

Mercy Springfield Communities

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**New CEO Named for Mercy Rehabilitation Hospital
Springfield**

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (Feb. 12, 2018) – He’s done everything from providing direct patient care to leading a local hospital. Now, with more than 40 years of health care experience, Jay Guffey is joining Mercy Rehabilitation Hospital Springfield as its new chief executive officer (CEO).

“I was so lucky to be the joint venture board chair for four years for this facility,” Guffey said. “We worked through its design, construction and opening. It’s really rewarding to see that it and the care team have absolutely lived up to our initial vision. I can’t wait to see what the future holds as we serve even more local patients.”

It’s been less than four years since Mercy Rehabilitation Hospital Springfield opened, but already it’s placed in the top 7 percent of nearly 800 rehabilitation hospitals across the country. Facilities report their patient outcomes to the Uniform Data System for Medical Rehabilitation, and the Springfield score means more of its patients are able to return home, rather than going to assisted living facilities.

Mercy Rehabilitation Hospital Springfield also just received accreditation through [CARF](#) (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities), which is an independent, nonprofit accreditor of health and human services.

“The staff has done tremendous work in getting patients back to their regular lives,” Guffey said. “The quality measures only tell part of the story – the other part is how much our patients appreciate the care here.”

Guffey replaces Bruce Eady, who recently took a position as vice president of Patient Logistics at Mercy Hospital Springfield.

Prior to joining Mercy Rehabilitation Hospital Springfield, Guffey served as chief operating officer of Jordan Valley Community Health Center. He began his career at Mercy, first serving as a respiratory therapist before moving into a number of leadership roles.

Mercy Rehabilitation Hospital Springfield is a partnership between Mercy and Kindred Rehabilitation Services.

Mercy Springfield Communities is comprised of Mercy Hospital Springfield, named in the [100 Top Hospitals®](#); an orthopedic hospital; a rehab hospital; a children's hospital; five regional hospitals in Lebanon, Aurora, Cassville, Mountain View, Missouri and Berryville, Arkansas; and Mercy Clinic, a physician clinic with nearly 700 doctors and locations throughout the region. It is part of **Mercy**, the seventh largest Catholic health care system in the U.S., which serves millions annually. Mercy includes 43 acute care and specialty (heart, children's, orthopedic and rehab) hospitals, more than 700 physician practices and outpatient facilities, 40,000 co-workers and more than 2,000 Mercy Clinic physicians in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. Mercy also has outreach ministries in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

About Kindred Rehabilitation Services

Kindred Rehabilitation Services is a leading provider of rehabilitation services, including physical, occupational and speech-language therapies, to over 2,000 hospitals and long-term care facilities in 45 states. KRS is a premier provider of rehab throughout the full continuum of care, including long-term acute care hospitals, nursing and rehabilitation centers, inpatient acute rehab units, independent rehabilitation facilities and hospice and home care locations.