary Leary, CEO and President, Mather LifeWays, and David Hartman, Chief Executive Officer, Symphony Post Acute Network, with separate communications to residents and family members.

Symphony's Member Facilities have operated long-term care communities for more than 35 years and currently operate nearly 30 communities in Illinois, Wisconsin, Arizona, with future sites in Indiana.

Mather LifeWays opened Mather Pavilion 21 years ago to provide long-term care services for residents from its other North Shore locations, which at that time did not offer on-site care options. Those communities now offer access to a range of health care services.

"Mather Pavilion has been an integral part of Mather LifeWays and we are extremely proud of the employees who work tirelessly to enhance the lives of residents, and whose efforts have led Mather Pavilion to be named one of the nation's Best Nursing Homes by *U.S. News & World Report*," said Mary Leary. "We sought a new owner which will continue to provide quality care for residents, peace of mind for families, and employment opportunities for staff."

**About Mather LifeWays**

Based in Evanston, Illinois, Mather LifeWays is a unique, non-denominational not-for-profit organization founded more than 70 years ago to serve older adults. Dedicated to developing and implementing Ways to Age Well<sup>SM</sup>, Mather LifeWays creates programs, places, and residences for today's young-at-heart older adults. To learn more about Mather LifeWays senior living residences, community initiatives, and Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging, call (847) 492.7400 or find your way to [www.matherlifeways.com](http://www.matherlifeways.com).

**About Symphony Post Acute Network<sup>®</sup>**

The Symphony Post Acute Network is one of the most innovative providers of Post Acute Care in the nation. A proud family-oriented organization, Symphony takes a proactive approach to delivering quality outcomes for the guests in its care. With current locations in Illinois, Wisconsin, Arizona and future sites in Indiana, Symphony is committed to making every one of its locations the Employer of Choice and the Provider of Choice in each community that it serves. Symphony's ability to meet patients' needs and offer a consistently high level of quality care is unmatched. Symphony Post Acute Network Member Facilities provide a variety of Post Acute Services including Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation, Assisted Living and Supportive Living. The Symphony Post Acute Network Rehabilitation & Skilled Nursing Programming focuses on chronic disease management programs, post hospital short-term rehabilitation, long term care as well as Alzheimer's and memory care programming. Symphony Post Acute Network Member Facilities work in concert with top area physicians, nurses and therapists. Its healthcare environments are filled with luxurious and comforting amenities that facilitate quick recoveries and optimal results. Each Member Facility of the Symphony Post Acute Network is independently owned and operated. For additional information, please visit [www.symphonypan.com](http://www.symphonypan.com).

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