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Harbor South for memory support recognized for Person-Centered Care

Greenport, NY – Peconic Landing is proud to announce that Harbor South for memory support – the East End’s first memory care neighborhood – has been recognized among the nation’s leading providers of person-centered memory care by Dementia Care Specialists and the Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI).

The continuing care retirement community is the first provider in New York to receive CPI’s Distinguished Provider Award, recognizing its commitment to providing standards-driven, person-centered care for those living with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias. The award was presented to the community in an afternoon ceremony on September 18.

“The Harbor South team is amazingly dedicated. They understand the importance of educating all of their staff, and they work hard to fine tune those skills until they are mastered,” said Sharon Jackson, Senior Consultant with CPI’s Dementia Care Specialists. “They are organized and efficient and ensure they are communicating with each other, their members and the members’ families. They do this because this is what they love.”

The Crisis Prevention Institute is an international training organization committed to best practices and safe behavior management methods to enrich the lives of the individuals they serve, according to its website. Its dementia care sector, Dementia Care Specialists, offers innovative resources and training opportunities specific to providing safe and purposeful dementia care.

To receive the award, the leadership and staff of Harbor South engaged in a five-month preparation and assessment period, followed by a two-day audit of life in the neighborhood to review the organization’s approaches when working with members with dementia.

“Dementia changes the way you live and the way you perceive things. As providers, we must get into their world and communicate with them in a way that they can understand – and each individual’s world may be different,” said Jennifer Ackroyd, Peconic Landing’s Assisted Living Administrator. “How you approach and communicate with each individual is key in helping them find purpose and engaging them to live each day to the best of their ability.”

The community offers memory support at the Assisted Living level, following a person-centered care model that integrates each individual's life-story with their level of ability at every stage of dementia. This allows for a truly personalized care plan, said Gregory J. Garrett, EVP/Administrator of Health Services for Peconic Landing.

"It is amazing to see the transformations that are taking place. Our members are more alert, engaged and making the most of life with their neighbors," Garrett said. "This approach is changing the lives of those living with dementia, and we see it every day. Our care team does a remarkable job of connecting with our members, and we are committed to exploring new ways of enhancing life for the members of Harbor South."

Peconic Landing's 12,000 square foot, \$9 million memory support neighborhood opened in May 2016, offering private accommodations and community spaces for 16 individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. To further explore life at Harbor South, visit http://peconiclanding.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Harbor-South-Successes_Sept-2017.pdf for our 2016-2017 outcomes report. We welcome you to schedule a visit to our community and see Harbor South for yourself.

To learn more about Peconic Landing visit www.peconiclanding.org.

Peconic Landing is a nationally recognized, not-for-profit Lifecare retirement community overlooking the breathtaking Long Island Sound. Located on the North Fork of Long Island, our 144-acre campus is bordered by grapevines and golfing greens, situated on a half-mile of private Sound beach. The community is home to the North Fork's only Sculpture Garden, and serves as a cultural arts hub for the East End Community presenting ample opportunity for individuals to pursue their interests and passions to the fullest. For information about Peconic Landing visit www.PeconicLanding.org.

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