# Mather Awards, Recognition & Grants

## 2026

A Junior Sous Chef from **Splendido** was honored with the Audience Choice Award in the 2026 Silver Chef Competition, a culinary competition among chefs from Tucson-area senior living communities to benefit St. Luke's in the Desert.

Readers of *The Arizona Daily Star* honored **Splendido** with the 2026 **Readers' Choice Award** for **Best Life Plan Community.**

**Mather** earned seven 2026 **National Mature Media Awards** for various promotional and design materials, including **four Gold Awards, one Silver Award, one Bronze Award,** and **one Merit Award.**

Mather's Chief Transformation Officer was named an **Executive to Watch** by **Senior Housing News.**

For the third consecutive year, **The Mather (Tysons, VA)** was named **Best of the City** in the category of senior living by DC Modern Luxury.

Splendido was named **Best Retirement Community** in the **2026 Best of Lovin' Life** by readers of the *Explorer, Marana News,* and *Foothills News.*

Tashi, the upscale restaurant in **The Mather (Tysons, VA),** received an **Award of Excellence from Wine Spectator's 2026 Restaurant Awards,** which celebrate the world's best restaurants for wine.

**Mather** was honored as a **2026–27 Novare® Outstanding Employer in Satisfaction and Engagement** based on team member survey participation. The awards are issued by **Novare**, a consortium of Life Plan Communities. Novare currently comprises 18 organizations, with 28 Life Plan Communities. The awards recognize Novare Member communities with high scores in areas of employee engagement and satisfaction in the 2026 Employee Engagement and Satisfaction Survey.

**The Mather (Tysons, VA)** was awarded the first Platinum Plate of Distinction in North America from the International Council on Active Aging. The Platinum designation represents the highest level of achievement within the industry.

**The Mather (Tysons, VA)** achieved **LEED Gold certification** (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), a green building rating system by the US Green Building Council. This certification identifies The Mather as a showcase example of sustainability and demonstrates its leadership in transforming the building industry.

**Mather** was recognized as a **Top 10 Nonprofit in Evanston** for 2026 by BusinessRate.

**Mather** received a **Brandon Hall Bronze Excellence Award for Best Leadership Development Program.** The award recognizes the Novare Leadership Development Program, which prepares Mather's high-potential leaders for continued growth and future readiness within the organization.

**The Mather (Tysons, VA)** was named the **Best Retirement Community in Tysons** by BusinessRate.

Newsweek ranked **Mather** among **America's Greatest Midsize Workplaces for Culture, Belonging and Community** in 2026.

Newsweek ranked **Mather** among **America's Greatest Midsize Workplaces for Women** in 2026.

For the fifth consecutive year, **Splendido** was voted the **#1 Active Adult Community** in the state in ***Ranking Arizona,*** the largest business opinion poll in the state.

Splendido received the **Oro Valley Chamber's 2026 award for Outstanding Large Business,** in recognition contributions to the Oro Valley community.

Readers of the *Explorer, Marana News,* and *Foothills News* selected **Splendido** for first place in **Best of the Northwest** in the category of **Retirement Community.**

For the third consecutive year, **The Mather (Evanston, IL)** was recognized as one of **America's Best Life Plan Communities of 2026** by *Newsweek*, ranking fourth in Illinois.

**The Mather Life Centre** and **Sonora** ranked among the **2026 Best Nursing Homes by *U.S. News & World Report***, based on high-performing ratings in both short-term care and long-term care.

## 2025

**Mather** was selected as a **Nation's Best and Brightest in Wellness Award Recipient** for the seventh year in a row by the National Association for Business Resources.

**Splendido** was named the **#1 Active Aging Week site** in the 2025 Spirit Awards, for the elevated resident experiences they offered during Active Aging Week.

**Mather earned two 2025 International Council on Active Aging (ICAA) NuStep Best in Aging Awards,** which honor senior living communities and leaders who make wellness central to their mission. For the fourth year in a row, **CEO and President Mary Leary** was recognized as one of the **Top 5 Wellness Executives** in senior living in North America, receiving an **ICAA NuStep Top 5 Pinnacle Award** for her outstanding dedication to fostering thriving wellness cultures. **The Mather (Tysons, VA) ranked first among the Top 25 "Best in Wellness"** senior living communities in North America, earning an ICAA NuStep Beacon Award.

**Mather** earned six 2025 **National Mature Media Awards** for various promotional and design materials, including **three Gold Awards, two Silver Awards,** and **one Merit Award.**

**Mather** was awarded the **IKIT Business Partner of the Year Award by Evanston (Illinois) Township High School**. The award recognizes our strong commitment to participating in students' career exploration journeys.

Readers of *The Arizona Daily Star* honored **Splendido** with the 2025 **Readers' Choice Award** for **Best Life Plan Community.**

For the second consecutive year, **The Mather (Tysons, VA)** was named **Best of the City** in the category of senior living by DC Modern Luxury.

**Mather Institute's** research report ***Aging Well Across Cultures*** is included in the **National Investment Center for Seniors Housing & Care (NIC) Q1 2025 Recommended Reading List.**

**The Mather (Tysons, VA)** was identified as a 2025 Wellness Real Estate Property of Note by the Global Wellness Summit and the Global Wellness Institute.

A CNA in **Splendido** was named **Assisted Living Caregiver of the Year by the Arizona Health Care Association (AHCA).**

**The Mather (Tysons, VA)** received **two Award of Merit honors in the 2025 Gold Nugget Awards** competition: Best Age-Qualified Senior Living Community and Best Health/Wellness Design Solution.

Mather's Chief Experience Officer was named an **Executive to Watch** by **Senior Housing News.**

For the fourth consecutive year, **Splendido** was voted the **#1 Active Adult Community** in the state in ***Ranking Arizona,*** the largest business opinion poll in the state.

Readers of the *Explorer, Marana News,* and *Foothills News* selected **Splendido** for first place in **Best of the Northwest** in the category of **Retirement Community.** Splendido was **"Reader Recommended"** for **"Best Place to Work,"** ranking among the top three.

**The Mather Life Centre** and **Sonora** ranked among the **2025 Best Nursing Homes by *U.S. News & World Report***, based on high-performing ratings in both short-term care and long-term care.

## 2024

**Splendido's** skilled nursing neighborhood was awarded the **AHCA/NCAL Bronze Award** in 2024 for its Commitment to Quality. The award was bestowed by the American Health Care Association and the National Center for Assisted Living.

**The Mather (Tysons, VA)** received **a 2024 Silver Nationals Award** from the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) in the category of Best Lifestyle Program for a Community.

**Mather** was selectewd as a **Nation's Best and Brightest in Wellness Award Recipient** for the sixth year in a row by the National Association for Business Resources.

**President and CEO Mary Leary** was selected **as the Evanston Chamber's 2024 Nonprofit/Public Service Person of the Year** in recognition of her visionary leadership of Mather.

**The Mather (Evanston, IL)** was recognized as one of **America's Best Life Plan Communities of 2025** by *Newsweek*, ranking fifth in Illinois.

**Mather earned two 2024 ICAA NuStep Awards,** which recognize senior living communities for successfully fostering a wellness-centered environment to benefit all who live and work in their community. For the third year in a row, **CEO and President Mary Leary** was recognized as one of the **Top 5 Wellness Executives** in senior living in North America, receiving an **ICAA NuStep Top 5 Pinnacle Award** for her outstanding dedication to fostering thriving wellness cultures **The Mather (Tysons, VA) ranked 7th among the Top 25 "Best in Wellness"** senior living communities in North America, earning an ICAA NuStep Beacon Award.

Readers of *The Arizona Daily Star* named **Splendido** as a Favorite in the **Readers' Choice Award** for **Best Life Plan Community.**

**The Mather (Tysons, VA)** received **First Place** in the **Life Plan Community** category of the 2024 **SHN Architecture & Design Awards** from Senior Housing News.

