



## ***For Immediate Release***

### **Orchard Hill Earns Advanced Certification from American Heart Association**

#### ***Towson Skilled Nursing Facility Advances Comprehensive Care and Services***

**TOWSON, Md. (Jan. 5, 2023)** — Building on its commitment to comprehensive care and services, [Orchard Hill Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center](#) in Towson recently earned the American Heart Association's (AHA's) new [Skilled Nursing Facility Heart Failure Certification](#). Located at 111 West Road, the 134-bed center provides post-hospital care, short-term rehab and long-term residential care.

The world's leading nonprofit focused on heart and brain health, the [AHA](#) has invested more than \$4.8 billion in research since its founding. Evaluation criteria for its new skilled nursing certification – earned by less than 1% of skilled nursing facilities nationwide, to date – was designed by heart failure experts. Certification requirements include program management, personnel education, clinical management, care coordination and performance improvement, as well as patient and caregiver education and support.

“This advanced certification provides heart patients with the assurance that Orchard Hill is recognized by the AHA for delivering the most effective heart failure treatment strategies based on a standardized method of current evidence-based guidelines,” said Nikki Gachot, regional director of market development at [Marquis Health Consulting Services](#), which supports the facility. “These specific care strategies and services are aimed at improving outcomes for those with chronic heart failure and its co-morbidities, as well as reducing readmissions.”

Serving as a healthcare resource for the families of patients and the local community, Orchard Hill maintains a [resource library](#) of physician-curated content. Addressing many topics of interest, including cardiac rehabilitation, it can be accessed on the facility's website, [orchardhillrehab.com](#).

Brick, N.J.-based Marquis Health Consulting Services provides administrative and consulting services to skilled nursing facilities and senior housing communities along the Eastern Seaboard. The organization's operational guidance enables its client facilities to overachieve their quality and customer service goals by embracing a progressive, multi-specialty approach to healthcare.

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