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NEWS RELEASE

St. Augustine Health Campus Achieves a Deficiency Free Survey

Cleveland May 28, 2010- St. Augustine Health Campus, a skilled nursing facility in Cleveland, received a perfect survey in an annual inspection by the Ohio Department of Health. St. Augustine is home to 248 residents, making it one of Ohio's largest non-profit skilled nursing facilities. The facility cares those who are suffering from various medical complexities and chronic illnesses.

The Ohio Department of Health inspection is required for all facilities that are part of the Medicaid and Medicare programs. In this unannounced inspection, a team of surveyors spent four days at St. Augustine Manor evaluating health and fire safety standards set by Congress. The inspection checks over 372 regulatory standards including the care of residents, staff and resident interactions, nursing home environment, and Life Safety Code standards. Although, this inspection is only one measure of the quality of a nursing home, it is an important measure that St. Augustine Manor is proud to have received deficiency free.

St. Augustine Manor is located in the old St. John's Hospital building in Cleveland. The building is over 80 years old, making the deficiency free survey even more challenging to obtain, but the dedicated employees of the Manor make all the difference. The employees at the Manor who work hard year around to give the best care possible to the residents are to credit for this perfect survey. Tangy Thompson, a nursing assistant at the Manor says, "When you work hard all year and the state comes through and recognizes that hard work it is an overwhelming good feeling that makes everything you do worth it."

Zero citations from the Ohio Department of Health inspection is rare especially considering the average number of health deficiencies in Ohio is seven and the average number

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of fire safety deficiencies is four. St. Augustine Assisted Living Residence and the Child Enrichment Center also received a perfect inspection.

The employees of St. Augustine Health Campus are passionate about their jobs and the people they serve. Debbie Gibbs, the Director of Admissions says, “I’ve worked for other facilities that have earned deficiency free surveys, but here it’s a different feeling. Here it’s about people and relationships. The feeling is so great because we are like a family, the staff, the residents, the volunteers, the board members, and the family members. This deficiency free survey really validates what we are doing.”

St. Augustine Health Campus is a non-profit long-term care, skilled nursing, rehabilitation, and assisted living facility located at 7801 Detroit Avenue in Cleveland. It was founded by the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Cleveland in 1969. St. Augustine Health Campus is committed to serving those in need without regard to their financial status.



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