**The Mather (Tysons, VA)** was named a finalist by ***Environments for Aging*** magazine in its 2024 **Culinary Competition**.

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Mather's Vice President of Risk Management was named a **Notable Black Leader for 2024** by the editorial board of *Crain's Chicago Business*.

**Mather** was honored as a **2024–25 Novare® Premier Employer in Satisfaction** based on team member survey participation. The awards are issued by **Novare**, a consortium of Life Plan Communities. Novare currently comprises 20 organizations, with 30 Life Plan Communities. The awards recognize Novare Member communities with high scores in areas of employee engagement and satisfaction in the 2024 Employee Engagement and Satisfaction Survey.

**The Mather (Tysons, VA)** received two **2024 Aurora Awards,** including a **Grand Award** (the top honor) for Interior Merchandising of a Community Amenity or Clubhouse, and a **Silver Award** for Best Service Enriched Senior Living Community.

**Mather** earned five 2024 **National Mature Media Awards** for various promotional and design materials, including **three Gold Awards** and **two Merit Awards.**

Splendido was named **Best Retirement Community** in the **2024 Best of Lovin' Life** by readers of the Explorer, Marana News, and Foothills News.

**The Mather (Tysons, VA)** was named **Best of the City 2024** in the category of senior living by DC Modern Luxury.

Mary Leary was one of five industry leaders featured in *The Entrepreneurial Spirit of Seniors Housing: Thoughts, Stories and Lessons on Leadership,* published

by the American Seniors Housing Association. The collection features perspectives from industry leaders who have contributed enormously to their respective organizations and to the senior living industry.

The Global Wellness Institute highlighted **The Mather (Tysons, VA)** as one of four global wellness real estate projects.

**Sonora at Splendido** received a **2024 AHCA/ NCAL Bronze National Quality Award** for its **skilled nursing care** in recognition of dedication to providing quality care and continuous improvement.

Readers of the *Explorer, Marana News,* and *Foothills News* selected **Splendido** for first place in **Best of the Northwest** in the category of **Retirement Community.**

For the third consecutive year, **Splendido** was voted the **#1 Active Adult Community** in the state in ***Ranking Arizona,*** the largest business opinion poll in the state.

## 2023

**Splendido** received **2nd Place in the Renovation / Repositioning (Campus)** category of the 2023 **SHN Architecture & Design Awards** from Senior Housing News.

**The Mather (Evanston, IL)** was recognized as one of **America's Best Life Plan Communities of 2024** by *Newsweek* in their first-ever rankings.

**Mather** was selected as a **Nation's Best and Brightest in Wellness Award Recipient** for the fifth consecutive year by the National Association for Business Resources.

**The Mather Life Centre** and **Sonora** ranked among the **2024 Best Nursing Homes by *U.S. News & World Report***, based on high-performing ratings in both short-term care and long-term care.

**Mather earned two 2023 ICAA NuStep Awards,** which recognize senior living communities for successfully fostering a wellness-centered environment to benefit all who live and work in their community. **CEO and President Mary Leary** was recognized as one of the **Top 5 Wellness CEOs** in senior living in North America, receiving an **ICAA NuStep Top 5 Pinnacle Award** for her outstanding dedication to fostering thriving wellness cultures. **Splendido** received an **ICAA NuStep Pinnacle Award**, ranking among the **Top 5 "Best in Wellness"**.

**President and CEO Mary Leary** was inducted into the Continuing Care/Life Plan Community Hall of Fame, Class of 2023. She was selected for her extraordinary achievements and her contributions to the development of Life Plan Communities.

Readers of *The Arizona Daily Star* honored **Splendido** with the 2023 **Readers' Choice Award** for **Best Life Plan Community.**

**The Mather (Tysons, VA)** received the **2023 Grand Aurora Award** for Best On the Boards Community in the category of 55+ Housing Community.

**Mather** earned four 2023 **National Mature Media Awards** for various promotional and design materials, including **two Gold Awards, a Silver Award,** and **a Bronze Award.**

**The Mather Life Centre** and **Sonora** ranked among the **Best Assisted Living** offerings in 2023–24 by ***U.S. News & World Report***. **Splendido** was also

ranked a **Best Life Plan Community.** These rankings are based on resident surveys.

**The Mather (Tysons, VA)** received Award of Merit honors in the 2023 **Gold Nugget Awards** competition for Best 55+ Housing Community – On the Boards.

Readers of the *Explorer, Marana News,* and *Foothills News* selected **Splendido** for first place in **Best of the Northwest** in the category of **Retirement Community**, and for fourth place in the category of **Best Place to Work.**

**Mather** was noted as the third largest not-for-profit organization in Evanston, Illinois.

**Mather** received national certification as a **Great Place to Work® based on ratings from employees.**

**Splendido** was voted the **#1 Active Adult Community** in the state in ***Ranking Arizona,*** the largest business opinion poll in the state.

Mather's Vice President of Risk Management was named **Caring Communities 2023 Risk Manager of the Year** for setting an example with her willingness to share, teach, and learn, as well as her commitment to both safety and excellence.

## 2022

**President and CEO Mary Leary** was recognized as an **Agent of Change** in the first-ever Pinnacle Awards from McKnight's. The awards honor top industry veterans who set new standards, drive change, and inspire others.

**Mather earned three 2022 ICAA NuStep Awards,** which recognize senior living communities for successfully fostering a wellness-centered environment to benefit all who live and work in their community. **CEO and President Mary Leary** was recognized as one of the **Top 5 Wellness CEOs** in senior living in North America, receiving an **ICAA NuStep Top 5 Pinnacle Award** for her outstanding dedication to fostering thriving wellness cultures. **Splendido was ranked first in North America** with a "Top 5 in Wellness" ICAA NuStep Pinnacle Award. **The Mather** received a **ICAA NuStep Beacon Award**, ranking among the **Top 25 "Best in Wellness"**.

**Mather** was selected as a **Nation's Best and Brightest in Wellness Award Recipient** for the fourth year in a row by the National Association for Business Resources.

Readers of *The Arizona Daily Star* honored **Splendido** with the 2022 **Readers' Choice Award** for **Best Life Plan Community.**

Splendido was named **Best Retirement Community** in the **2022 Best of Lovin' Life after 50** by readers of the *Explorer, Marana News,* and *Foothills News.*

**The Mather (Tysons, VA)** received Award of Merit honors in the 2022 **Gold Nugget Awards** competition for Best Senior Housing Community – On the Boards.

**Mather** earned three 2022 **National Mature Media Awards** for various digital and print marketing materials, including **a Gold Award, a Silver Award,** and **a Merit Award.**

**The Mather Life Centre** and **Sonora at Splendido** ranked as two of **America's Best Nursing Homes** by ***U.S. News & World Report***. These rankings are based on high scores on quality measures including the **highest overall rating of five stars from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.**

In the **Best of the Northwest** awards, readers of the *Explorer, Marana News,* and *Foothills News* selected **Splendido** for first place in the category of **Retirement Community,** and for third place in the **Best Place to Work** category, among local employers in all industries.

**Splendido** was voted the **#1 Active Adult Community** in the state in ***Ranking Arizona,*** the largest business opinion poll in the state.

## 2021

**Splendido was ranked as one of the "Top 5 in Wellness" in North America** with a **2021 ICAA NuStep Pinnacle Award.** This award recognizes senior living communities for successfully fostering a wellness-centered environment to benefit all who live and work in their community.

**Mather** was selected as a 2021 **Nation's Best and Brightest in Wellness Award Recipient** by the National Association for Business Resources.

Mather's Senior Vice President of Human Resources, Mary Sullivan, was honored by Ragan Communications with a **Top Women in Wellness and HR Award** for her leadership in employee health, performance management, DEI, training and development, and other areas.

