

Masonic Home of Shelbyville Receives Five-Star Ranking from *U.S. News and World Report*

Masonic Home of Shelbyville has received a five-star overall ranking in *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Nursing Homes for the second consecutive year. Of more than 15,000 nursing homes surveyed, only one home in seven earned this designation, based on data and quality ratings from the federal government. The rankings highlight facilities across the nation providing high-quality care, serving as a worthwhile tool for millions of elderly Americans and their families in search of a nursing home.

The rankings are updated quarterly and rely on information from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the federal agency that sets and enforces quality standards for all homes enrolled in Medicare or Medicaid. Homes receive an overall rating of one to five stars from the government based on the number of stars earned in each of three categories: health inspections, nurse staffing and quality of care.

The recognition by *U.S. News & World Report* followed Masonic Home of Shelbyville's recognition as the state's 2010-11 Facility of the Year by Kentucky Association of Health Care, the trade association representing more than 300 nursing homes across the Commonwealth.

"Achieving this designation is a team effort, and the fact that it comes so soon after being named the 2011 Facility of the Year by our state association is a double affirmation of the exceptional care we provide," said Debra Finneran, administrator of Masonic Homes of Shelbyville. "These are well-deserved honors for Masonic Home staff."

"Choosing a nursing home for your parent or loved one is incredibly difficult," says Avery Comarow, Health Rankings Editor at *U.S. News & World Report*. "Homes at the top of our rankings have repeatedly shown high quality and deserve consideration."

About Masonic Home of Shelbyville

Since 1901, Masonic Home of Shelbyville has provided housing and service to seniors. Today, Masonic Home of Shelbyville's award-winning staff offers assisted living, nursing care, personal care, rehabilitation therapies and short-term respite in a comfortable, active environment. Masonic Home of Shelbyville is owned and operated by Masonic Homes of Kentucky, a leader in senior living services since 1867. To learn more visit www.masonichomesky.com.