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The Laurels Earns 5-Star Quality Measures Recognition from CMS

Local skilled nursing facility earns top honors from CMS for resident care

MT. VERNON, Ohio – The Laurels of Mt. Vernon, a skilled nursing and rehabilitation center, has been recognized as a five-star performer in *Quality Measures* by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in the most recent set of data released through its Five-Star Quality Rating System.

Skilled nursing facilities like The Laurels are regularly reviewed and rated by CMS via its Five-Star Quality Rating System, a tool designed to help consumers select and compare skilled nursing care centers. The *Quality Measures* rating offers information about how well nursing homes are caring for residents' physical and clinical needs. Nursing homes receiving a five-star Quality Measures rating are considered to offer much above average care.

"All of us at The Laurels of Mt. Vernon are thrilled and honored to receive this outstanding recognition from CMS," administrator Casandra Scott said. "It is tremendous validation of the work we do daily for our residents and their families. Thank you to our associates and leadership for promoting The Laurel Way of Caring in our continual pursuit of high standards of care and service."

ABOUT THE LAURELS OF MT. VERNON

The Laurels of Mt. Vernon, located at 13 Avalon Rd. in Mt. Vernon, is a 104-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation center conveniently located near local hospitals, physicians, shopping outlets and tourist attractions that include Ohio's Amish country. We pride ourselves on the continuity of care available to residents of our facility through individualized programs designed to meet their specific needs.

Visit www.laurelsofmountvernon.com to learn more.

ABOUT CMS

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is a federal agency within the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that oversees the Medicare program and partners with state governments to administer Medicaid. CMS is also responsible for, among other things, outlining and directing quality standards in long-term care facilities through its survey and certification process.

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