**The Mather Life Centre** and **Sonora at Splendido** ranked as two of **America's Best Nursing Homes** by ***U.S. News & World Report***. These rankings are based on high scores on quality measures including the **highest overall rating of five stars from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.**

Readers of *The Arizona Daily Star* honored **Splendido** with the 2021 **Readers' Choice Award** for **Best Life Plan Community.**

*Fortune* ranked **Mather** among the 10 Best Small and Medium Workplaces in Aging Services in the category of Senior Housing and Care.

**Splendido** earned first place in the **Oro Valley Chamber's Peanut Butter Cookie Contest.**

**Mather President and CEO Mary Leary** was presented with the **2021 Honoring Excellence Leadership in Action** by LeadingAge Illinois for her outstanding commitment and dedication to staff and residents.

Readers of the *Explorer, Marana News,* and *Foothills News* selected **Splendido** for first place in **Best of the Northwest** in the category of Retirement Community.

**Mather** received **a Gold and a Silver award from the** National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) for marketing materials for **Splendido**.

**Mather** has received national certification as a **Great Place to Work.** We also ranked **#29 in Best Workplaces in Chicago**.

## 2020

**Mather Place** and **Splendido** each earned a **2020 ICAA NuStep Beacon Award,** which recognizes and honors the **Top 25 Best in Wellness senior living communities in North America.** These awards recognize organizations for successfully fostering a wellness-centered environment to benefit all who live and work in their community.

Healthcare Real Estate Insights presented **Splendido** with the **2020 HREI Insights Award** in the **Post-Acute & Senior Living Facilities Best New Ground-Up Development category** for its recent renovation and expansion.

**Mather** was selected as a 2020 **Nation's Best and Brightest in Wellness Award Recipient** by the National Association for Business Resources.

**The Mather Life Centre** and **Sonora at Splendido** ranked as two of **America's Best Nursing Homes,** published by ***U.S. News & World Report,*** receiving the highest overall rating of five stars from the Federal Government's Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

**The Mather** in Tysons was included as one of three **"Best Apartments in Washington DC"** in an article in *Modern Luxury DC* magazine.

Readers of *The Arizona Daily Star* honored **Splendido** with the 2020 **Readers' Choice Award** for **Best Life Plan Community.**

**Mather President and CEO Mary Leary** was named a **2020 Changemaker by *Senior Housing News*** for being a pioneer driving the future of senior living.

**Mather** was named a **Top 40 Best Workplace in Chicago** by Great Place to Work and *Fortune*. Our organization was ranked #33.

**The Mather in Tysons** received three Silver Awards from the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) for its marketing materials.

## 2019

The National Council on Aging presented Mather with an **honorable mention** in the Technology Category for the 2019 National Institute of Senior Centers Programs of Excellence. The recognition is for the program **An Interview with Dick Cavett.**

**Mather** was selected as a 2019 **Nation's Best and Brightest in Wellness Award Recipient** by the National Association for Business Resources.

**Mather** received national certification as a **Great Place to Work.**

**Mather** earned four 2019 **National Mature Media Awards** for various digital and print marketing materials, including two **Silver Awards** and two **Bronze Awards**.

**The Mather** in Tysons earned a **Davey Award (Silver)** from the Academy of Interactive and Visual Arts for the design of its website, themathertysons.com.

**Mather** earned five Spotlight Awards from the **League of American Communications Professionals** (**LACP)** for outstanding marketing materials, including **a Platinum Award** (ranked 24 out of 1,500), **a Gold Award** (ranked 48 out of 1,500), and **three Silver Awards**.

**The Mather Life Centre** ranked as one of **America's Best Nursing Homes,** published by ***U.S. News & World Report,*** receiving the highest overall rating of five stars from the Federal Government's Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

**Splendido** was named a **Copper Cactus Award** finalist in the category of **Best Place to Work** by the Tucson Metro Chamber. Nominees were judged on their work environment and the morale of their employees.

Readers of *The Arizona Daily Star* honored **Splendido** with the 2019 **Readers' Choice Award** for **Best Life Plan Community.**

Readers of the *Explorer, Marana News,* and *Foothills News* selected **Splendido** for first place in **Best of the Northwest** in the category of Active Living Community.

Mather LifeWays President and CEO Mary Leary was named a **Hall of Honor** recipient in the first-ever ***McKnight's* Women of Distinction** program. She was selected as one of an elite group of executives in senior housing and care who are making a lasting contribution to the field.

## 2018

**The Mather** in Tysons earned two Spotlight Awards from the **League of American Communications Professionals** (**LACP)** for outstanding marketing materials. The Mather's recognition included **a Gold Award** (ranked 61 out of 1,500) and a **Silver Award** (ranked 85 out of 1,500).

**Mather LifeWays** earned ten 2018 **National Mature Media Awards** for various digital and print marketing materials, including three **Silver Awards**, five **Bronze Awards,** and two **Merit Awards**.

**Mather's—More Than a Café** was named **Best Activity Center for Seniors** in Chicago's Chatham neighborhood by *South Side Weekly*.

**Sonora at Splendido** ranked #1 out of 142 health centers in the state by the **American Health Care Association** based on the association's evaluation of data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS).

The Mather Jammers, a musical group composed of **Mather LifeWays** staff and customers, was honored with the **Heart and Soul Award** from Chicago's United in Faith Church.

**Sonora at Splendido** ranked as one of **America's Best**

**Nursing Homes,** published by ***U.S. News & World Report,*** receiving the highest overall rating of five stars from the Federal Government's Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

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Readers of *Make It Better* selected **The Mather** as the **Best Senior Living** community for the **Best of 2018: Home & Design** list.

**Splendido** was recognized as a key partner by the Southern Arizona Arts & Cultural Alliance (SAACA), for its support in the local arts community.

Readers of the *Explorer, Marana News,* and *Foothills News* selected **Splendido** for first place in **Best of the Northwest** in the category of Active Living Community. Sonora at Splendido was selected for first place in the category of Assisted Living.

## 2017

**Splendido** was named a **Copper Cactus Award** finalist in the category of **Workforce Development** by the Tucson Metro Chamber. Nominees were judged on their work environment and the morale of their employees.

**Splendido** was recognized with a **Spirit of Philanthropy Award** from Interfaith Community Services for local philanthropy, including donations of food and school supplies.

Mather LifeWays website received the **Outstanding Website** award from the Web Marketing Association for the 2017 WebAward Competition.

*Newcity* magazine named **Mather's—More Than a Café** the Best for Artistic Open-Minded Seniors and Anybody Else Who Wants to Come in its **Best of Chicago 2017** list.

**Mather LifeWays** received the gold award in the "High Tech High Touch" category in the 2017 *McKnight's* Excellence in Technology Awards for the innovative use of smartpen technology to share older adults' creative voices.

**Mather LifeWays** earned six 2017 **National Mature Media Awards** for various digital and print marketing materials, including three **Gold Awards**, two **Bronze Awards,** and one **Merit Award**.

Readers of *The Arizona Daily Star* honored **Splendido** with the 2017 **Readers' Choice Award** for **Best Retirement Community.**

The 2016 expansion of **Mather Place** achieved **LEED Silver certification** (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), a green building rating system by the US Green Building Council.

Readers of the *Explorer* newspaper selected **Sonora at Splendido** for first place in **Best of the Northwest** in the category of Assisted Living. **Splendido** was selected for second place in the category of Active Living Community.

**Splendido's culinary team** won first place at the Taste of Oro Valley, presented by the Rotary Club of Oro Valley.

**The Mather** ranked as one of **America's Best Nursing Homes,** published by ***U.S. News & World Report,*** receiving the highest overall rating of five stars from the Federal Government's Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

**Mather LifeWays** 2016 Year in Review received a League of American Communications Professionals' (LACP) **Vision Award**, which recognizes exceptional annual reports.

Silver Winner Best of 55+ Housing Awards

**Mather Place** received a silver award from the **National Association of Home Builders** in the category of Best 55+ Renovation.

