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## **Jackson Manor Receives State Recognition.**

COLUMBIA, MO. - Two years ago a voluntary coalition formed to address the needs of Missouri seniors. Today, with more than 168 volunteer members from organizations, nursing homes and private consulting companies throughout the state, the coalition is influencing the long-term nursing home care industry from the inside out.

“The Missouri Coalition Celebrating Care Continuum Change (MC5) is trying to transform Missouri’s nursing home industry’s culture of aging,” said Marcia Flesner, MC5 steering committee chair. “We are trying to promote and support collaborative efforts throughout the adult-care field. Our goal is to encourage nursing home environments that honor an individual’s dignity and value.”

At the coalition’s recent quarterly meeting Jackson Manor was recognized as promoting the values and mission of MC5. “Jackson Manor is recognized for creating an environment where the dignity and value of each individual who lives or works there is respected and celebrated,” said Flesner, an MU Sinclair School of Nursing faculty member. “The Recognition Program is the result of hard work by volunteer MC5 members on the Recognition Taskforce, co-chaired by Rachel Kail and Sandy Dailey. The taskforce members reviewed nominations, interviewed employees and elders at homes across the state, and selected Jackson Manor for their meaningful efforts to embrace the vision of culture change.”

“Jackson Manor has made the effort to change the way business is done at their home,” according to Flesner. “The changes made at Jackson Manor include flexible dining, adopting the neighborhood concept, and transitioning from a medical model of care to a social model of care.”

Also at the most recent meeting in Columbia, Missouri, MC5 members enjoyed a presentation by Dave Walker, Administrator of Jackson Manor. Walker shared his experiences developing a social model based on person-centered care principles and the challenges and outcomes seen during the transition to a less institutionalized nursing home. Jackson Manor is a 90 bed skilled nursing home located at 710 Broadridge in Jackson, Missouri.

Any individual or group interested in joining the MC5 coalition should contact Marcia Flesner at [mflesner@missouri.edu](mailto:mflesner@missouri.edu) or (573) 884-5778.