

#1 Senior Living Center: Mercy Providence

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Mercy Providence has been caring for area seniors since 1963 and is proud to be selected “Best Senior Living” by the New Albany community!

Mercy Providence has a long history of serving the community. Its story begins as the former St. Edward’s Hospital. The Sisters of St. Francis of the Seraph from Mishawka, Indiana built the hospital early in the 20th century and operated it until it was closed in 1962. At that time, the building was given to the Indianapolis Archdiocese and they renovated the building for use as a senior living community. A year later, in 1963, the Sisters of Providence began operating as Providence Retirement Home at the Spring Street location near downtown New Albany. Mercy Providence moved to its current location at 4915 Charlestown Road in 1999.

Mercy Providence has undergone many changes over the years, but their passion remains the same: They believe that mutual trust between employees and employer helps to create an environment which results in quality care. Their record proves it! In their most recent resident satisfaction survey, 96 percent of their skilled nursing residents and families marked “good” or “excellent” when asked if they were “likely to recommend” and for “overall satisfaction.” In response to the same questions, an overwhelming 100 percent of Assisted Living residents and families agreed.

There are various levels of care at Mercy Providence, including Assisted Living, long-term nursing care and skilled nursing care, including inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services. Physical, occupational and speech therapy services are offered by a consistent staff of experts in their fields. In addition to these services, MP also offers an adult day program for those adults that may require su-

pervision during the day, as well as those that simply want additional social interaction.

Mercy Providence recently added a large community center – The Center at Mercy Providence – to its list of benefits to the surrounding community. Group meetings, support groups, wedding receptions and other groups use The Center frequently; for more information on The Center, please call (812) 945-5221.

The community plays a large role in the success of Mercy Providence. For example, Mercy Providence works closely with an advisory council made up of community members. The advisory council provides advice, support and input to assist in the success of the community.

On a larger scale, Mercy Providence is a part of Mercy Health Partners, an integrated healthcare delivery system across Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky which includes: Five hospitals, eight senior living communities, social service agencies, wellness centers, physician offices and more. As a part of a health system, Mercy Providence is a member of a regional quality team committed to advanced, professional healthcare delivery for both their long-term and short-term residents.

On any given day you will find residents interacting with visitors, participating in the annual Mardi Gras party, hosting the Fall Fest Bingo or having a dance at The Center. The only thing missing is YOU! Mercy Providence is always looking for volunteers to join our extended family. Please call (812) 945-5221 for more information on any aspect of our community. You may also visit us on the web at e-mercy.com/seniorliving.

Mercy Providence is proud to be a part of the New Albany community and appreciates your support.

Earl DeJarnette visits with his daughter, Ann Larsen, on the enclosed porch at Mercy Providence.



Betty Rhodes and Liz May meet to chat at the tree in Mercy Providence.



Kay Lee, director of housekeeping, gives an ice cream cone to Brenda Hess, while Donna Haeseley looks on. Their mother, Mildred Wright, enjoys her ice cream cone.

The ice cream shop at Mercy Providence is open daily for residents.