## 2016

**Mather LifeWays program in the Edgewater** neighborhood of Chicago was formally recognized by the City of Chicago for "its unparalleled contributions to older adults in the community of Edgewater and the city of Chicago."

The landscaping at **Splendido** was recognized with an **Award of Excellence** for overall maintenance and management from Arizona Landscape Contractors' Association. This is the association's highest honor in the category of landscape maintenance.

**Mather LifeWays earned five awards** in the League of American Communications Professionals (**LACP) Global Communications Competition** (20116 Spotlight Award). With more than 800 entries, Mather LifeWays received recognition, which included a Gold Award.

**Splendido** was recognized with the **Best Overall Presentation** in the **Sweet Charity competition** hosted by the Southern Arizona Arts & Cultural Alliance (SAACA).

Mather LifeWays **Manager of Art Therapy** received a **Best Paper Award** at Fuse DIS 2016 (a Designing Interactive Systems conference in Australia) for co-authoring "Designing for the Third Hand: Empowering Older Adults with Cognitive Impairment through Creating and Sharing."

**Sonora at Splendido** was recognized with a Gold Award by the **Health Services Advisory Group** for superior leadership, strategic planning, and customer and staff satisfaction.

Readers of the *Explorer* newspaper selected **Splendido** for first place in **Best of the Northwest** in the category of Active Living Community. **Sonora at Splendido** was selected for first place in the category of Assisted Living.

**Splendido** was recognized with an **Art Supporter Award** by the Southern Arizona Arts & Cultural Alliance (SAACA), for more than nine years of support in the local arts community.

**Splendido** was honored with the 2016 **Champion Award** from Interfaith Community Services for local philanthropy, including donations of food and school supplies, as well as sponsorships and donations of meeting space.

## 2015

**Mather LifeWays** received a silver award in Dignity through Technology from *McKnight's* Excellence in Technology Awards for its innovative use of stop-

motion animated videos in resident art therapy programs.

**The Mather** and **Sonora at Splendido** ranked as two of **America's Best Nursing Homes,** published by ***U.S. News & World Report,*** receiving the highest overall rating of five stars from the Federal Government's Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

## 2014

**Splendido** was recognized with the **Best Chocolate Dessert** and **Best Overall Presentation** in the **Sweet Charity competition** hosted by the Southern Arizona Arts & Cultural Alliance (SAACA).

For the second consecutive year, **Mather LifeWays** was named **Illinois' Healthiest Midsize Employer** by Healthiest Employers LLC, which honors the most outstanding health and wellness programs in the state.

**Mather LifeWays** earned four 2014 **National Mature Media Awards** for its marketing materials, including one **Gold Award**, one **Silver Award**, one **Bronze Award,** and one **Merit Award**.

**Splendido** was recognized with a "**Good Deals. Help Others." award from Habitat for Humanity Tucson Habistore,** for the donation of more than 60 appliances.

**Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging** was honored with the **2014 Excellence in Research and Education Award from LeadingAge.** This award recognizes the Institute for its outstanding contributions in developing evidence-based research and education programs, translating research into practice, and disseminating new resources throughout the field of aging.

**Splendido** received a **silver award** in Crandall Corporate Dietitians' **Go for the Gold Awards,** which honor outstanding dietary departments.

Readers of the *Explorer* newspaper selected **Sonora at Splendido** for **first place in Best of the Northwest** in the category of Assisted Living.

**The Mather, Mather Pavilion,** and **Sonora at Splendido** ranked as three of **America's Best Nursing Homes,** published by ***U.S. News & World Report,*** receiving the highest overall rating of five stars from the Federal Government's Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

**The Associate Director of Community Resources for Mather Edgewater** was honored with a Strive and Thrive award as part of the **LSN 2014 Honoring Excellence Award Program.**

A Senior Research Associate from **Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging** earned, along with her co-authors, the **best research publication** on families and health from the Families and Health Section of the National Council on Family Relations.

**Splendido** was recognized with the **2013/2014 Outstanding Arts Leader Award** by the Southern Arizona Arts & Cultural Alliance.

## 2013

**The Mather** was selected as the recipient of the **Senior Housing News Design and Architecture Award** for a Life Plan Community.

The award recognizes cutting-edge design, excellence, and innovation in senior living.

**Mather LifeWays** was named one of Chicago's Top Workplaces in the 2013 *Chicago Tribune's* Best Places to Work survey.

**Mather LifeWays** was named Illinois's Healthiest Midsize Employer for 2013 by Healthiest Employers LLC.

**Mather's—More Than a Café** named as a Leadership Program to Watch in 2013 by LeadingAge.

**Mather LifeWays** received five Rebranding Aging Awards from the International Council on Active Aging, including **Gold** and **Silver Awards** for **Best Direct Mail**, **Silver** and **Bronze Awards** for **Best Advertising**, and a **Bronze Award** for **Best Sales Brochure**.

In the **Design for Aging Review,** sponsored by LeadingAge and the American Institute of Architects, **The Mather** received a Merit Award, the highest award given that recognizes outstanding projects, and **Mather's—More Than a Café** received a Citation Award, recognizing good projects with multiple special features.

**Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging** was awarded funding from OwlRock Capital to conduct a feasibility study for an online resource that will integrate the Institute's caregiver resource programs and facilitate communication between family caregivers and service providers caring for homebound older adults.

The Greater Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce presented **Splendido** with the **2013 Pinnacle Award for Best Midsize Business**.

Walgreens contributed funds to support **Telephone Topics** and is offering the program through their Chicagoland stores. Telephone Topics is a Mather LifeWays program that enables older adults to participate in interactive programs over the phone.
Readers of the *Explorer* newspaper selected **Sonora at Splendido** for **second place in Best of the Northwest** in the category of Assisted Living.

**Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging** was awarded a grant from **Boeing International Foundation** to support further expansion of the FIIVE Chicago program (Fostering Intergenerational Inclusive Volunteer Efforts). The Center for Independent Futures is partnering on this project.

**Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging** was selected for an **LTC LINK Spirit of Innovation Award** in Patient Wellness for *mobile* Observing Quality of Life in Dementia (*m*OQOLD).

**Mather LifeWays earned three awards** in the League of American Communications Professionals (**LACP) Global Communications Competition** (2012/13 Spotlight Award). With more than 800 entries, Mather LifeWays received recognition which included two Platinum Awards and a Gold Award.

The Gaston Porter Health Improvement Center received a **Wal-Mart Foundation Grant** to implement eight Prime Time Sister Circles (PTSC) in the Chicago area. **Mather LifeWays** is a sub-grantee along with Acts of Faith, a consortium of churches on Chicago's South Side.

**The Mather, Mather Pavilion,** and **Sonora at Splendido** ranked as three of **America's Best Nursing Homes,** published by ***U.S. News & World Report,*** receiving the highest overall rating

of five stars from the Federal Government's Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

**Mather LifeWays** received four awards from the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB): **Gold Awards** for **Best Direct Mail** and **Best Lifestyle Program,** and **Silver Awards** for **Best Continuing Care Retirement Community** and **Best Outdoor Amenity.**

## 2012

For the third consecutive year, Mather LifeWays is one of the *Chicago Tribune's* **Top 100 Workplaces.** Mather LifeWays ranked as one of the top 10 Best Midsize Companies.

**Mather LifeWays** was honored with the Pathways to Greatness award by LeadingAge and CliftonLarsonAllen LLP. Recipients are selected based on the five key attributes of a successful aging-services organization which include leadership, superior performance, distinctive impact, best practices and innovation, and the ability to inspire public trust and confidence.

**The Mather** achieved **LEED Gold certification** (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), a green building rating system developed by the US Green Building Council. In order to achieve LEED certification, a building must meet requirements for sustainable design, construction, and operation.

**Mather LifeWays** received the top Quality honor in first annual *McKnight's* Excellence in Technology Awards – Connect Our World. The program recognizes notable uses of technology to improve senior living services. Entries were judged on their value, impact, execution, relevance, and originality.

