



Mercy Circle Executive Director Frances Lachowicz proudly displays the awards that the senior-living community recently received for its top workplace environment and for its short-term rehabilitation care. For more information, call Mercy Circle at (773) 253-3600 or visit mercycircle.org.

## Mercy Circle earns accolades for care

Mercy Circle, the only faith-based senior-living community on Chicago's Southwest Side, has earned significant accolades this month.

For the fourth consecutive year, U.S. News and World Report ranked Mercy Circle's short-term rehabilitation care as "high performing." Only 19 percent of more than 15,000 communities with skilled nursing care and rehab received that ranking.

U.S. News and World Report calculates its evaluation by measuring staffing levels along with rehab patients' successful outcomes, reliance on antipsychotic drugs, health inspections, and other indicators of quality. In addition, it factors in short-term stay rehab patients' responses on satisfaction surveys.

"Our rating system gives referral sources, hospital patients and senior living residents, along with their families and caregivers, an objective assessment to help them choose the facility that best fits their individual needs," said Daniel Lara Agudelo, health data analyst at U.S. News.

"Nursing homes that have earned the recognition of U.S. News have a track record of achieving better outcomes for patients and residents and maximizing the amount of care they receive from nurses and other staff."

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Director Frances Lachowicz credits her staff for earning the honor.

"We know that our professionals excel in providing top-quality, individualized care to our residents and short-term rehab patients," Lachowicz said.

"We are called to do this work. Our residents give us purpose."

The staff and others found it fitting that this month Mercy Circle also placed among the Chicago Tribune's Top 100 Workplaces among small businesses employing between 100 and 249 people, making this the fourth consecutive year the senior-living community has earned the designation. "Chicago's Top Workplaces," officials said, honors companies with "a people-centered culture." To be considered, an employee nominates the organization. Then, employees are invited to complete a workplace satisfaction survev. Companies are ranked based on the employee responses.

"There is a powerful spirit among our staff members, evident in their commitment to working as a team," said Lachowicz.

"Their positive energy is contagious, uplifting every aspect of life for our residents."

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