

# News From KENDAL at Lexington

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## Kendal at Lexington Awarded CARF-CCAC Accreditation

(Lexington, VA) Kendal at Lexington, the Lexington area's continuing care retirement community, has been awarded a five year term of accreditation by CARF-CCAC, the first such accreditation awarded in this area. CARF-CCAC is the nation's only accrediting body for continuing care retirement communities and similar organizations.

Hardin Marion, Kendal at Lexington Board Chair, commented "We are very delighted Kendal's pursuit of quality has been recognized as a result of having gone through this process." An organization receiving a five-year term of accreditation has voluntarily put itself through a rigorous peer review process and demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site survey that it is committed to conforming to CARF-CCAC's accreditation conditions and standards. Furthermore, an organization that earns CARF-CCAC accreditation is commended on its quest for quality services and programs.

Steve Jewell, Executive Director, commended "Kendal residents, staff and board, particularly co-program coordinators, Ruth Woodcock, Kendal resident, and Kimberly Snyder, Administrator for Health Services, for all the time and effort it took to prepare for the visit of the accreditation team."

Kendal at Lexington, which opened in 2000, is an affiliate of the not-for-profit Kendal Corporation, based in Kennett Square, PA. Over the past 35 years, The Kendal Corporation has earned a national reputation for excellence in the development of communities and services for older men and women, based on a system of values and practices reflecting Quaker principles, including equality, community, simplicity and respect for the individual. Kendal communities are now located in Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Ohio, New York, Massachusetts, and Virginia.

The Continuing Care Accreditation Commission (CCAC) was founded in 1985 as the nation's only accrediting body for continuing care retirement communities and similar organizations. In January 2003, CCAC merged with the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), a nonprofit accreditor founded in 1966 that touches close to 6 million individuals served in a wide range of human service organizations.

Information about Kendal at Lexington is available by calling (540) 464-2601 or toll free (800) 976-8303, or by e-mailing [www.kalex.kendal.org](http://www.kalex.kendal.org). Information about other Kendal Communities or The Kendal Corporation is available on line at [www.kendal.org](http://www.kendal.org) or by calling (800) 220-0042.

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