**Mather LifeWays** was one of three finalists for the 2012 Illinois Healthiest Employers Award (presented by Humana Vitality) which honors the state's most outstanding health and wellness programs.

**Mather LifeWays** was awarded the **Prudential Real Estate Investors Award for Best Research Paper in the 2012 *Seniors Housing & Care Journal*** by the National Investment Center for the Seniors Housing & Care Industry (NIC). The white paper, "Adult Children of CCRC Residents: Their Perceptions, Insights, and Implications for Shaping the Future CCRC," was announced as the award recipient.

**The Mather Life Centre** and **Mather Pavilion** received the highest score in the Five-Star Quality Rating System administered by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

**Mather LifeWays** earned eight 2012 **National Mature Media Awards** for its marketing materials, including two **Silver Awards**, one **Bronze Award,** and five **Merit Awards**.

**Mather's—More Than a Café** was **awarded a technical assistance grant** from MetLife Foundation in the category of Health and Wellness.

**Mather LifeWays** was awarded a contract to conduct a pilot study from Work/Family Directions, Inc. to offer **Empower Online** for IBM employees caring for older adults in Brazil and Argentina.

A **grant** from Schering Plough was awarded to **Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging** to develop and implement online employee wellness programs in the United States, England, and China.

The Southeast Building conference recognized **The Mather South** with **five Aurora Awards** which are considered the "Grammys" of the homebuilding and design industry. Awards included Grand Aurora (Best of State), Grand Aurora and Aurora Award (50+ Communities), and Aurora Awards for Interior Design and Interior Furnishings.

**The Mather LifeWays Director of Café Operations** was awarded the distinguished **Life Services Network (LSN) Honoring Excellence Award**—one of eight individuals recognized at LSN's Annual Meeting and Exhibition, held May 2012 at Navy Pier in Chicago.

**Mather LifeWays** received the **inaugural City of Evanston Economic Impact Award,** recognizing its innovation, initiative, and sizable investment in Evanston, resulting in far-reaching benefit for businesses, residents, and visitors.

**Sonora at Splendido** was **ranked as one of America's Best Nursing Homes** by ***U.S. News & World Report,*** receiving the highest overall rating of five stars from the Federal Government's Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

**Mather LifeWays received eight awards from the National Association of Home Builders** including **three Gold Awards for The Mather** in the categories of Best Continuing Care Retirement Community on the Boards, Best Repositioned Community (Active Adult Housing), and Best Direct Mail Campaign; a **Gold and Innovation Award** for **Splendido** in the category of Best Fitness & Wellness Program (for the "Gestures of Joy" program); a **Silver Award** for **Splendido** in the category of Best Lifestyle Program; and a **Gold and Innovation Award** for **Mather's—More Than a Café** in the category of Best Dining or Café Experience.

A **grant** from the **Kansas Department on Aging** was awarded to **Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging** to support the development and implementation of six emergency preparedness workshops, one for each Homeland Security Region in Kansas. The workshops focused on identifying region-specific hazards and creating plans for comprehensive, collaborative emergency operations based on region-specific hazards and resources.

## 2011

For the **second consecutive year, Mather LifeWays** was named one of the *Chicago Tribune*'s **Top 100 Workplaces**!

A **grant** from XTO Energy was awarded to **Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging** to develop and implement online employee wellness programs in the United States.

**Mather LifeWays earned four awards** in the League of American Communications Professionals (**LACP) Global Communications Competition** (2011 Spotlight Award). With over 1,500 entries, Mather LifeWays received recognition including a Platinum Award, Gold Award, Silver Award, and Bronze Award.

**Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging** was awarded a grant from the **Verizon Foundation** to support development, implementation, and evaluation of a program to improve electronic health literacy among older adults in Chicago. The program will offer participants training in skills needed to

navigate the large amount of health information available on the web.

A **grant from The Coleman Foundation** was awarded to **Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging,** Clearbrook, and the Center for Independent Futures to develop and implement ***F.I.I.V.E Chicago*** (Fostering Intergenerational, Inclusive Volunteer Engagement in Chicago). *F.I.I.V.E Chicago* is an intergenerational volunteer program in which young people with disabilities (ages 14–29) and older adult mentors (ages 55 and better) together engage in service to their communities.

**The Mather** was selected to be **featured in the publication *Design for Aging Review,*** *11th edition,* as a **Citation Award Recipient** for innovative design features and approaches. *Design for Aging Review* is held in partnership with Leading Age (formerly American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging).

A **grant from Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging** was awarded to Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging to support the development and implementation of a state-specific emergency preparedness resource guide for senior living providers that included a Kansas-specific resource manual and individualized telephone consultations with representatives from Kansas senior living organizations.

**The Mather** received Award of Merit honors in the 2011 **Gold Nugget Awards** competition for Best Community Site Plan of up to 20 acres.

**Mather LifeWays** earned four 2011 **National Mature Media Awards** for its marketing materials, including two **Silver Awards,** one **Bronze Award** and one **Merit Award.**

**Mather LifeWays** received a fifth **Digital Divide Grant** from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The grant is designed to train older adults in computer skills through classes presented at Mather's—More Than a Café locations.

**Mather LifeWays** was awarded a sub-grant to participate in a **Wal-Mart Foundation grant** to implement Prime Time Sister Circles (PTSC) in Chicago. PTSC is a program that teaches older African American women to improve their health. Mather's—More Than a Café on 83rd Street has held six PTSC; Mather LifeWays was awarded a sub-grant by the program's founders to start 12 additional circles in other communities.

**Mather LifeWays** was awarded a contract to conduct a pilot study from Work/Family Directions, Inc. to offer **Empower Online** for IBM employees who are caring for older adults in Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Winning Workplaces and the Hitachi Foundation featured **Mather LifeWays** as one of 10 in-depth workplace best practices case studies in the Pioneer Employer "Search Engines" Initiative. This initiative seeks out pioneering employers in order to build a compelling set of case studies demonstrating how investment in front-line workers can result in increased returns to employees, communities, and business investors.

**Mather Pavilion and Sonora at Splendido** ranked as two of **America's Best Nursing Homes,** published by ***U.S. News & World***

***Report,*** receiving the highest overall rating of five stars from the Federal Government's Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Wisdom Works, a volunteer model used in the Empowering Grandparents grant from the National Council on Aging (NCOA), was named a national model by NCOA and received a grant to disseminate learnings in 2011.

## 2010

**Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging** received the **New Product & Technology Award from Mature Market Resource Center** for *Aging in Action*. This national program recognizes the best technologies, products, and services for older adults and their families.

**Mather LifeWays** was named one of the *Chicago Tribune*'s **Top 100 Workplaces.** Companies and nonprofit organizations are recognized for developing "dynamic, supportive and inclusive cultures."

**Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging** received the **Erickson Foundation Award for Excellence in Research in Positive Aging** at the 2010 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Exposition for the development, testing, and implementation of the Whole-Person Wellness Assessment. The Erickson Foundation created this award to "celebrate research that explores aspects of active, healthy aging, particularly creating healthy communities."

**Mather LifeWays** won two awards from the League of American Communications Professionals' (LACP) Global Communications Competition. Splendido received a **Platinum Award** for its "Best Places to Live" mailer, and The Mather received a **Gold Award** for its "Let's always be prepared for life's curve balls" campaign.

**Mather LifeWays** earned two **National Active Retirement Association Awards**, which recognize projects focused on meeting the demands of active, mature adults across the country. The Mather won a **Gold Award** as the Best Continuing Care Retirement Community and a **Gold Award** for Best Amenities in a Retirement Community.

**The Mather** received *Midwest Construction* magazine's **Best of 2010 Award** (Merit, Multi-Family Residential/ Hospitality), which recognizes projects based on safety, innovation, contribution to the community or industry, construction quality and craftsmanship, and function and aesthetic quality of design.

