

WASHINGTON, DC, October 06, 2013 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- Specialty Hospital of Washington-Hadley, an extended long term acute care facility, has been recognized as a "Leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality" in the Healthcare Equality Index 2013, an annual survey conducted by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Foundation, the educational arm of the country's largest lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) organization. Specialty Hospital of Washington-Hadley earned top marks for its commitment to equitable, inclusive care for LGBT patients and their families, who can face significant challenges in securing adequate healthcare.

Stephanie Kahn, Director of Performance Improvement/Risk Management states, "I'm extremely proud that Specialty Hospital of Washington-Hadley continues to be in the forefront of protecting the rights of LGBT citizens of Metropolitan D.C. and helping them, and all people obtain safe, timely, equitable, efficient, effective and patient centered care."

Specialty Hospital of Washington-Hadley was one of a select group of 464 healthcare facilities nationwide to be named Leaders in LGBT Healthcare Equality. Facilities awarded this title meet key criteria for equitable care, including non-discrimination policies for LGBT patients and employees, a guarantee of equal visitation for same-sex partners and parents, and LGBT health education for key staff members.

Specialty Hospital of Washington-Hadley was congratulated by HRC Health & Aging Director Shane Snowdon. "LGBT patients deeply appreciate the welcoming environment provided by a Leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality. It makes a big difference to know that your local healthcare facility is fully committed to giving you the same care it gives your neighbors and co-workers." For more information about the Healthcare Equality Index 2013, or to download a free copy of the report, visit <http://www.hrc.org/hej>.

About Specialty Hospital Of WashingtonThe Specialty Hospital of Washington is the premier long term acute care hospital in the Washington DC area, and offers a preferred, cost effective alternative to long term stays in typical general hospital intensive care units. SHW is a fully accredited and highly rated hospital providing extraordinary care for its patients at both its Capitol Hill and Hadley campuses.