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Maristhill Nursing & Rehabilitation Center Enhances On-Site Rehab Services

WALTHAM FACILITY OFFERING COMPREHENSIVE LONG-TERM AND SHORT-TERM CARE

WALTHAM, MA – (November 12, 2007) **Maristhill Nursing & Rehabilitation Center**, a non-profit provider of rehabilitative services, short-term and long-term care located in Waltham Massachusetts, recently announced that they have entered into a strategic partnership with *Peoplefirst* Rehabilitation, a recognized leader in staffing and managing rehabilitation departments in hospitals and nursing centers.

Led by Director of Rehabilitation **Meredith Gingrich**, an Occupational Therapist and geriatrics specialist with over ten years of experience, the therapy team at Maristhill offers expertise in all aspects of occupational, physical and speech therapy, and is supported by a broad spectrum of resources and technological infrastructure at *Peoplefirst*, which is considered one of the nation's premier rehab providers.

Local patients can expect expert care as well as accessibility and scheduling flexibility, as the staff now consists of four Occupational Therapists, three Physical Therapists, two Speech Therapists and on-site support personnel. In addition to providing high-level therapeutic care, the rehab associates will also be actively involved in the discharge planning process, and will even make home visits to assess safety levels, identify areas of concern and recommend appropriate adaptations.

"We're very happy about this partnership," said **Carolyn Fenn**, Maristhill's Administrator. "Peoplefirst's successful track record and the local team's depth and expertise level are second to none. Their diligent approach is very consistent with Maristhill's strong commitment to providing excellence in short and long-term healthcare."

Originally founded in 1969 by the Marist Missionary Sisters, Maristhill is a licensed skilled-nursing and rehabilitation center with a highly-recognized performance record for clinical excellence and quality care. People of all faiths and denominations are welcomed at the 123-bed facility, which is a member of **Covenant Health Systems**, a Catholic health care system sponsoring hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living residences and other health and elder services throughout New England. For more information please contact Ms. Carolyn Fenn at (781) 893-0240 or visit www.maristhill.org.



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Maristhill Nursing & Rehabilitation Center Wins National Award

HEALTHCARE FACILITY RECOGNIZED AS LEADER IN IMPROVING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

WALTHAM, MA – (October 15, 2007) **Maristhill Nursing & Rehabilitation Center**, a non-profit provider of short-term and long-term care and rehabilitative services located in Waltham Massachusetts, recently announced that they received the *Making Medicine Mercury-Free Award* at this year's *Environmental Excellence Summit* hosted by **Hospitals for a Healthy Environment (H2E)** in Minneapolis, MN.

The prestigious national award commends Maristhill for outstanding efforts to eliminate mercury from the health care system. It is a one-time award given to health care providers that have met the challenges of becoming virtually mercury-free, which requires compliance with a series of qualification steps and standards.

"We believe our mission to promote the health of our community includes protecting the environment," said **Carolyn Fenn**, Maristhill's Administrator. "Making our community healthier by replacing mercury devices in our facility with safe and effective alternatives just makes sense. We are proud to be recognized for our efforts"

H2E is an independent non-profit organization that focuses on improving health care's environmental performance across the United States. The group was jointly founded by the *American Hospital Association*, the *Environmental Protection Agency* and the *American Nurses Association*.

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