**Design Evanston** recognized **The Mather** with awards in Interior Design and Landscape Design. Design Evanston recognizes projects providing "significant aesthetic and functional improvement in the Evanston community."

**Mather Pavilion** and **Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging** received the **OPTIMA Award**, bestowed by *Long-Term Living* magazine. The award, conferred by a jury of long-term care peers, recognizes long-term care residences that are proactive with programs that go "above and beyond" routine care. Through measurable outcomes, such as 10 consecutive years of nursing staff turnover results better than state and national rates and consistently high resident and family satisfaction scores, the Award acknowledges Mather Pavilion's successes in demonstrating that LEAP is a sustainable workforce initiative.

A **grant from The Coleman Foundation** was awarded to Clearbrook and **Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging** to support implementation and evaluation of GRACE: Generating Resources for Aging Through Collaborative Energies. This program offers education and experiential learning opportunities to managers and staff working with the growing

number of aging adults with developmental disabilities in day and residential service organizations in the Chicagoland area.

**Mather LifeWays** earned four 2010 **National Mature Media Awards** for its marketing materials, including two **Bronze Awards** and two **Merit Awards**.

**Mather LifeWays** received **a grant from the Kansas Department of Public Health** to support four statewide PREPARE workshops that reached nearly 200 senior living providers.

**Mather LifeWays** received a fourth **Digital Divide Grant** from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The grant is designed to train older adults in computer skills through classes presented at **Mather's—More Than a Café** locations in the Chicago area.

**Mather LifeWays** partnered with the GRANDFamilies Program of Chicago to develop and implement a curriculum for the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program. It is supported by two independent **grants from The Chicago Community Trust** and the **National Council on Aging**.

**Splendido** was a finalist for the **NuStep Pinnacle Award** recognizing outstanding whole-person wellness programs in senior living communities and senior centers.

The Southeast Building conference recognized **The Mather North** with **four Aurora Awards** which are considered the "Grammys" of the homebuilding and design industry. Awards included Grand Aurora (Best of State), Grand Aurora and Aurora Award (50+ Communities), and an Aurora Award for Interior Design.

**Splendido** received Award of Merit honors in the 2010 **Gold Nugget Awards** competition for Best Community Site Plan of 20 acres or more and Best Interior Space.

**Mather LifeWays** won a **Silver Award** for *More at Mather's* in the 2009 Inspire Awards Competition, sponsored by the League of American Communications Professionals (LACP).

A **grant was awarded** to **Mather LifeWays** from Work/Family Directions, Inc. to develop and implement a culturally-specific version of **Empower Online** for IBM employees who are caring for older adults in China.

Readers of the *Explorer* newspaper selected **Splendido** as Tucson's **Best Retirement Living Community** for the second consecutive year.

The American Medical Directors Association selected LEAP as a recipient of the 2010 **AMDA Foundation/Evercare Award** for improving the quality of life of persons living in nursing homes.

**Sonora at Splendido** was **ranked one of America's Best Nursing Homes** in the February issue of *U.S. News & World Report* and was the only one in Tucson to make the list.

**Mather LifeWays** and Benten Technologies received a **Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Grant from the Centers for Disease Control.** The new grant supports development of an online disaster preparedness planning system.

## 2009

**The Mather** Culinary Team took **first place in the AAHSA Chef Challenge competition**. Competing against senior living culinary teams from across the U.S., The Mather team was crowned the 2009 "Iron Chef" champions.

A **grant** from Merck was awarded to **Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging** to develop and implement online employee wellness programs in Canada, England, United States, Mexico, and Brazil.

A **grant** from ExxonMobil was awarded to **Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging** to develop and implement online employee wellness programs.

The Northern Trust Company awarded **a grant to support the wellness initiative** at **Mather's—More Than a Café location at 83rd Street** in Chicago's Chatham neighborhood.

**The Mather** was named the 2009 **Masonry Construction Project of the Year** for both the High-Rise and Readers' Choice categories. Project of the Year entries represent the "best of the best" in masonry construction across the country, honoring the craftsmanship of skilled masonry.

A **grant was awarded** to **Mather LifeWays** by NCB Capital Impact **to support a study on the impact of computer adaptive technology in four Green House® Project communities**. The project aligns "small house" environments with person-directed care programming, supporting quality of life for long-term care residents.

The **Armed Forces Veterans Homes Foundation** and the **National Association of State Veterans Homes funded implementation of LEAP 101** for 15 of their state veterans' homes. The grant also supports LEAP license renewals for 33 communities nationwide.

**Splendido** was voted one of the **Top 10 Independent Living/ Assisted Living Communities** in *Ranking Arizona,* the largest business opinion poll in the state.

**Mather LifeWays** and Benten Technologies received a second **Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Grant from the National Institutes of Health.** The grant will enable development of a mobile device that researchers and practitioners in adult day, assisted living, and skilled care settings can use to assess the quality of life of people with dementia.

**Mather LifeWays** and Life Services Network, the Illinois affiliate of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, were **awarded funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health** to implement and evaluate a **cultural diversity training program** targeting all disciplines in licensed long-term care communities.

**Mather LifeWays** received the award for **Excellence in Program Innovation** from the Archstone Foundation for PREPARE. The award was created in conjunction with the American Public Health Association to recognize best practice models in gerontology and geriatrics. One award is given each year.

The Chicago Life Opportunities Initiative received **a grant from the National Council on Aging** to promote the use of older adult volunteers in community not-for-profit organizations. Chicago Life Opportunities Initiative is a partnership program between **Mather LifeWays** and CJE SeniorLife.

**Mather LifeWays** is partnering with the **GRANDFamilies Program of Chicago** to develop and implement a curriculum for the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program, supported by a grant from **The Chicago Community Trust**.

As part of a grant from the National Council on Aging (NCOA), **Mather LifeWays** received **three VISTA volunteers** to further support the GRANDfamilies of Chicago program.

**Mather LifeWays** received **a Title V worker** from Age Options to assist in expansion of the Telephone Topics program.

A grant from the **John Oishei Foundation** will bring LEAP to 30 long-term care residences in Western New York State during fall 2009.

A **training grant was awarded to Mather LifeWays** to support PREPARE workshops in Michigan during the summer 2009.

**Mather LifeWays** received **a grant from the Kansas Department of Public Health** to support four statewide PREPARE workshops that reached nearly 200 senior living providers.

**Mather LifeWays** received an additional **Digital Divide Grant** from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The grant is designed to train older adults in computer skills through classes at Mather's—More Than a Café.

**Mather LifeWays** earned six 2009 **National Mature Media Awards** for its marketing materials, including two **Silver Awards**, two **Bronze Awards**, and two **Merit Awards**.

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) named **Mather LifeWays** as the 2009 recipient of the **Jack Ossofsky Award**, recognizing the Café Plus model.

The U.S. Administration on Aging named **Mather's—More Than a Café as one of four national models** encouraging participation in civic, cultural, social and recreational activities by older adults.

**Mather LifeWays** received grants from the Norwood Park Historical Society and the **Center for Asian Arts and Media at Columbia College** for cultural programs. **Mather LifeWays Senior Research Associate** was the recipient of the **American Society on Aging Graduate Student Research award**. The Award is presented annually to one graduate student for research relevant to aging.

## 2008

**Splendido** was recognized by the Arizona Landscape Contractors' Association for **superior landscape workmanship and creativity**.

Readers of the *Explorer* newspaper selected **Splendido** as Tucson's **Best Retirement Living Community**.

A **grant** from Texas Instruments was awarded to **Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging** to develop and implement online employee wellness programs in the United States.

**Mather LifeWays** won an **Honors Award** for the **2007 Year in Review** in the 2008 Spotlight Awards Communications Competition. The competition is sponsored by the League of American Communications Professionals (LACP).

**Splendido** was voted one of the **Top 10 Independent Living/Assisted Living Communities** in Ranking Arizona, the largest business opinion poll in the state.

