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## **(HONORS) Evanston CCRC Snags Two Gold Awards At National Retirement Industry Ceremony**

The Mather, a continuing care retirement community (CCRC) in Evanston, IL, operated by Mather LifeWays, this fall received two Gold Awards from the National Active Retirement Association (NARA). The Mather was singled out with top NARA honors in the categories of Best Continuing Care Retirement Community as well as Best Amenities in a Retirement Community.

"The Mather is a forward-thinking destination for those who've always planned ahead," Mather LifeWays President and CEO Mary Leary tells HSR. "The Mather isn't your conventional retirement living experience - we prefer to call it "Repriorment." It's a forward-thinking solution to the lifestyle priorities and desires of today's older adults."

Attention to detail pervaded The Mather's development, and helped push the CCRC to the forefront at the NARA event. Some unique design elements found in the Beaux Arts-inspired community include Juliet balconies, a mansard roof, and a cupola. Also figuring prominently in the CCRC is custom artwork that tells the story of Mather LifeWays founder Alonzo Mather.

"Our judges were extremely impressed with our top winners in the retirement design/build category because of their focus on enriching the lifestyle of their residents," said NARA Director Dan Owens in a statement. "Mather LifeWays has a track record of reinventing a retirement lifestyle for their residents. We are thoroughly impressed with the philosophy of active aging that this organization promotes."

The Mather's high-end amenities include a 10,000-square-foot fitness center featuring a 20-meter indoor lap pool, multiple dining venues, including rooftop dining, 24-hour concierge service, individual garden plots, and on-site health care.

The Mather is a newly-constructed CCRC, and the latest addition to the Mather LifeWays roster. The community's first phase opened in 2009, and consists of 141 independent living apartment homes. The CCRC's inaugural phase also includes The Mather Life Centre, which offers a full continuum of care.

**Info:** The Mather is the city of Evanston's tallest structure closest to Lake Michigan. For more information on The Mather and Mather LifeWays, visit: [www.matherlifeways.com](http://www.matherlifeways.com)

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