**Mather LifeWays** earned five **National Active Retirement Association Awards**, which recognize projects focused on meeting the demands of active, mature adults. **Splendido** received two **Gold Awards**, for Best Overall Active Adult/Retirement Community and for Best Large Active Adult/Retirement Community. **Splendido** also won a **Silver Award** for Best Continuing Care Retirement Community. **The Mather** won **Gold Awards** for the Best Proposed Continuing Care Retirement Community as well as the Best Community Brochure.

**Mather LifeWays** earned nine **2008 National Mature Media Awards** for its marketing materials, including five **Gold Awards**, one **Bronze Award** and three **Merit Awards**.

The American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA) selected the **Executive Director of Café Development at Mather LifeWays** as one of 32 people nationwide to participate in **AAHSA's 2009 Leadership Academy**.

For the second consecutive year, *Arizona Foothills Magazine* named **Splendido** as one of **Arizona's Best Places to Live.**

**Mather LifeWays** will work with Life Services Network, the Illinois affiliate of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, to implement and evaluate a communication skills training program targeting all disciplines in licensed long-term care communities. This **12-month grant** includes 12 train-the-trainer workshops and supporting online course involving nearly 150 communities across Illinois.

Community Initiatives was awarded the **Digital Divide Grant** from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The grant is designed to partially underwrite the cost of computer training for older adults in the Chicago area.

**Mather LifeWays** and Benten Technologies of Herndon, VA, received a **Small Business Innovation Research Grant from the National Institutes of Health** to develop a new and innovative technology system for improving the assessment of quality of life in older persons with dementia. The practical, information-generation system combines the

Mather LifeWays tool, *Observing Quality of Life in Dementia* (OQOLD), with handheld PCs that will enable professional caregivers to maximize the well-being of people with dementia in long-term care communities, assisted living communities, and adult day programs.

## National Religious Retirement Office

**Mather LifeWays** worked with the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) in Washington, D.C., to implement a grant that will provide a proven successful training program in person-centered care to religious institutes they serve. The **18-month grant** was awarded by the Retirement Research Foundation to support the project, Staff Training and Education in Person-Centered Care for U.S. Catholic Retired Women and Men Religious: Phase Two.

**Mather LifeWays** received a **two-year grant** from the Illinois Department of Public Health to implement SAFE-TI in 100 nursing homes in Illinois. SAFE-TI, a multicomponent toolkit developed and pilot-tested by **Mather LifeWays,** is expected to increase knowledge of falls reduction strategies.

**Mather LifeWays** received three national 2008 **Best of 50+ Housing Marketing Awards** from the National Association of Home Builders, including Innovation and Gold Awards for **The Mather,** and a Silver Award for **Splendido.**

**Mather LifeWays** won three 2007 **Inspire Awards** from the League of American Communications Professionals. The Health Assessment Campaign won a Silver Award, the ***m*** newsletter also garnered a Silver Award, and the AAHSA Excellence in the Workplace Award Campaign took Honors.

**The Director of Wellness Strategies at Mather LifeWays** received the **Work-Life Rising Star Award** from the Alliance for Work-Life Progress. This award recognizes professionals who embody passion for change, for work, and for life, and who exhibit a combination of professional and personal attributes that demonstrate emerging leadership and growing contributions to the work-life community.

**Splendido**'s executive chef was the **third-place recipient** in the 2008 Iron Chef Tucson (AZ) competition, which challenges chefs from Tucson's finest dining establishments, including several five-star restaurants and resorts, to "battle it out" with their culinary skills.

**Mather Pavilion** volunteer Sheron Quigley received Life Services Network's **Excellence in Service Award** and was named **Volunteer of the Year**.

## 2007

**Mather LifeWays** earned three **National Active Retirement Association Awards**, which recognize projects focused on meeting the demands of active, mature adults across the country. The Mather's brochure won a **Gold Award** for Best Active Adult/Retirement Property Advertisement and Splendido won a **Gold Award** for Best Large Active Adult/Retirement Community.

The League of American Communications Professionals (LACP) awarded a **Platinum Spotlight Award** for **The Mather**'s brochure; a **Silver Spotlight Award** for the Mather LifeWays 2006 Year in Review; and a **Bronze Spotlight Award** for Splendido's testimonial direct mail. More than 900 global entries were received, including entries from $1+ billion Fortune 100 companies. The Awards recognize excellence in first impression, creativity, clarity, relevance, and narrative/visual content quality.

PREPARE, a **Mather LifeWays** program for improving emergency preparedness in senior living residences, was **awarded a third year of funding** from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, US Department of

Health and Human Services. The funds allow Mather LifeWays to reach long-term care providers in all 50 states.

**Mather LifeWays** received the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program's (RSVP) **Station of the Year Award**, which honors one organization that is committed to volunteerism and supports RSVP as a resource to help older adults get involved as volunteers.

*Arizona Foothills Magazine* named **Splendido** one of **Arizona's Best Places to Live.**

**Mather LifeWays** received ComPsych's **Health at Work Silver Award,** which honors organizations that have demonstrated a commitment to promoting the health and wellness of their employees.

Mather LifeWays and The Plaza Companies, co-owners of Splendido, received *BUILDERnews* magazine's **Spirit of the West Award**, which recognizes "exemplary builders and developers who are contributing inspiring, vibrant, and sustainable places to live." Splendido was highlighted for its well-crafted homes, conserving resources, and setting a new pace in homebuilding.

**Mather LifeWays** earned 10 2007 **National Mature Media Awards** for its marketing materials, including two **Gold Awards**, two **Silver Awards**, two **Bronze Awards**, and four **Merit Awards**. **The Mather** earned two **Gold Awards** for its "10 Wishes" campaign and brochure.

**Mather LifeWays** received the 2007 **Excellence in the Workplace Award** from the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA) for demonstrating effectiveness in fostering and advancing a healthy workplace culture and an environment that promotes the recruitment, retention, and development of staff at all levels of the organization.

**Mather LifeWays** received three national 2007 **Best of 50+ Housing Awards** from the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), including an Innovation Award for **The Mather** and two Gold Awards for **Splendido,** which was recognized as the best overall Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) and as having the best CCRC interior design.

PREPARE, a **Mather LifeWays** program for improving emergency preparedness in senior living residences, was awarded the 2007 **Healthcare and Aging Award** from the American Society on Aging. PREPARE also was awarded additional funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) for further expansion.

**Mather LifeWays** was one of three not-for-profit organizations in the Chicago area to receive a **Models of Significant Service grant from RespectAbility**, a program of the National Council on Aging. Chicago Life Opportunities Initiative, a partnership of Mather LifeWays and Council for Jewish Elderly, will use the grant funds for its *Count Me In* program, which is designed to mobilize Chicago's older adults and community partners to help organizations identify their volunteer needs; recognize the ability of older adults to meet those needs; and effectively recruit, train, and place older adult volunteers in those leadership roles.

The Illinois Department of Public Health awarded a **two-year grant to further study and disseminate the S.E.L.F. Program** and Observing Quality of Life in Dementia (OQOLD), two programs developed by **Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging** that support older adults with memory loss.

A **Mather LifeWays Community Initiatives employee** was appointed to the Illinois Life Services Network (LSN) Home and Community Based Services Cabinet**.**

Mather LifeWays **received the** Best Practice Award **from the Health Promotion Institute of the National Council on Aging for Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging's Resident Whole-Person Wellness Survey.**

## 2006

The International Council on Active Aging awarded **Mather LifeWays** its **NuStep Pinnacle Award** for the nation's best wellness program in a community setting. The award recognized Mather's—More Than a Café on 83rd Street for "using creativity and commitment to transform people's lives and promote optimal health, regardless of age."

**Mather LifeWays** was awarded a contract to conduct a pilot study from Work/Family Directions, Inc. to offer **Empower Online** for IBM employees who are caring for older adults in England, Mexico, Honduras, and Guatemala.

**Mather LifeWays earned six** 2006 **National Mature Media Awards** for its marketing materials, including a **Gold Award**, three **Silver Awards**, and two **Bronze Awards**.

*A Healthy Community: Perspective on Aging Well,* a publication produced by the Center for Civic Partnership and funded by the California Wellness Foundation, featured the **Mather LifeWays Café Plus model** as one of the top 10 national examples in taking creative action to serve older adults.

At the international conference *Reflecting on 100 Years of Alzheimer's: The Global Impact on Quality of Lives*, hosted at Ohio's Case Western University, the Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging presentation, "OQOLD: A Tool For Improving Research and Practice Via An Activity-Focused, Wellness-Based Quality of Life Assessment Procedure," won **third place for outstanding poster presentation**.

The Illinois Office of the Secretary of State and the Illinois State Library/Literacy Office **awarded a grant to Mather LifeWays to train staff in English as a second language**.

**Mather LifeWays** 2004 Year in Review won the League of American Communications Professionals' (LACP) 2005 **Vision Award**, which recognizes exceptional annual reports. Mather LifeWays also won LACP's **Bronze Inspire Award** for its internal communications portfolio.

**Mather LifeWays** was **awarded a grant** from the American Business Collaboration for Quality Dependent Care (ABC) to **expand Powerful Tools for Caregivers (PTC) Online** to IBM employees in Latin America, Brazil, and the England.

**The manager of Mather's—More Than a Café on 83rd Street** in Chicago received a **Status of Women Orchid Award**, which is presented to women who are considered outstanding in their chosen field and/or who work to expand their commitment to include community involvement.

The National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) and The Retirement Research Foundation funded **Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging** to **develop a training program that educates front-line staff in best practices of person-centered care**.

PREPARE, a **Mather LifeWays** program for improving emergency preparedness in senior living residences, **was awarded a supplemental grant** from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Assistant Secretary for

Preparedness and Response (ASPR) to deliver the program to all 50 states.

## 2005

**Mather LifeWays** earned three **Best of Seniors Housing Awards** from the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), including an **Innovation Award,** NAHB's highest-level honor, and a **Gold** and **Silver Award.**

**Mather LifeWays earned six** 2005 **National Mature Media Awards** for its marketing materials, including a **Gold Award**, two **Silver Awards**, a **Bronze Award**, and two **Merit Awards**.

Mather LifeWays was **awarded a grant** from the American Business Collaboration for Quality Dependent Care (ABC) to **convert Making Sense of Memory Loss,** a memory support training program co-developed by Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging and the Greater Illinois Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, into an online training tool.

**Mather LifeWays** was awarded **a two-year grant** from the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust to implement and evaluate a new version of Powerful Tools for Caregivers (PTC).

**Mather LifeWays** was **awarded a grant** from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), to develop **PREPARE**.

The Alzheimer's Association **awarded a grant** to study the practical applications of a **Mather LifeWays**-developed measure called **Observing Quality of Life in Dementia (OQOLD)**.

The Illinois Department of Public Health awarded funding to **expand LEAP**, the **Mather LifeWays** long-term care nursing staff training program, to all licensed skilled care centers throughout Illinois.

The State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) awarded funding to Eliminate the Digital Divide at **Mather's—More Than a Café on 83rd Street** in Chicago by expanding its capacity for computer training.

**Two Mather LifeWays employees** were **appointed** to the **Illinois Life Services Network** (LSN) Cabinet.

Mather LifeWays was recognized in the **first edition of *The Spirit of Excellence: How Healthcare Organizations are Achieving Service, Quality and Satisfaction*** for Mather's—More Than a Café.

## 2004

**The** Mather LifeWays **LEAP program was selected by the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA) to receive the 2004** Excellence in Practice Award**.**

**Mather LifeWays** was awarded a contract to conduct a pilot study from Work/Family Directions, Inc. to offer **Empower Online** for IBM employees who are caring for older adults in the United States.

The American Society on Aging (ASA), in collaboration with the Pfizer Medical Humanities Initiative, recognized LEAP

with the 2004 **Healthcare and Aging Award** for innovative and quality programs.

The **Café Plus model** design won the ASA **Business and Aging Award**.

**Mather LifeWays** earned nine 2004 **National Mature Media Awards**, including a **Gold Award**, five **Silver Awards**, a **Bronze Award**, and four **Merit Awards**.

The Gerontological Society of America Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization awarded the 2004 **Outstanding Student Poster Award** to a **Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging Research Assistant.**

St. Andrew's Parish Council presented an award to Mather LifeWays staff for the **Mather Edgewater** program for **Excellence in Hospitality and Service**.

The Illinois Department on Aging **awarded a grant to establish a Mather LifeWays support group for grandparents raising grandchildren**.

**Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging** was **named managing editor of *Seniors Housing & Care Journal***, the journal of the National Investment Center (NIC) Seniors Housing and Care Program at Johns Hopkins University.

Mather LifeWays **was awarded a** grant from the American Business Collaboration for Quality Dependent Care (ABC) **to develop Powerful Tools for Caregivers (PTC) Online for use by employees of IBM, Texas Instruments, and Exxon-Mobil.**

## 2003

The American Society on Aging (ASA), in collaboration with the Extendicare Foundation, awarded LEAP for a 21st Century Long-Term Care Workforce an **honorable mention** for the 2003 Recognizing Innovative Programs in the Recruitment, Retention and Promotion of Nursing Assistants in Skilled Nursing and Assisted Living Facilities Awards program.

**Mather LifeWays** received a **Partnership Award** from the **Arthritis Foundation** for its time and effort to help improve the quality of life of those affected by arthritis.

The **Café Plus** model received the American Association of Homes and Services for Aging (AAHSA) 2003 **Community Service Award**.

**Mather LifeWays earned four** 2003 **National Mature Media Awards**, including two **Gold Awards**, a **Bronze Award**, and a **Merit Award**.

**Mather LifeWays** earned *Contemporary Long-Term Care Magazine*'s **design award** for **Mather Pavilion**'s innovative spa-like bathroom.

**Mather LifeWays** was **awarded a grant for LEAP: Enhancing Long-Term Care Nurse Retention and Resident Care Quality**, which is funded by the Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

**Mather LifeWays was chosen as a charter participant** in Life Services Network's CONNECTIONS, a best practices and idea exchange clearinghouse. **The Café Plus** model was identified and recognized as an innovative approach to enhancing older adult living.

## 2002

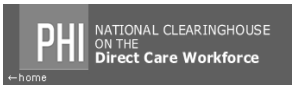
The **Café Plus** model received **The Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Award** for Architectural Excellence in Community Design.

The Café Plus model received the **Best Practice Award** from The Health Promotion Institute (HPI), a unit of The National Council on the Aging.

**Mather Edgewater** Senior Outreach was presented with a **Best in Community Service Award** from the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce.

**Mather LifeWays** received **second place** for "Building the Foundation for Quality Improvement: LEAP for a Quality Long-Term Care Workforce," published in *Seniors Housing & Care Journal*, the journal of the National Investment Center (NIC) Seniors Housing and Care Program at Johns Hopkins University.

From the League of American Communications Professionals (LACP), **Mather LifeWays received** the 2002 **Spotlight Award** for excellence in development of the **Café Plus** model launch.




LEAP was recognized and **featured by the National Clearinghouse on the Direct Care Workforce in the Practice Profile Database**, which is supported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

**Mather LifeWays** was awarded a grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to **deliver and evaluate the Heart Smart for Older Women Program through** Mather's—More Than a Café.

**Mather LifeWays** was **awarded a grant** from the **Community Memorial Foundation** to test the benefits of Powerful Tools for Caregivers (PTC) through faith-based communities.

**Mather LifeWays** was **awarded a grant** for **Mather Geriatric Regional Faculty Development Network**, which is funded by the Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.